

Muslim Leaders in Los Angeles meet with Cardinal Roger Mahony

A group of distinguished Muslim leaders from Southern California meet with his eminence, Cardinal Roger Mahony, the Archbishop of Los Angeles on Thursday, September 21, 2006. The meeting of dialogue and understanding came after the recent remarks made by Pope Benedict XVI about Islam and the Prophet Mohammad, which angered the Muslims and sparked violence in some countries. Thursday's meeting focused on finding ways to strengthen the existing harmonious relationship between Muslims and Catholics in the US and other nations. The parties agreed to better enhance and furthering their mutual understanding of both faiths.

Muslim representatives that partook in the meeting:

Dr. Maher Hathout, MPAC

Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi, Islamic Society of Orange County

Dr. Ahmad Sakr, Islamic Center of Diamond Bar

Imam Moustafa Al-Qazwini, Islamic Center of Islamic Educational Center of Orange County

Shakeel Syed, Shura Council

Hussam Ayloush, CAIR

Salam Al-Marayati, MPAC

Catholic representatives that partook in the meeting:

Cardinal Roger Mahony

Father Alexi Smith

A joint press release will be issued later by both parties.