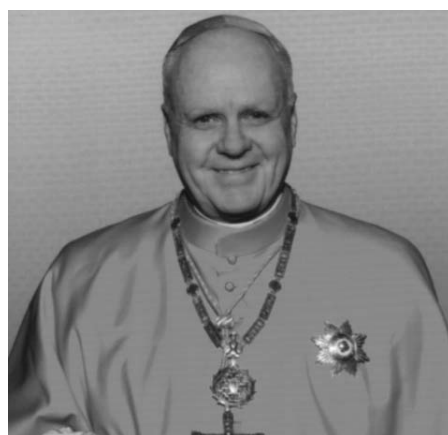


# News Letter

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## PRO-GRAND MASTER EDWIN F. O'BRIEN NAMED CARDINAL BY BENEDICT XVI

*Joy also over the elevation as Cardinals  
Of five other members of the Order*



Vatican, 6 January, Solemnity of the Epiphany. Having concluded the Eucharistic celebration in St. Peter's Basilica, Benedict XVI announces that he will preside on 18 February at an ordinary public Consistory for the creation of 22 new Cardinals and then reads their names: the seventh one listed is Archbishop Edwin Frederick O'Brien, Pro-Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Expressing the Order's joy and gratitude to the Holy Father for this appointment, as well as the good wishes and expressions of devotion for the new prelate, was the Governor General Agostino Borromeo. Many messages will be sent from every continent to the Cardinal-designate by members of the Order and by personages and faithful, in particular his fellow citizens of the United States of America.

There was also great joy in the Order for the announcement of the elevation to the College of Cardinals of five other members: Timothy Michael Dolan and Thomas Christopher Collins, Grand Priors respectively of the Lieutenancies of New York and Toronto; Giuseppe Bertello, President of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State and President of the Governorate; Giuseppe Betori, Metropolitan Archbishop of Florence and Domenico Calcagno, President of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See.



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## THE ORDER'S FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONSISTORY OF 18 FEBRUARY

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem participated in a climate of festivity the ceremonies of its Pro-Grand Master Edwin Frederick O'Brien's elevation to the College of Cardinals, participating in particular on Saturday morning, 18 February, in the ordinary public Consistory in St. Peter's Basilica, packed with the faithful. In front of the Altar of the Confession seated in a semi-circle were the 22 new prelates (each one accompanied by a close collaborator; O'Brien by his secretary, Mons. Adam Parker KHS). They were surrounded by ecclesiastical, civil and diplomatic dignitaries and, in the right-hand side of the central nave, the dignitaries of the Order, with several hundred knights and ladies with their capes, having come from various European and American lieutenantcies. After the proclamation of the Gospel, Benedict XVI gave an address and read the formula for the creation of the Cardinals. He



then placed the red hat on the head of each of them and handed to each one their gold ring and the parchment attesting to their insertion into the Church of Rome. Cardinal O'Brien was assigned the diaconal title of San Sebastiano al Palatino, a historic Church among the ruins of the Roman Forum, the same Church that was the title of his predecessor, the late Grand Master John Patrick Foley.

19 FEBRUARY IN HONOR OF CARDINAL O'BRIEN

### RECEPTION AT PALAZZO DELLA ROVERE

An important event for the Order was the reception in honor of the Pro-Grand Master at its headquarters, Palazzo della Rovere. He personally greeted the guests: besides the dignitaries of the Grand Magisterium and the Lieutenants, the dignitaries of honor (including Cardinal Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo, who designed the Cardinal's new coat-of-arms), the members of the delegations of ladies and knights who came to Rome for the occasion, there were other Cardinals (Cardinal Keith Michael Patrick O'Brien, Archbishop of Saint Andrews and Edinburgh and Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy of Scotland, and José Manuel Estepa Llaurens, Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy of Western Spain), Archbishops and Bishops, prelates from the United States (including the Rector of the Pontifical North American College, where the Cardinal Grand Master was a student and then Rector), diplomats and civic dignitaries.



## FOR FOUR DAYS CARDINAL O'BRIEN WAS CLOSE TO THE HOLY FATHER

During a four-day period, from 17 to 20 February, numerous events marked the creation of the new Cardinals and the Order's Pro-Grand Master participated in them collegially in the Vatican, taking part in the traditional ceremonies of the Consistory presided over by Pope Benedict XVI.

Still a "Cardinal designate", his first task, in the great Synod Hall on Friday, 17 February, was to take part in the day of prayer and reflection for which the Holy Father had convoked the College of Cardinals on the topic of "The Announcement of the Gospel Today, Between '*missio ad gentes*' and the New Evangelization". The opening conference was given by another "Cardinal designate", the of New York Timothy Michael Dolan, Grand Prior of the Eastern Lieutenancy of the United States, an address which the Pope would describe as "arousing enthusiasm, joyful and profound".

The day was also marked by a communication given by Archbishop Rino Fisichella, he too a member of the Order and President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, on the Year of Faith, which will begin in October, and on a new series of initiatives "in a particular moment of crisis in which, first of all, many Christians are indifferent, far removed from the life of the community, and often confused by the events of history which at this moment has entered a serious crisis of identity and social responsibility".

## CARDINAL EDWIN F. O'BRIEN IN THE FULLNESS OF HIS OFFICE AS GRAND MASTER

On 16 March 2012 Pope Benedict XVI conferred the title of Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem on Cardinal Edwin Frederick O'Brien who had been Pro-Grand Master until that time. However, Cardinal O'Brien could devote himself entirely to leading the Order after 16 May when his successor as Archbishop of Baltimore, Mons.

William Edward Lori, will take possession of the See of which he serves as Apostolic Administrator until that time. On Sunday, 22 April the Holy Father appointed Cardinal O'Brien as a member of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life and the Pontifical Council "Cor Unum".

## AUXILIARY OF THE LATIN PATRIARCH, MONS. LAHHAM, RECEIVED IN AMMAN

Mons. Maroun Elias Lahham, until a few years ago Archbishop of Tunis when he was transferred by the Holy Father into the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem as Auxiliary for Jordan, on 23 February was received in Amman by Patriarch Fouad Twal during a solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Salim Sayyegh, his predecessor, who had resigned because of age. For Mons. Lahham it was a homecoming, since he had been born in Jordan, in Irbid, on 20 July 1948; and ordained a priest on 24 June 1972 in his patriarchal diocese; after several pastoral assignments in parishes he was made Rector of the Seminary of Beit Jala where he had once been a student. On 8 September 2005 he was called by the Holy Father to succeed Mons. Twal as Archbishop of Tunis, and consecrated a Bishop on 2 October. As Auxiliary, he still retains the title of Archbishop.

Present at the ceremony in addition to Patriarch Twal were the Apostolic Nuncio in Jordan, Mons. Giorgio Lingua, the Franciscan Custos of the Holy Land, fr. Pierbattista Pizzaballa, representatives of the government of the Kingdom of Jordan, including a Christian minister and several of King Abdallah's councilors, and about a dozen knights and ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.



## EVENTS IN THE GRAND MAGISTERIUM

### THE NEW CHANCELLOR IS AMBASSADOR IVAN REBERNIK

The Grand Master Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien has made new appointments within the Grand Magisterium. As of 27 March the following appointments are in effect: Chancellor, Ambassador Ivan Rebernik, formerly Ambassador of Slovenia to the Holy See and the members, Ambassador Bo Theutenberg, Lieutenant of Honor of the Lieutenancy of the Order for Sweden and Philippe Plantade, Esq. of the Lieutenancy for France, former Vice President of the *Association des Oeuvres pour la Terre Sainte*.

The Grand Master has also named as advisor of the Grand Magisterium Engineer Pier Carlo Visconti of the Lieutenancy of Central Italy, former delegate for the administration of the Pontifical Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

Ending his service as a member of the Grand Magisterium for reasons of age, was Dr. Otto Kaspar of the Lieutenancy of Austria. In expressing gratitude, also in the name of the Grand Master and of the whole Grand Magisterium, for the dynamism, enthusiasm and sense of devotion which he devoted to spreading the spiritual and charitable ideals of the Order, the Governor General recalled that the regular publication of the *News Letter* and the creation of the periodical "AD" are due to his tireless commitment; and to the newly appointed he offered a cordial welcome and best wishes for fruitful labor inspired by the common ideals.

#### IVAN REBERNIK – Chancellor

From 1980 to 2004 he was a Librarian at the Vatican Apostolic Library and teacher of general rules and services at the Vatican School of Library Science and then from 2006 to 2010, Ambassador of his homeland, the Republic of Slovenia, to the Holy See: these are the more salient points of the *curriculum vitae* of Professor Ivan Rebernik, 72 years old, married and father of three. He speaks many languages besides Italian and has lived in Rome without interruption since 1960. Born in Maribor in 1939, he studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University where he received his doctorate in philosophy and bachelor's degree in theology and served as librarian for 13 years. He furthered his knowledge of library science in the United States of America, in Washington D.C., at the *Smithsonian Institution Libraries and* at the Catholic University. Since 2000 he is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

#### PHILIPPE PLANTADE – Member of the Grand Magisterium

Jurist, lawyer and professor, Prof. Philippe Plantade was born in 1958, the sixth child of parents who were very involved in politics (French Christian Democrats) and in the construction of the European Community. He received his degree in Law, with a specialization in History of Institutional Law at the First and Second Universities of Paris and at the age of 22 he was admitted to the city bar. He was a member of the Military Court from 1988 to 2001, the year in which he was named a member of the Faculty of Law of the the *Institut Catholique de Paris*. In 1993 he was invested as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He was promoted to the rank of Knight Commander with Star in 2004, the year in which he assumed great responsibilities in the Lieutenancy of France, responsibilities he continues to fulfill. He is also involved in Catholic charitable activities. In 1999 the Holy See enrolled him in the Order of St. Gregory the Great.



## BO THEUTENBERG – Member of the Grand Magisterium

Born at Trollhättan in 1942, Bo Folke Johnson Theutenberg is a teacher of International law and a diplomat, a reserve officer in the *Royal Swedish Airforce*; Knight Commander with Star and first lieutenant, in November 2003, of the newly created Lieutenancy of Sweden of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Having completed his Master's degree in law at the University of Uppsala, he undertook a diplomatic career. In 1984 he was given the chair in the University of Stockholm. As an ambassador, in the years 1980-82, he helped negotiate the opening of formal diplomatic relations between Sweden and the Holy See; he then participated in the conference for the *Antarctic Treaty System* (on 10 January 1985 he would plant the Swedish flag at the South Pole at the Scott Amundsen scientific base). He is a scholar of Islamic law (*Shari'a*) and of comparative law. In 2002 and 2004, as a member of the Holy See's Delegation, he participated in the sessions of the *Stockholm Forum Conference* on the topics of justice, reconciliation and the prevention of genocide.

## PIER CARLO VISCONTI – Advisor of the Grand Magisterium

Engineer, industrial manager, then consultant for the structure and management of large companies and prestigious cultural institutions and finally director of important Vatican organizations, Pier Carlo Visconti was born in Turin (where he earned his degree in electrical engineering at the Polytechnic Institute), he is married and the father of two daughters. He has lived in Rome since 1972. He was the Auditor of the Accounts for the Organizing Committee of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 and has the same position in the Bambino Gesù Hospital. For two years (2003-05) he was administrative director of the Fabric of St. Peter's and from 2005 to 2010 the Delegate for the Administration of the Pontifical Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the close collaborator of the Archpriest, Cardinal Andrea di Montezemolo, in preparations for and the celebration of the Year of St. Paul. He is involved in various institutions of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (of which he is a Knight of magistral grace and Commander of the Melitense Order) and since 2008 he is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

## ENGINEER ADOLFO RINALDI CONCLUDES HIS TERM AS VICE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE ORDER

At the end of his first term of office, Vice Governor General, Knight of the Grand Cross Engineer Adolfo Rinaldi renounced a second term for family reasons. In accepting his resignation, the Grand Master Cardinal Frederick O'Brien expressed to him his hearty gratitude for the devotion and expertise he showed in the fulfillment of important and delicate tasks in the service of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, particularly in overseeing the programs for the Holy Land. In this area since September 2005 – when he was called to be a part of its special Commission and also named a member of the Grand Magisterium – he has acquired a great and admirable experience. In recognition he was awarded the title of Vice Governor General of Honor and the distinction of the Golden Palm of

Jerusalem. Admitted into the Order with the rank of Knight in November 2001, in 2004 he was promoted to the rank of Commander and in March of 2009 to that of Knight of the Grand Cross, that is, two years after his appointment as Vice Governor General, which was made on 4 April 2007. Born in Rome in 1940, married and father of four children, Adolfo Rinaldi has always lived an exemplary Catholic life, involved in his parish through Catholic Action and Caritas, and as a catechist, lector and extraordinary minister of the Eucharist. Having received his degree in chemical engineering, he worked for various petrochemical companies before being called to manage the principal telephone company in Italy, today's Telecom, performing for more than twenty years tasks of international significance.



# CARDINAL JOHN P. FOLEY RETURNS TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE

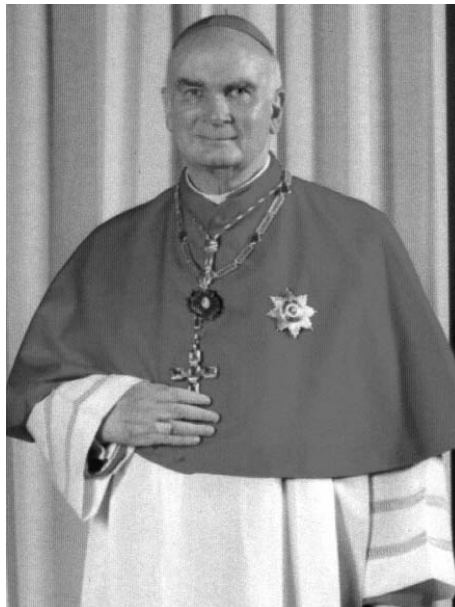
*The Grand Master Emeritus died in Philadelphia on 11 December 2011*

"The Lord has called to himself the chosen soul of His Eminence the Most Reverend Lord Cardinal John Patrick Foley, Grand Master Emeritus of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Making this sad announcement, comforted by faith in the Risen Christ, are the Pro-Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem His Excellency the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Frederick O'Brien and the Governor General Agostino Borromeo". This official announcement was made on 11 December 2011 in Vatican City, where the Order's headquarters are located, almost at the same time as the announcement made by the Archbishop of Philadelphia, Mons. Charles Chaput.

Immediate and unanimous was the sympathy expressed by the Holy Father Benedict XVI, by the Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone and by the Grand Prior of the Order, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Fouad Twal. The Pro-Grand Master Edwin Frederick O'Brien recalled Cardinal Foley in a message immediately relayed to the Governor General, the Members of the Grand Magisterium, the Lieutenancies, the Magistral Delegates and the Grand Priors of the Lieutenancies and of the Magistral Delegations. Among the things he noted he emphasized that "during his four years at the head of the Order - years which he likened to a "retreat" - the Order grew considerably in the number of Lieutenancies and members throughout the world, first and foremost thanks to his commitment and devo-

tion towards the Church in the Holy Land, and his frequent travels.... His love for the priesthood was extraordinary. ...He faced death with great serenity, awaiting with Christian hope the reward he expected in Christ".

Cardinal Foley was born in Darby, in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, on 11 November 1935, and died there, overcome by the illness, leukemia, which had afflicted him for some time and because of which he was obliged, on 8 February 2011, to ask the Holy Father Benedict XVI to leave leadership of the Order. His resignation was accepted on 29 August. He was ordained a priest on 19 May 1962 by the Archbishop of Philadelphia at that time, who entrusted to him, because of his training as a journalist, the responsibility for the diocesan media. His experience was also appreciated by Pope John Paul II who called him to



Rome in 1984, naming him President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, the Vatican Television Center and the Vatican Film Library. On 5 April of that year he was named to the titular Church of Neapolis in Proconsulari with the personal title of Archbishop, and on 8 May he was consecrated. On 27 June 2007, Pope Benedict XVI named him Pro-Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; and five months later, in the Consistory of 24 November he was created a Cardinal with the diaconal title of San Sebastiano on the Palatine. On 22 December his appointment as Grand Master of the Order was formalized.



## THE SOLEMN FUNERAL RITES IN THE CATHEDRAL OF PHILADELPHIA

Unprecedented in participation and solemnity was the funeral of Cardinal John Patrick Foley, which was held on 16 December in the Cathedral of Philadelphia. On the left side of the nave were the clergy, on the right the dignities, the ladies and knights of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. In the first row, also representing the Lieutenant General, the Governor General and the other members of the Grand Magisterium, were the Vice Governor Generals Adolfo Rinaldi and Patrick D. Powers; and then many Lieutenants of the United States. There was also a great representation of the Knights of Columbus, many faithful and numerous friends of the deceased who had come from all over.

Among the concelebrants were Cardinals Justin Francis Rigali, Archbishop emeritus of Philadelphia, William Henry Keeler, Archbish-

op emeritus of Baltimore, Adam Joseph Maida, Archbishop emeritus of Detroit, Sean Patrick O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston and Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston; Archbishops Donald William Wuerl, Metropolitan of Washington, Timothy Dolan, Metropolitan of New York (who also preached the homily), Charles Chaput, Metropolitan of Philadelphia and Edwin Frederick O'Brien, Pro-Grand Master of our Order, who presided at the Eucharistic celebration. Before the beginning of the rites, the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, read the message of condolence from the Holy Father Benedict XVI.

At the conclusion of the Mass the Archbishop of Philadelphia blessed and incensed the coffin, which was accompanied to the crypt for burial by a honor guard of the Vice Governor Generals and other dignities of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

## MASS IN SUFFRAGE IN THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

"He leaves behind a deeply united family". With these words the Pro-Grand Master, Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, recalled his predecessor in the leadership of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Cardinal John P. Foley, on 13 January, for the celebration of the "month's mind" of his death, in St. Mary Major Basilica, Rome.

He presided at the solemn Eucharistic celebration in suffrage at which several hundred of knights and ladies participated, a large part of them Roman but coming also from other regions of Italy and various European nations. In the homily he also said that to: "Teach Jesus and spread the news of the Risen Christ: this was the essential motivation that inspired his whole life as a priest and Bishop, whether he served as a parish priest, a newspaper editor, President, President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Grand Master of the Order. In serving you, knights and ladies, he found great joy and inspiration. When ultimately illness forced him to offer his resignation, he told the Holy Father that he considered his experience as Grand Master *"as a prolonged retreat before entering the last phase of my life, a preparation for eternal life in company with Our Risen Lord"*. And he concluded by saying: "You have certainly earned your rest. May you enjoy the peace of Christ".

Concelebrating the Eucharist were Archbishops Giuseppe De Andrea, Assessor of the Order; James Harvey, Prefect of the Papal Household; Timothy Broglio, Military Ordinary of the United States of America and Bishops Franco Croci, Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy of Central Italy of the Order, and William Francis Murphy, Ordinary of Rockville Centre, all of them friends of the deceased, as well as many priests. Present also were Cardinals Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo, Assessor of Honor of the Order; Raymond Leo Burke, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, and Bernard Francis Law, Archpriest emeritus of the Papal Liberian Basilica of Saint Mary Major and the Cappella Musicale Liberiana, directed by Maestro Mons. Valentin Miserachs Grau, accompanied all the moments of the celebration at which were displayed, behind the highest authorities of the Order - among whom were Lieutenant General Prof. Giuseppe Della Torre del Tempio di Sanguinetto and the Governor General Prof. Agostino Borromeo (who concluded the commemoration leading the prayer of the knights and ladies) - standards and vessels of the Order.



# HOLY LAND PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2012

*Continuing the work begun in 2011 in Jordan for the Church in Aqaba and in Galilee for the Secondary School in Rameh*

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is involved once again in 2012 in the realization of two of the more demanding projects of the Latin Patriarchate, projects whose work was suspended last year: these are the construction of *Stella Maris* parish Church and multi-purpose room annex and a secondary school in Rameh, in Galilee.



The construction work for the Church of *Stella Maris* in Aqaba as it was at the end of March.

The other projects of the Latin Patriarchate for 2012 approved by the Grand Magisterium, reward the Vicariate of Amman with the reinforcing of the external walls, the modification of some of the spaces and the remodeling of the adjacent monastery of the sisters (for an estimated 385.000 Euro). Then in the historic centre of the city there are plans for the remodeling of the parish house in Misdar, an old building that needs the resurfacing of the stairs, and an updating of the plumbing and electrical systems (estimated cost of 165.000 Euro). In the district of Amman, at Al Wasfieh, there are plans for a large building adjacent to the parish Church, the transformation of the classrooms of a closed professional school into office spaces (estimated cost of 296.000

Euro); while in northern Jordan there are plans for beginning the work of refinishing the parish house (estimated cost of 110.000 Euro) at Al Wahadneh, a town where the school of the Latin Patriarchate was recently rebuilt.

The first months of this year saw the completion of the work of restructuring the monastery of the Sisters of the Rosary in Aboud, a town in the Palestinian territories rather close – the territory is crossed by the Wall of separation – from the Israeli airport of Lod. Cracks in the building were repaired and the plumbing and electrical systems were updated. The project (77.000 Euro) was financed entirely by the Lieutenancy of Portugal.





## THE OLDEST CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE IN EUROPE: STUDIES AT ACQUAPENDENTE

The chapel of the ancient Cathedral of Acquapendente, a city in Tuscia that today is in the Diocese of Viterbo, is considered the most ancient copy of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem on the Via Francigena, the medieval road for pilgrims between Canterbury and Rome; and on Sunday, 11 March, it was the topic of an international study day that gathered historians and art experts, almost all of them teachers and researchers from various universities. For the Delegate for the Viterbo section of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Antonio Blasi, KCHS, who represented the Lieutenant of Central Italy, it was a welcome opportunity to return to the place where every year on 8 December, the knights and ladies gather around the chapel for prayer in preparation for the Christmas celebrations. The Diocesan Ordinary, Bishop Lino Fumagalli, a member of the Order, celebrated a Mass for the members of the study day, among whom was the Israeli Ambassador to the Holy See, Mordechay Levy, who presented one of the papers, and civil and religious authorities. The guests were received by the parish priest, Father Enrico Castauro, organizer of the important event, and its patron, Mayor Alberto Bambini.

## A VIRTUAL VISIT TO THE BASILICA OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE IN JERUSALEM

It is now possible to make a virtual visit to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem thanks to the new internet site ([www.santosepolcro.custodia.org](http://www.santosepolcro.custodia.org)) of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.

There are five sections: history, visit, spirituality, testimonies and information, and it is

available in four languages: French, English, Italian and Spanish.

The site also offers images of the various shrines in the Holy Land. There is also an announcement of the possibility of following the Easter Triduum in Jerusalem "narrated each day in the images from the *Franciscan Media Center*".

## DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP GIOVANNI DE ANDREA: SOLEMN FUNERAL IN SAINT PETER'S BASILICA

"Generous pastor and peacemaker": quoting Pope Benedict XVI's message of condolences, that is how Cardinal Angelo Sodano described Archbishop Giovanni De Andrea when, on 21 January he presided at the funeral rites at the altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica. His death at Rome two days earlier was greatly felt by the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem because he, for many years as Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy for Central Italy and Sardinia, had given a "lengthy and generous service to the Holy Land". This detail was mentioned in Cardinal Sodano's homily who emphasized how his brother, Archbishop Giuseppe, at his side in the celebration of the Eucharist, is now Assessor of the Order. Other concelebrants were Cardinals Giovanni Battista Re, Walter Brandmüller, Agostino Cacciavillan, Giovanni Coppa, Paolo Sardi, numerous Archbishops and Bishops, including Edwin Frederick O'Brien Pro-Grand Master of Order, and many priests. Also present were Cardinals Carlo Furno, Grand Master of Honor, Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo, Assessor of Honor, and Jean Louis Tauran, Knight of the Grand Cross, other Archbishops and Bishops, the Governor General of the Order Agostino Borromeo, with members of the Grand Magisterium, Lieutenants and approximately a hundred ladies and knights, a group of whom in uniform had kept vigil over the remains in the Church of St. Stephen of the Abyssinians.

The Dean of the College of Cardinals, who had been Secretary of State, chose to recall the deceased's spirit of service and love as Apostolic Nuncio in Angola during the years in which the nation was torn apart by a fratricidal war, a service for which he received a special recognition of gratitude by Paul VI who had sent him there, and then the diplomatic activity which he performed as Nuncio in Iran and in Algeria, Tunisia and Libya.

