

# News Letter

ORDO EQUESTRIS SANCTI SEPULCRI HIERSOLYMITANI

## BUILDING PEACE: THE COURAGE OF CONCRETE ACTIONS

“ Now, Lord, come to our aid!  
Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace.  
Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say:  
“Never again war!”; “With war everything is lost”.  
Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace...  
Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn  
our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into  
confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness ”

**Pope Francis' invocation for peace  
in the Holy Land during summer 2014**

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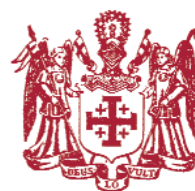
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## The Order in Union with the universal Church

# THE POPE PROMOTES EDUCATION FOR PEACE

Could the only world leader capable of saving the peace be Pope Francis? This is what the former Israeli President Shimon Peres stated on 4 September in the Vatican, calling for the creation of an "Organisation of United Religions", an institution which the Holy Father would head... The former Israeli President considers that the UN has somehow had its day, in a world where wars now occur essentially on the pretext of religion. The Pope asks us only to multiply the actions which can advance dialogue and solidarity, as antidotes to a rampant war. With this in mind, at the beginning of September he talked with young people representative of the five continents. The "Global network of schools meeting" had organised a live video-confer-

ence from the Synod Hall, near the house of Saint Martha, which notably included children from Israel. "Build bridges of peace, play as a team and make the future better", Francis told them. In connection with the congress of the network Scholas, an interfaith match for peace took place at the same time, in the presence of the Argentinean football player Diego Maradona, who, touched by the testimony of the evangelical life of Pope Francis, expressed his wish to return to the practice of the Catholic faith. It is up to us too, at all levels of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, to build bridges rather than raising walls. "Hope sees what has not yet been and what will be. It loves what has not yet been and what will be" (Charles Péguy).



*The Pope is linked via a live video-conference from the Synod Hall to school children of various schools throughout the world*



## THE CONFLICT IN GAZA AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

Last summer, the whole international community kept its gaze fixed on a little strip of land of some 360 km<sup>2</sup> because of a war which claimed over 2,000 human lives, most of them of Palestinian origin. On the occasion of the summit of Caritas on the state of emergency in the Middle East which took place in Rome from 15 to 17 September, Father Raed Abushalia - Director of Caritas Jerusalem - submitted a few statistics in relation to this conflict. "In the Gaza strip, 1.8 million people have lived through 51 days of a war which has destroyed many infrastructures, damaged 30,000 houses, destroyed the homes of 15,000 families, who had to be re-housed in schools".<sup>1</sup> Among the 1.8 million inhabitants who live in Gaza, slightly over 1,300 are Christians, out of which 9.3% are Catholics of the Latin rite, according to a survey published in May 2014 by the Pontifical Mission for Palestine.

At the end of the month of August, Pope Francis received in audience Father Jorge Hernández, an Argentinean Priest of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, and Parish Priest of the Holy Family parish in Gaza. This little community is made up of some one hundred faithful and according to Father Hernández's report, Pope Francis was very close to them during the war, encouraging them through telephone calls and e-mails. However, it was during the audience that Pope Francis invited him to be the "salt of the earth". The Holy Father reminded the Parish Priest that "the Gospel requires sacrifices which Christ asks of each one of us according to our different situations. For this reason you are called to be a witness of Jesus Christ over there, on the land where He suffered, where He died, but also where He resurrected. So, have courage and carry on!".<sup>2</sup>

Faced with this difficult period experienced by the population of Gaza, the Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Cardinal Edwin O'Brien also wished to encourage the members of the Order to pray fervently for peace and justice. In his message of 11 July 2014, he said: "As the Holy Father has shown us by his example, I would like to suggest that you submit to the discernment of your Grand Priors the possibility of organizing - given the timing which is so critical - an interfaith prayer meeting for peace in the Holy Land, with the participation of the local Jewish and Muslim authorities".

Now that it seems that it may be possible to think again about the future, Patriarch Fouad Twal shares his views on the situation. "To strike a balanced agreement and a just peace in Gaza, each one needs to put himself in the place of the other". Concerning the spectre of fundamentalism, he proposes to invest in education: "Poor education facilitates fanaticism; a good education lays the foundation for the true dialogue that everyone aspires to".<sup>3</sup>

With regard to those who wish to visit the Holy Land, Bishop William Shomali, Patriarchal Vicar for Jerusalem and President of the Episcopal Commission for the Pilgrims in the Holy Land, recently issued a press release addressed to pilgrims intending to visit the Holy Land: the pilgrimage to the Holy Land can be experienced in complete peace", and he added, "all the groups that came during this period were a true blessing for the local community.

**Elena Dini**

(1) *Avvenire* 16/9/14 (article by Luca Liverani).

(2) *Avvenire* 29/8/2014.

(3) *Avvenire* 5/9/2014 (interview of Stefania Falasca).



## A SUMMIT ORGANISED IN WASHINGTON BY "IN DEFENSE OF CHRISTIANS"

A few years ago, it was still possible for someone not to be aware of the existence of the many Christian communities in the Middle East. Nowadays however, we often hear about them for reasons unfortunately related to dismal international news.

"In Defense of Christians" (IDC) is a non-profit organisation which, as we can read on its web site [www.indefenseofchristians.org](http://www.indefenseofchristians.org), focuses on bringing to the attention of people and policymakers the plight of the ancient Christian communities of the Middle East. Through advocacy, it focuses on influencing governments to vote for measures in favour of the religious minorities in the Middle East. From 9 to 11 September, "IDC" organised a summit in Washington on the theme of "Protecting and preserving Christianity, where it all began", which enabled religious and lay members belonging to different Christian communities to come together.

The summit was opened by an ecumeni-

cal prayer with the participation of Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, Patriarch Cardinal Mar Bechara Boutros Raï of the Maronite Catholic Church, Patriarch Yuhanna X of the Greek Orthodox Church, Patriarch Gregorius III Laham of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Patriarch Ignatius Youssef III Younan of the Syriac Catholic Church and Aram I, Catholicos of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Live on Vatican Radio, Cardinal Sandri emphasized, at the end of the summit, that the Middle East cannot be imagined without Christians and that the United Nations has an important role to play. Cardinal Sandri also strongly emphasised the fact that he rejects the idea of a "clash between civilisations and of a war already installed between Islam and Christianity", even if some factions are engaged in a process of undermining the foundations enabling the communities to live together in harmony.

## SYNOD DEDICATED TO THE FAMILY: THE CHURCH OPENS UP NEW PATHS OF MERCY

An interview with Mgr Bruno Forte, Prior of the section of the Abruzzi and Molise of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, and Special Secretary of the Synod dedicated to the Family which takes start on 5 October and ends on 19 October, on the day of the beatification of Pope Paul VI.

**Pope Francis married very different types of couples on Sunday 14 September, including people who have been living together for a long time.**

**How should we interpret this on the eve of the Synod on the family for which you will be acting as Special Secretary?**

As far as I am concerned, it is about the practical application of mercy and of pastoral charity which reflects the example that Pope Francis is revealing to us on a day to day basis. The Church is not sent to condemn but to save, and therefore to welcome, support and assist in truth and love, through humble and courageous choices of fidelity to





*Mgr Bruno Forte with Pope Francis*

God and to the people.

**What does the Holy Father expect from this Synod which is on a theme which raises immense hope among those “wounded by life”? What does he want exactly since the Catholic doctrine on marriage and the family is probably not going to change one iota?**

The Synod does not intend to change the doctrine entrusted to the Church by the Lord, but it wants to look for ways to apply this doctrine better, with the understanding and patience that charity requires. The Holy Father – who believes deeply in the value of Episcopal collegiality – is asking bishops around the world to assist him in the careful discernment of these pathways through a Synod, voice of the whole Church.

**Another Synod on the subject will be held in 2015: in which way will it dif-**

**fer? Do you think that the time between the two Synods will be useful for the emergence of new and original ideas, as was the case during the “inter-sessions” of Vatican II fifty years ago?**

The Extraordinary Assembly of October 2014 will be followed by the Ordinary Assembly in October 2015. Between the two, there will be a gap of one year to reflect and consult the local Churches to allow the discernment to mature. In the Second Vatican Council, many important results matured during the inter-sessions, and this is the reason why we hope that a mature discernment will be made possible by the format of a Synod in two sessions and may help the Church to find the best proposals to submit to the judgment of the Successor of Peter. The road is particularly restrictive and that is why the Pope has requested a special commitment to pray for the synodal sessions. All this fills the heart with trust that God, invoked with faith, will grant us the help we need.

**Why does this issue on the merits of the family evoke so many apparent differences within the Catholic Church, what does this say to us on a more positive note?**

The desire and the need for a family are anchored in the human heart, especially among young people.

**How can Francis succeed in calming down the concerns of some ecclesial circles while remaining firmly on the course of hospitality and mercy which he has set for the Church in a seemingly irrevocable manner?**

The Synod is not about doctrine, but its pastoral applications, so that the Church may make God’s mercy known to everyone.

**Interview in Rome  
by François Vayne**



## MGR MAURIZIO MALVESTITI IS APPOINTED BISHOP OF LODI

**A** friend of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre (see *Annales* 2013 page 20), Mgr Maurizio Malvestiti, Undersecretary of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, was appointed Bishop of Lodi by Pope Francis on 26 August. He succeeds Mgr Giuseppe Merisi. His Episcopal ordination on 11 October – on the day of the liturgical memorial of Saint John XXIII, canonised on 27 April last – was presided over in the Basilica of Saint Peter, by Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. From Bergamo, this warm and efficient priest of 61 years of age, a graduate in theology, was a teacher in the seminary of Bergamo and Conventual Chaplain of the Order of Malta, before serving in 1994 on one of the nine Congregations of the

Roman Curia, working tirelessly in the service of Eastern Christians, especially those who live in the Holy Land, in the broad sense, that is to say, in the biblical territories from Iraq to Egypt including Lebanon. On 1 September, Mgr Malvestiti discovered with emotion his future cathedral in Lodi, a city founded by Frederick Barbarossa, in the north-west of Italy, about thirty miles from Milan, the capital of Lombardy. The Grand Master of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, the members of the Grand Magisterium and all the members of the Order, congratulate the new bishop in charge of the Church of God in Lodi, and entrust his ministry to the protection of Our Lady, and of the good Pope John XXIII, a native of Bergamo like himself.

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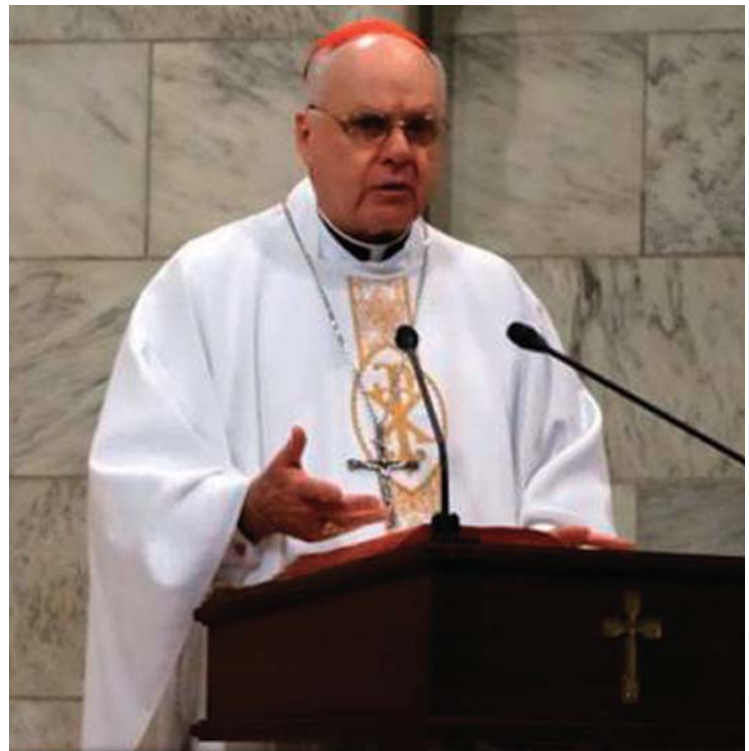
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## Proceedings of the Grand Magisterium

### CARDINAL EDWIN O'BRIEN MEETS MEMBERS OF THE ORDER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Since his appointment as Grand Master of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre in 2011, Cardinal Edwin O'Brien has been regularly visiting the members of Lieutenancies on the occasion of investiture ceremonies, as is the case this October in Honolulu, Vancouver and then in Portugal. During this month of the Rosary, he will also go to Moscow after the Meeting of the Grand Magisterium in Rome followed by the Feast of Our Lady of Palestine on 22 October. The first investitures in Riga, Latvia, are also on the agenda of the Grand Master for the month of November, and in early January it is the Asian continent that will be expecting him, in Taiwan, where the Order is in full expansion.



### THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LIEUTENANTS

On June 5-8, 2014, the annual North American Lieutenants Meeting was held in New York City. Present were the 15 Lieutenants of North America (Canada, the United States and Puerto Rico), representing about one half of the worldwide Order's members. Most of the Lieutenants were accompanied by their spouses. The three North American members of the

Grand Magisterium also attended the meeting. They are H.E. Joseph Spinnato of New York, H.E. Thomas McKiernan of Cincinnati (who is also Chairman of the Holy Land Commission), and, H.E. John Piunno of Washington D.C.

Special guests included Msgr. Robert Stern, former Secretary-General of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association



(CNEWA), a consultant to the Order and member of the Constitution Revision Commission. Another special guest was Msgr. John Kozar, current Secretary-General of CNEWA. Every year since the first Lieutenants Meeting was held, the Lieutenants have enjoyed the participation of the CNEWA leadership. Very special guests were the Cardinal Grand Master, Edwin O'Brien, who presided over the meeting; the Governor General, H.E. Prof. Agostino Borromeo; and, H.E. Giorgio Moroni-Stampa, the Vice Governor General of Europe. The meeting was conducted by H.E. Patrick Powers, Vice Governor General of North America, and was hosted by H.E. Raymond Teatum, Lieutenant of the Eastern USA Lieutenancy.

The meeting began with an opening dinner at the Catholic Center of the Archdiocese of New York on Thursday evening. The Grand Master gave the opening address. On Friday morning, after holy Mass and breakfast, the meeting began with Session I on the Business of the Order. After opening comments by the Grand Master and an address by the Governor General, the finances of the Order were presented along with a Holy Land Commission report and a summary of the annual reports of the Lieutenancies. Session II of the meeting was devoted to various organizational issues affecting the Lieutenancies.

After lunch, afternoon Sessions III and IV were an open forum for lieutenants to discuss any issue that was on their mind. They shared some of their successes, discussed some of their problems, and asked questions of the leadership and each other pertaining to governance, operations, activities and programs in their lieutenancies. These afternoon sessions were very productive and informative.

On Friday evening, the attendees and spouses gathered at Le Perigold for dinner. His Excellency, the Governor General, was the guest speaker.

Saturday morning began once again with holy Mass and breakfast. The sessions on Saturday morning were on the proposed revisions of the Constitution and General Regulations. The discussion was led by the Governor General and Msgr. Stern. A session on reviewing the geographic organization of North American Lieutenancies and what the process might look like was offered by Vice Governor General Powers. The Governor General and Vice Governor General Moroni-Stampa gave a presentation on the worldwide Order and, in particular, shared with the North American Lieutenants some of the differences in the way lieutenancies in Europe and the rest of the world express their participation in the mission of the Order. The final session of the morning was a very interesting presentation on the true history of our Order by the Governor General, who is an internationally recognized expert on the subject.

The 2014 North American Lieutenants Meeting ended with the awarding of honors to retiring lieutenants by the Grand Master, and concluding remarks by the Grand Master and the Governor General. At the closing lunch, Msgr. Stern gave a brief presentation, in part related to the history of the hotel in which the meeting was held. The hotel was a renovated mansion that was once the archdiocesan center in New York before it was sold and became a hotel. It is right behind St. Patrick's Cathedral. Saturday evening we dined in the hotel with the Grand Master offering closing remarks and observations.

On Sunday morning, those who had not yet left for their homes gathered together for Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The celebrant was Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York.

In 2015, the North American Lieutenants Meeting will be held in Quebec City and will be hosted by H.E. Jean-Claude Michaud.





## REUNION OF AID AGENCIES FOR THE ORIENTAL CHURCHES: “TO CULTIVATE PEACE”

The 87<sup>th</sup> session of ROACO (Reunion of Aid Agencies for the Oriental Churches) took place in Rome from 23 to 26 June, under the presidency of Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.<sup>1</sup> Governor General Agostino Borromeo represented the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

The sessions focused mainly on the news from Iraq, Syria, the Holy Land, as well as the Ukraine, areas marked by serious conflicts, affecting particularly Catholics of the Eastern Rite. Romania was also on the agenda, a country where the Church was martyred for a long time and which has blossomed again, giving hope for further revivals among the Eastern Churches now facing fanaticism and violence. The plight of millions of refugees fleeing the conflict in Syria, half of them children, was highlighted in the report of Caritas in the Middle East (Mona), commented on by the Apostolic Nuncio to Syria, Mgr Mario Zenari.

In Lebanon and Jordan, for instance the public services in charge of their reception are unable to cope, but the assistance of ROACO enables Caritas to deal with the emergencies. Concerning the Holy Land, the Apostolic Nuncio to Israel, Mgr Giuseppe Lazzarotto, urged participants not to give in to pessimism, referring to the three olive trees planted by the Pope during his pilgrimage, and recalling that “no one plants a tree with the thought of reaping its fruits right away ...”. “God puts our love to the test to verify it, therefore we must continue to look

after the tree,” he said.

Among the projects supported by ROACO – through some of the twenty institutions that constitute it – the Order of the Holy Sepulchre has committed or has confirmed its commitment to five renovation projects of parish buildings, churches and schools in Beit Sahour, Acre, Zarka and Jaffa. Schools in particular enable families to look forward to a better future in the Holy Land.

For his part, Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Custos of the Holy Land, praised the generosity of the dioceses around the world which facilitates the perseverance of social and educational works, especially through the worldwide church collections on Good Friday. During

this session of ROACO, Brother Peter Bray, Vice Chancellor of the University of Bethlehem, advocated the development of this institution, founded at the request of Paul VI 40 years ago. The Pope when receiving members of ROACO, a month after his pilgrimage to the Holy Land, strongly encouraged them to support the formation of new generations and of teachers to “cultivate peace”.

“ Peace is secure and enduring only because it is cultivated by many hands. Those who would cultivate the plant of peace must never forget that God alone gives the growth ”

Pope Francis

(1) The Congregation for the Oriental Churches has its origins in an intuition of Blessed Pius IX in 1862, who founded it under the name of *Congregatio Propaganda Fide pro negotiis ritus orientalis*. In 1967, its name was changed to *Congregatio pro Ecclesiis Orientalibus* and the function of Prefect passed from the Pope to the Secretary at that time. The mandate of the Congregation is to liaise with the Eastern Catholic Churches to promote their growth and keep their tradition alive.



## The Order and the Holy Land

# IN SEPTEMBER THE FIELD VISIT OF THE HOLY LAND COMMISSION OF THE GRAND MAGISTERIUM

**T**he Holy Land Commission is an advisory body of the Grand Magisterium of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre which examines the projects that are presented by the Latin Patriarchate for financial support. The Commission goes to the Holy Land twice a year to review proposals and the progress of each project. The Commission only recommends the proposed projects which are accompanied by a detailed and convincing assessment of costs, and are of benefit to the Christian community.

In the first weeks of 2014, the Grand Master reorganized the Commission of the Holy Land to include Dr. Heinrich Dickmann of Germany, Professor Bartholomew McGettrick of Scotland, and Professor Thomas McKiernan of the United States. Professor McKiernan was appointed Chairman of the Commission. At the same time, His Eminence awarded the Golden Palm of Jerusalem to Dr Christa von Siemens, who had completed her term as Chairperson and

Member of the Commission.

The new Commission visited the Holy Land in March 2014, and recently returned there in September with the Governor General, who, on this occasion, met the new General Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate. The projects that were approved in 2014 are the renovation of the presbytery at Irbed, the rehabilitation of the school of Ashrafieh, the expansion of the chapel in Jenin, the renovation of the office of the presbytery at Zarka, and various renovations of the school in Mafraq. The projects completed in 2013 were the renovation of the Parish Church of Ajloun; the renovation of the presbytery in Fuheis; the upgrading of the house of the religious Sisters at the Vicariate in Amman; the upgrading of the presbytery and house of the religious Sisters in Na'our, the repainting and upgrading of the Centre of Our Lady of Peace, and the renovation of the presbytery in Taybeh.

## HOMMAGE TO FATHER HUMAM KHZOUZ

**D**uring the summer of 2014 we learnt of the replacement of Father Humam Khzouz at the head of the Office of the General Administration of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. The Governor General Agostino Borromeo, on behalf

of the Grand Magisterium, immediately expressed the profound gratitude of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre for the generosity of his commitment in the important positions he held for some ten years. He praised the intelligence, poise and dedication of this



priest, now called to further his studies in Rome. For his part, Father Khzouz wrote a very courteous letter on 6 August to all the members of the Order, and it is with joy that we publish here extensive excerpts: "Dear friends, nine years ago I was called to serve the Latin Patriarchate as Chancellor and later as General Administrator, working side by side with their Beatitudes. The honour of serving two Patriarchs entailed great responsibility. It was a challenge that only can be faced with trust in our Lord who leads and guides us all through our mission, along with my total confidence in all of you, my brothers and sisters in the Lord, for your support. And today, after five years of serving as General Administrator, I once again respond to another call to dedicate myself to further studies in Rome for the next few years until I return at a later time to continue working in the service of the Patriarchate and the Church in the Holy Land. It is with the same honour that I hand over the responsibility of General Administrator to my

brother in Christ, Father Imad Twal. I would like to express my sincere appreciation, admiration, respect and deep gratitude for your continuous and generous support for the various programs and projects of the Patriarchate. I specifically acknowledge and thank each one of you with whom I shared the responsibility for what we have accomplished. Your kind cooperation and understanding were essential in allowing me to fulfil and complete the mission of serving the Archdiocese, our parishioners and the local community in the Holy Land. Beloved brothers, sisters and dear friends, I assure you of my continuing loyalty and support for Father Imad as the new General Administrator. I am confident that his service will be for the good of the Patriarchate, our parishes, our schools, and all the institutions during this difficult time and situation in the Holy Land and the Middle East. I hope you keep me in your prayers, as you remain in mine. Please be assured of my gratitude, appreciation and love for each of you".

## A NEW GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM

**I**t is with joy that the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre welcomes the appointment of the new General Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Father Imad Twal. In his first official speech, Father Twal thanked the Order: "I extend my sincere thanks to all friends and lovers of the Holy Land, especially the Grand Magisterium of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, and all Lieutenancies, Lieutenants, Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre throughout the world, as well as all partners and individuals who offer their moral support and financial assistance to our Church". Among the various responsibilities of the General Administrator, whose mission is to manage the material aspect of the life and works of the Patriarchate, he will also be called to support the Palestinian cause and the Christian existence in the Holy Land, develop ecclesiastical institutions of the Patriarchate, support local Christians in the different areas of crisis and conflicts in the Middle East, encourage the priestly vocational programme and support the development of the Christian community in Jordan.



## NEWS FROM BETHLEHEM



*The Sisters of the Incarnate Word with the children they care for in the house of "Hogar Niño Dios"*

**I**t is with joy that we have received thanks for the projects that the Order supports in Bethlehem, and we are pleased to share these with you. We also show some pictures of young people who benefit from our help.

Thanks to the generosity of the Lieutenancy of Central Italy, the house "Hogar Niño Dios", run by the Sisters of the Incar-

nate Word, continues to welcome children with disabilities. The house "Hogar Niño Dios" gives these children all the attention and care they need, and of which they were deprived.

We also received thanks from the Salesians of Bethlehem who, for many years, have been carrying out various activities related to vocational training and integration into the world of work for young people, so that they may find a job without being forced to emigrate. In addition to the activities of the youth centre and the oratory, the Salesians also run a technical college attended by about 160 students, a vocational training centre with the same number of students, and an art school.



*Some of the young people in the Professional Training Centre run by the Salesians in Bethlehem during one of their workshops*



## The life of the Order throughout its Lieutenancies

### A PRAYER MEETING FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND ORGANISED IN ARGENTINA

**E**duardo A. Santamarina, the Lieutenant of Argentina, tells us of a fine initiative which took place during the summer on 14 August: "We held the interfaith meeting in Buenos Aires suggested by Cardinal Edwin O'Brien. A large number of the public was present. We also had the honour of welcoming Rabbi Abraham Skorka, and Imam Abdelnaby Elhefnawy from the Islamic Centre of the Republic of Argentina, the most important representative of this community. Our Grand Prior, Mgr. Héctor Aguer, Archbishop of La Plata, concluded the event with the Lord's Prayer". The important South American news agency AICA covered the event extensively, thus giving the Order an audience rarely equalled in the mass media. The AICA stressed in its news that "Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, asked the 30,000 members of the Order in the about sixty Lieutenancies



*From left to right Mgr Héctor Aguer, Rabbi Abraham Skorka, the Imam Abdelnaby Elhefnawy and Eduardo A. Santamarina, the Lieutenant of Argentina*

throughout the world to organize interfaith celebrations in their various countries, with the specific intention of praying for peace in the Middle East". The example given by the Lieutenancy of Argentina, which has about sixty members, will undoubtedly inspire other Lieutenancies in the coming months. Please keep us informed by sending the story of these positive experiences to: [comunicazione@oessh.va](mailto:comunicazione@oessh.va)

**The editors invite each Lieutenancy to send us any information it wishes to convey in our next Newsletter, scheduled for January 2015.**

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