

**Dr. Christiaan van Nispen s.j.**

**Professor of Philosophy and Islam at the Catholic Seminary in Cairo, Egypt**

**Member AWR board of advisors**

Personally, I see that this news service is a very important means of communication and information conveying the reality of Egypt to non-Egyptians, either those living in Egypt or, even more importantly, those outside, especially in the Western world. I think the big merit of having the translation of Arabic articles written here, is the fact that they not only give information, but allow all to see how people are feeling and appreciating things, and that is certainly not less important than the factual information, because this explains many attitudes and actions which could be incomprehensible otherwise. I hope that the commentaries given to the articles will increase, because that helps to better place the articles in context. I recommend the RNSAW wholeheartedly and with deep conviction.

[Father Dr. Christiaan van Nispen has lived in Egypt since 1962. He is closely involved, although indirectly, in the dialogue between the Vatican and the Azhar, the largest and most prominent institute of learning for approximately one billion Sunni Muslims.]