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## **EDUCATION**

• Diploma of The St. Aphrem's Syriac Orthodox Theological Seminary, Damascus, Syria 1992-1997

• Degree in Law, from the Lebanese University, Faculty of law, Political and Administrative Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon 1997-2001

• Master of Arts in Ecumenical Studies from the University of Geneva, Autonomous Faculty of Protestant Theology, and the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey, Switzerland

2003-2004

• Started a PhD research in sociology of religion (quantitative study on the identity and integration of the Syriac Orthodox community in Switzerland) in 2004 in Lausanne University under the supervision of Dr. Jorg Stolz head of the ORS observatory of religions in Switzerland.

Today I intend to continue the study and enlarge it into a comparative study that will take into consideration a sample from the Syriac Orthodox community in Sweden where I serve today as a parish priest.

I started the contact with Dr Önver Cetrez from Uppsala University to seek his guidance on how to go on with the study.

## **EXPERIENCE**

• Teacher of Syriac language & catechism in the T.M.S high school, Beirut.

1997-2003

• Trained lawyer in Fakhri Law office, Beirut,

2001-2002

• Responsible & teacher for the Sunday schools, teenagers, and youth groups of the Syriac Orthodox Centres of Religious Education in Lebanon. 1998-2003

## **LANGUAGES**

Syriac (Aramaic) / Arabic: mother tongues
English: good
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