

## **Milestones in the inter-religious work of the World Jewish Congress**

1945 - Audience with Pope Pius XII, Dr. Leon A. Kubowitzki WJC secretary general suggested papal encyclical on Church's attitude toward the Jews.

1945 - WJC urges Vatican authorities to assist in recovery children saved by Catholics.

1953 - WJC leads campaign for return to Jewish fold orphaned Jewish children saved by Catholics in Belgium, France and the Netherlands.

1962 - WJC leads Jewish organisations in submitting memorandum to Vatican pointing to the dangers of anti-Semitism; calling attention to adverse reference to Jews in liturgical literature, catechism, certain commemorative practices and educational devotional manuals, and calling for remedial actions.

1963 - WJC officially represented at funeral of Pope Jean XXIII.

1964 - WJC and other Jewish organisations hail adoption in principle of Declaration on Jews by Second Vatican Council.

1967 - WJC initiate with other Jewish organisations the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations.

1968 - WJC initiate with other Jewish organization informal consultation between representatives of the World Council of Churches.

1969 - WJC delegation received by Pope Paul VI who expressed the 'hope that opportunities will be developed for the cooperation of the Church with Jewish people'.

1971- First meeting of the Liaison Committee between Catholic representatives and Jewry, promoted by WJC.

1970 - WJC played important role between representatives of world Jewry and World Council of Churches to create a Steering Committee.

1970 - First formal meeting between representatives of Holy See and world Jewry, in which WJC takes prominent role. This was the origin for the permanent Liaison Committee.

1974 - Pope Paul VI responds to suggestions of the Catholic-Jewish Liaison Committee, set up a Vatican Special Commission for Relations with Judaism.

1975 - Pope Paul VI receives delegation of International Catholic-Jewish Liaison Committee.

1979 - Pope Paul VI receives WJC president

1994 - Colloquium on Israel-Vatican relations one year after the signature of the Accord

1992 – Pope John Paul II receives WJC president

2001 - Participation at the interreligious meeting in Assisi on the invitation of Pope John Paul II

2003 – Pope John Paul II receives the WJC president

2005 - WJC officially present at Pope John Paul's funeral

2005 – Pope Benedict XVI receives delegation of IJCIC led by the WJC president

2005 - International Colloquium of 40th Anniversary of 'Nostra Aetate'

2006 - WJC participation in interfaith meeting in Bilbao (Spain)

2007 – Pope Benedict XVI receives WJC president & delegation

2010 - Pope Benedict XVI receives WJC president & delegation

2010 - Participation at Interreligious Meeting in Doha

2010 - WJC co-hosts First Gathering of European Muslim and Jewish Leaders in Brussels

Between 1971 and 2011 IJCIC organised 21 meetings with the Vatican, in which the WJC took a key role, as well as in all meetings with the Orthodox Churches.

WJC led the campaign for the removal of the Carmel in Auschwitz Camp.

WJC led campaign against revisionist Bishop Williamson.

WJC led the campaign against the restoration of the Latin prayer for Good Friday.