



His Excellency, The Most Reverend Archbishop Nicolas Thévenin
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Cairo, Egypt

Your Excellency,

As editor-in-chief of the Catholic weekly 'Katholiek Nieuwsblad' I worked with Cornelis (Kees) Hulsman between 1994 and 2009. Kees combined his work for us with the establishment of the Religious News Service from the Arab World in 1997 that in 2003 changed its name to Arab-West Report. The Katholiek Nieuwsblad benefited from this combination.

Kees contributed as a freelancer on a regular basis articles related to the Middle East. He did so consistently, without any exception. His position has always been geared towards dialogue rather than towards polarisation. Where most media chose to concentrate on the differences, Kees opted for mutual understanding.

Religion is not only his interest as a professional, it is the core of his being and the source of his actions. The sacredness of life and of every human being are part of that core. It is unthinkable that Kees would in any way favour abortion or associate himself with the promotion of abortion. Whoever suggests such an idea, does not know him.

His work as a sociologist and journalist, does not only contribute to a better knowledge and understanding, but is also constructive for religious dialogue and harmony within society and thus enabling native Christians remain active in predominantly Muslim countries as Egypt.

We would most appreciate Your Excellency to meet with Kees Hulsman and give him your guidance in his work wherever this is possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need more information.

Yours in Christ,

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