

# **HIS EMINENCE THE DEAN OF THE URBANIANA PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY VISITS HIS BEATITUDE**

**On 16th April 2009, His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa,** was visited at the Patriarchal See by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Italy and Dean of the Urbaniana Pontifical University of Rome, His Eminence Ambrosio Spreafico, accompanied by Father Giorgio Ferretti, Secretary of the Fvosinove Archdiocese and high ranking member of the Community of St Egidio.

During the private visit between His Beatitude and His Eminence Archbishop Ambrosio in the Patriarchal Office, mention was made of the multifaceted work of the ancient Patriarchate in Africa; also discussed was the possibility of holding a Conference dedicated to the Apostle and Evangelist Mark in the places of North Africa where the Enlightener of the Alexandrian Church worked. Discussions were also held on collaboration between the Patriarchal Throne and the Community of St Egidio for the ease of the suffering people of the African Continent.

**His Eminence Ambrosio** thanked His Beatitude for the warm welcome which “is a special honour and blessing as it comes from the successor of the Great Fathers of the Alexandrian Church”.

Commemorative gifts were exchanged, the guests were taken on a conducted tour of the Patriarchal Mansion and a lunch was hosted in the Patriarchal Refectory.