

MR CHRISTIAN TERHEŞ MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

On Monday, August 22 / September 4, 2023, Mr Terheş, a member of the European Parliament, visited the Patriarchate.

Mr Terheş was received by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos and answering his questions spoke to him about the work of the Patriarchate as the oldest ecclesiastical institution in the Holy Land, about the incidents of violence against Christians and about the role that the European Union can play in bringing about peace in the region of the Middle East, which for centuries housed the three monotheistic faiths; Jews, Christians and Muslims.

His Beatitude also emphasised the paramount importance of investing in the educational systems as one of the best methods of instilling values of tolerance and respect for the other.

Mr Terheş showed interest in these views of His Beatitude and undertook to relay them to the European Union, before leaving to venerate the Holy Sepulchre.

From Secretariat-General