

November 24, 2014

Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to the second lecture in the 2014/2015 series entitled, "Nostra Aetate and Our Time".

Prof. Dr. Michael Oren

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The Spiritual Roots of the US-Israel Alliance

Tuesday, 25 November 2014, at 7:00 pm

The Salesian Theological Institute/Ratisbonne, Rh Shmuel Hanagid 26

It is often said that Nostra Aetate impacts Christian–Jewish relations still in this Age and that its influence goes far beyond the once targeted Catholic-Jewish realm. An obvious case for investigating this assertion is the considerable number of American Protestant Churches that are developing prosperous relations with Israel. One may argue that Vatican II can be assumed to be that model which influenced the US-Israel alliance. Such view then can infer that the American progress with Israel indicates an example of that new era, as supposed by the Catholic Council. Another perspective reasons that it is the establishment of the State of Israel that has triggered multiple Church responses which are still in the process of being executed in various ways. Such perspective will place Nostra Aetate next to a number of possible models. Where then can one find the spiritual roots of the alliance between the US and Israel? This is the topic that will be investigated by Professor Michael Oren. Educated at Princeton and Columbia, Dr. Oren has been a visiting professor at Harvard, Yale, and Georgetown. He conducted diplomacy at the highest possible level. Professor Oren's lecture will employ knowledge from both areas of expertise.

Please join us for an informal gathering and refreshments from 6:30 pm on.

Yours Fraternally,
Rev. Dr. Petra Heldt
ETRFI General Secretary