Fr. Norbert Hofmann
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Norbert Hofmann is a Catholic Salesian priest and expert in the Old Testament. He is Secretary of the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews. He joined the Salesian order in 1979 in Jünkerath, Germany after completing secondary school. He began his studies in Theology and Social Pedagogy in Benediktbeuern in 1980 and continued in Lucerne, Zurich and Rome where he obtained his doctorate in Biblical Theology. He became Professor of the Old Testament in Benediktbeuern, specializing in modern Judaism and early Hebrew writings.

Since 2002, he has been Secretary of the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, which operates as part of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The Commission, presided over by Cardinal Kurt Koch, is tasked with promoting Jewish-Catholic relations in the world. Through his work, Professor Hofmann has contributed to the enhancement of this relationship, for which the President of Germany Horst Köhler conferred the Federal Cross of Merit on him in 2009.