



Iconographer Biography

Ashraf F Gerges was born in Egypt in 1965 and he graduated from Ain Shames University in 1985. He then joined the Higher Institute of Coptic Studies to complete advanced studies in Coptic Iconography under the supervision of the late Dr Isaac Fanous a famous Iconographer.

In 1990 he obtained a Masters Degree in Coptic Iconography 'The Meaning and Theology of Coptic Icons.' Since then he was chosen to assist Dr Isaac Fanous in teaching Coptic Iconography at the Higher Institute of Coptic Studies.

He moved to Australia in 2002 and was chosen by His Grace Bishop Suriel, Bishop of Melbourne and affiliated regions to complete his mission in teaching and creating Coptic icons.

His work has been displayed in several exhibitions all over the world.

Over sixty Coptic churches around the world have been decorated by Icons created by Ashraf Gerges.

Ashraf is widely known among the others church denominations. Greek, Sweedish, Roman Catholic and French Orthodox churches are some examples. He has led teaching courses for the congregations of these churches and his Icons are displayed on their church walls.

The Orthodox Culture in Venice, Italy granted Ashraf Fayek with is silver medal in 1993 for his

efforts in the field of Orthodox Studies.