

CLERICAL COLLEGE (CAIRO)

It was inaugurated as a religious school on 3 January 1875. The aim of its establishment was to prepare a new generation of educated Coptic **priests**. The main subjects taught were **theology**, **liturgy**, Church history, ecclesiastical juris-prudence, and rhetoric, in addition to Arabic, Coptic, geography, and mathematics. When in 1918 **Habib Girgis** was appointed a headmaster of the school, he greatly improved its curriculum.

He persuaded **Patriarch** Cyril V (1874-1927) to limit the ordination of **priests** to its graduates. During the pontificate of Pope **Shenouda III** (1971-), the **Clerical College** has attracted many university students, including women, who have joined the evening classes. A number of seminaries in **Alexandria**, Tanta, **Dayr al-Muharraq**, al-Balyana, and others are affiliated with the Clerical **College** of Cairo. The most significant **publications** of the **college** are the Coptic (Bohairic) biblical texts and a number of liturgical books.

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