



Challenges of the 21st century and how to face them

Belonging to my beloved country “EGYPT”

It is very important to have strong feelings of belonging to our beloved country “EGYPT” Egypt is the country that our Lord Jesus Christ visited and blessed. Egypt is the country that has been watered and blessed by the blood of many martyrs. Egypt is the country of Abba Antony the father of all monks, Abba Athanasius the Apostle and Abba Cyril the pillar of faith.

Dear brothers and sisters, we should consider ourselves very lucky that we belong to this great nation which has great history, great civilization, the wonderful pyramids, and the great weather.

That is why our hearts rejoice when we hear our National Anthem, or other songs praising Egypt. That is the reason why we are proud when we know that one of our fellow Egyptians has gained a victory in any field, arts, science, medicine, or politics. We should be always proud and happy that we belong to this great country despite all the struggles and persecutions that we are facing.

As our beloved Pope Shenouda said “Egypt is not only a place that we live in. Egypt is a place that lives in our hearts, and we love very much”.

Rules of belonging:

When we have this feeling of belonging to our beloved country “Egypt” we will get many blessings on both individual and group levels:

1- Satisfaction; the person who always has the feelings of belonging to his country is strong in facing the problems that may face him, and he knows how deal with them properly.

2- Happiness and the life of thanksgiving, the person who has the feeling of belonging is always thankful to the Lord, satisfied, happy, proud of his faith, and of his country that he deeply loves.

3- Feeling that we play an important role in life; it creates in each one the feeling that he/she has an important role to do in their family, in their church, in the society, even in the world. Isn't that what the church teaches us when it asks us to pray (for the salvation of the whole world)?