

## Pope Francis bows before Muslim queen

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Breaking protocol and expressing his unique humility, Pope Francis today [bowed before Queen Rania](#) [1] of Jordan, who was visiting the Vatican with her husband, King Abdullah II.

It will not go unnoticed that Queen Rania is a Muslim. In his five months as pontiff, Francis has washed the feet of at least one Muslim woman and has now bowed before a Muslim queen. Francis made no discernable bow toward her husband, the king.

His acts of humility offer the world a unique kind of inter-faith dialogue. A Vatican official later was reported to have said, "Pope Francis is not interested in protocol."

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