

Facts about Middle-Eastern Christians

- Christians have existed in the Middle East since Pentecost.
- Christians live throughout the Middle East.
- The seven Catholic Churches in the Middle East are the Latin, Maronite, Melkite, Armenian, Chaldean, Coptic and Syrian Churches.
- Christians are indigenous to the Middle East.

Facts about Chaldean/Assyrian Christians of Iraq

- Chaldeans are the indigenous people of Iraq who speak a form of Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus Christ.
- Historically, Chaldeans are from the Arab World, but are not Arabs.
- Chaldeans have been Christian since the first century AD.
- The number of Chaldeans/Assyrians in Iraq had declined to between 250,000 and 300,000 before the current ISIS offensive, compared to 800,000 – 1.4 million before the 2003 US invasion of the country.
- On February 29, 2008, the Archbishop of Mosul was kidnapped. His body was later found buried near Mosul.
- On October 31, 2010, 58 people were killed after an attack on an Assyrian (Chaldean) Catholic Church in Baghdad. The Islamic State of Iraq, which later became ISIS, claimed responsibility.
- The city of Mosul, the second-largest city in Iraq, was once home to a Christian community of 60,000, but now, for the first time since the first century, has no Christians living there. They were driven out by ISIS in the past two months.
- An estimated 121,000 Chaldeans live in the Detroit metro area and an estimated 200,000 more Chaldeans/Assyrians reside throughout the United States, particularly in Arizona, California, Illinois and other states.