

Cuban Vice-President opens Bible-related exhibition

The First Vice-President of the Councils of State and Minister, Miguel Díaz-Canel, attended the opening on Sunday of the exhibition *The Bible: God's Path in Man's Path* at Havana's Cathedral.

The exhibition includes 72 objects considered sacred to the Jewish and Christian religions and linked to the history of the Scriptures, millenary relics associated to the writing of the Bible, funerary masks of Ancient Egypt, papyrus and other archeological pieces.

At the opening, Havana Historian, Eusebio Leal, highlighted the importance for Cuban culture of the pieces on display; Cuban Cardinal, Jaime Ortega, thanked local authorities and individuals for making it possible, while Apostolic Nuncio, Bruno Musaro, read a message from Pope Francis I. On hand were Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister, Marcelino Medina, Cuban Presidential aide, Abel Prieto, and the head of the famous Vatican Secret Archives and Library, French Archbishop Jean-Louis Brugues.

Objects on display include a page of Gutenberg's Bible; rolls of the most sacred Jewish text, the Tora; Bronze Age cups and pitchers; codices of psalms made in the 3rd and 4th century as well as some Egyptian funerary scriptures. The exhibition is also made up of Bibles printed before Martin Luther's Reformation and the nine treaties written by the defender of the indigenous communities in the Americas, Bartolomé de las Casas.

The pieces are part of the Green Collection, belonging to a family from Oklahoma, in the United States, and were exhibited at the Vatican last year for the first time.

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