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A SPECIAL YEAR

Looking back over the year 2011 and recalling the events, we must admit that it was a singular year in the history of the Order in view of the sad and happy events that marked it: on 10 February the unforeseen presentation of the letter of resignation of the Grand Master of the Order, Cardinal John Patrick Foley, for serious health reasons, an unprecedented fact. It was accepted at the end of August, accompanied, however, by a simultaneous announcement of the appointment of Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore as the Pro-Grand Master. Then there was his possession of the Headquarters of the Grand Magisterium in September, and the joyous anticipation of his promotion to the College of Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, which took place in 2012. However, in December we received the sad news of the death of Cardinal Foley in his native city of Philadelphia. The mention of these important events is entrusted to this issue of *AD* – the previous issue was completed in time to express concern over the sorrowful resignation of Cardinal Foley – that bears witness to the loving attention of the apostolic See for the life of our Institution, recognizing its special goals and activities.

This attention and affection is attested to as well through another memorial, the 50th anniversary of the death of Cardinal Nicola Canali, Protector of the Order during the years of the Second World War and, with the transfer of the headquarters from Jerusalem to Rome and the new statues, its first Grand Master. In fact, he obtained from Pope Pius XII important and prestigious benefits that consolidated and enriched the Order's patrimony: indulgences for the members, the significant Church of St. Onofrio on the Janiculum for their spiritual center and the historic Palazzo della Rovere, on Via della Conciliazione, as Headquarters of the Grand Magisterium.

We were extremely close to Benedict XVI in the city of Ancona, on the occasion of the Italian National Eucharistic Congress. For the first time, the Order was thoroughly involved, leading a day of reflection and prayer; so too during the Pontiff's visit to Germany, in which that Lieutenancy was involved. To the Eucharistic, the source of life for the Knights and Ladies, is dedicated the beautiful reflection of Bishop Luciano

Giovannetti, Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy of Central Appenine Italy.

Naturally this edition dedicates much space to the Order's institutional commitment to the Holy Land, with the brief illustration of two projects of the Latin Patriarchate, and of other institutions to which the Holy See has called us, and with the testimony contained in the correspondence on the activities of the Lieutenancies and Magistral Delegations. Love for and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine and heavenly Patroness of the Order, emerges from an article on the execution of two new icons in England and in Italy, through which the members who commissioned them wanted to commemorate historical events, create special symbolic and artistic references, or emphasize our ties with the traditional image venerated in the Sanctuary of Deir Rafat. With the noble intention of stimulating that "communion of Saints" professed in the Creed, it has a special Marian value for all the members of our Order.

Beginning with this volume, the editing of *AD* is done and coordinated in Rome, in the Headquarters of the Grand Magisterium – under the direction of the new Chancellor, professor Ivan Rebernik – by the former co-director of the *Annales*, the journalist Graziano Motta, who knows quite well the situation in the Holy Land, having lived there for three decades, so much so that Pope Benedict XVI named him an expert at the Special Synod of Bishops for the Middle East. *Annales* will inspire some characteristics of *AD*, although it will maintain the form given it by Doctor Otto Kaspar, who was in charge of creating it in Austria, and who left that responsibility when his term as a member of the Grand Magisterium expired. Our appreciation and gratitude for this work of his were also expressed by the Grand Master by conferring on him the Golden Palm of Jerusalem. I would like to join in acknowledging him and also expressing best wishes to Professor Rebernik and Doctor Motta; may the periodical express the best way possible the life, ends and goals of our Order.


Agostino Borromeo
Governor General

The first statements by the Pro-Grand Master

“A GREAT CHALLENGE AND A PRIVILEGE” TO COLLABORATE WITH THE POPE IN KEEPING THE FAITH ALIVE IN THE HOLY LAND

“**T**o collaborate closely with our Holy Father the Pope in keeping the faith alive in the Holy Land as I have been asked to do is a great challenge and privilege. The land in which Christ walked, preached, suffered, died and rose again will always be sacred to Christians and we must do all we can to preserve the holiness of that land”: this was the first reaction of the Archbishop of Baltimore, Edwin F. O’Brien, to his appointment that had just been made public on 29 August 2011, as Pro-Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem during a meeting with his co-workers gathered together in the *Catholic Center*. In the meantime he received congratulations from Vatican City, from the Assessor of the Order, Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea, and from the Governor General, Agostino Borromeo, in the name of the knights and ladies from every part of the world, and from Philadelphia that of his predecessor, Grand Master emeritus, Cardinal John Patrick Foley.

During this meeting Archbishop O’Brien revealed that eleven days earlier he had received the totally unexpected news that Pope Benedict XVI had asked him to place himself at the service of the Church as Grand Master of the Order and that he had replied accepting the appointment

And to offer the Christian minority, constantly in danger, a sign of hope for its future – Recalling his investiture as a knight in New York in 1984 and his service as Grand Prior of the Middle-Atlantic Lieutenancy



with “deep gratitude” and with a prayer that he may “carry out the will of God and that of Your Holiness”. He recalled that he had had the “singular privilege” of serving as Archbishop of Baltimore, the first particular Church in the United States (erected



on 6 November 1789, *ndr*), and that he was now “sad” to have to leave. However, he added: “but I do so in complete obedience to Your Holiness”, assuring him of his “prayers for and loyalty to the Successor of Peter.”

To his close collaborators – in the first row were the two Auxiliary Bishops Mitchell Rozanski and Denis Madden and the Vicar General, Rick Woy – he recalled that the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre “is an ancient lay institution” charged with “the task of providing for the needs of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem – the Church in the Holy Land, and all the activities and initiatives necessary to support our Christian presence there”. He mentioned that he is a member of the Order (having been invested as a Knight in New York on 25 September 1984, *ndr*) and that for more than a year (since 15 July 2010, when he was promoted to Commander with Star, *ndr*) he served as Grand Prior of the Middle Atlantic Lieutenancy, with its headquarters in Washington. He revealed that he had “spent some time” with Cardinal John Patrick Foley when he had learned of the Holy Father’s decision to name him as his old friend’s successor in the leadership of the Order; he stated: “I want to thank him for his excellent service

The insignia of Knight of the Collar of the Order are being handed out to the Pro-Grand Master (centre of the photo) in the throne hall of Palazzo della Rovere, the seat of the Grand Magisterium. With him (from left): Lieutenant General Giuseppe Dalla Torre del Tempio di Sanguinetto; the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy of Italy Central, bishop Franco Croci; the Assessor of Honour, cardinal Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo; the Assessor, archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea and Governor General Agostino Borromeo.

IN THE FORMER PAGE: archbishop Edwin F. O’Brien in his first meeting with collaborators and journalists in Baltimore as soon as his appointment at the head of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem was made known.

as Grand Master, which he performed with joy and enthusiasm. He did much during his time of effective leadership of the Order. I will turn to him often for his good advice”.

In his message to the new Pro-Grand Master, sent in the name of the Grand Magisterium, the dignitaries, lieutenants and members of the “venerable Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem”, the Assessor Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea and the Governor General Agostino Borromeo expressed to him “their warmest and heartfelt congratulations for this further gratifying attestation of his esteem and confidence that the Supreme Pontiff Bene-

dict XVI chose to publicly manifest in your regard". "We are certain that, with your vast experience and your tested wisdom you will be able to promote the spiritual growth of the Order and foster its fervor in the exercise of charity on behalf of the Church that is in the Holy Land". They placed themselves, together with all the other members of the Grand Magisterium, at his complete disposition.

In an official statement cardinal Foley offered his reaction to Archbishop O'Brien's appointment as Pro-Grand Master. He said he was delighted to learn of the appointment, immediately describing his successor as a "learned, prayerful, zealous and dedicated prelate" whom he has known since the first year of his priestly ordination and continuing through all the stages of his mission; he then recalled his main responsibilities, beginning with that of "assistant pastor at the parish church on the grounds of the United States Military Academy at West Point" (Father John Foley, a student priest at the Columbia University School of Journalism had been assigned to write an article about the parish) and then Director of Communications for the Archdiocese of New York, Rector at the North American College in Rome, and Auxiliary to Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, then Archbishop of the United States Services and later Archbishop of Baltimore. "Because of his extensive experience and splendid dedication as priest and archbishop ... I could not be happier that he is my successor as spiritual leader of this outstanding group of men and women dedicated to the service of the Church in the Holy Land, the land made sacred by the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ".

Archbishop O'Brien's first contact with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium took place in Rome on 16 September in the Headquarters in Palazzo della Rovere, on the occasion of the ceremony characterized by the imposition of the collar, the highest honor of the Order, marking his installation as Pro-Grand Master. Welcom-

ing him were the Assessor, Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea, the Assessor of Honor, Cardinal Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo, the Lieutenant General, Giuseppe Dalla Torre del Tempio di Sanguinetto, the Governor General Agostino Borromeo, and other dignitaries. "Today is a happy day", said Archbishop De Andrea, renewing the greeting of the Governor, because the Lord has heard our prayer for a new Grand Master". He emphasized that the Collar he was about to impose upon him "is, in effect, a chain binding him spiritually to the Holy Land, bearing with it certain duties and much work, but is also the only honorific insignia of the institution that depicts the Risen Christ". The decree of confirmation to bestow the Collar was the last act of his predecessor, Cardinal Foley, in a *motu proprio* dated 29 August. Upon receiving the Collar, Archbishop O'Brien once again expressed his gratitude to the Holy Father for having called him to this new service of the Church and of the Holy Land in particular where, he pointed out that 60 years ago Christians comprised 30% of the population and today constitute only 2%. This reflection gives an immediate stimulus to his work, although, he stated, he would have to stay in Baltimore until his successor is named, alternating his presence in Italy and promising that he will try to speak Italian better.

The first meeting of the Grand Magisterium at which he presided was that of 8 November in Rome when, introducing the session, he stated: "My commitment is to maintain firm, renew and strengthen the faith of every Knight and Lady, to foster holiness, and to ensure full support of the Church in the Holy Land". He expressed admiration for his predecessor, Cardinal Foley, assured his full cooperation with the Grand Prior, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Fouad Twal, and expressed his gratitude to the leadership of the Order. In the evening he received the invited guests in Palazzo della Rovere for the traditional reception for the feast of Our Lady of Palestine, Patroness of the Order.

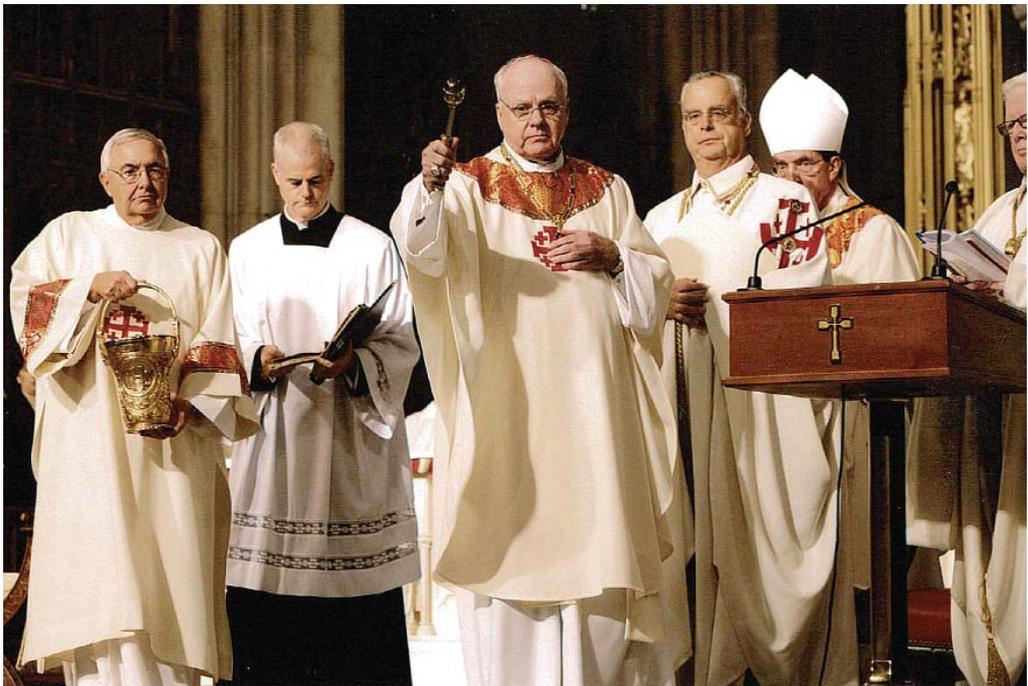
IN THE CATHEDRAL OF NEW YORK HIS FIRST ACT AS GRAND MASTER

“It is a providential coincidence that my first act as Pro-Grand Master should take place here in New York. In this cathedral 46 years ago I was ordained a priest and 15 years ago I was consecrated as Bishop. It was 27 years ago last week that in this same cathedral I received investiture as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre”: thus Archbishop O’Brien addressed the Knights and Ladies of the USA Eastern Lieutenancy on 1 October shortly after presiding at the ceremony of their investiture, at which the Governor General was present.

“Except for my appointment as Grand Prior of the Middle-Atlantic Lieutenancy a year ago, in all these 27 years I never received a promotion in the Order until a

To the new knights and ladies he recalled their commitment to the Holy Land and to strengthen their practice of the Christian life. He asked all the members of the Order to support him in prayer

week ago after the announcement given to me by the Secretary of State, Cardinal Bertone. And what a promotion! Nothing less than being appointed your Grand Master by the Holy Father! The news was a total surprise to me and to many others.



A moment of the solemn Mass in New York's cathedral. Beside the Pro-Grand Master who celebrates, aided by other members of the clergy, there are (on the right) Governor General Agostino Borromeo and the Archbishop of Hartford Henry J. Mansell.



A view of the majestic hall where the gala dinner for the investiture took place.

Although I still feel sad about leaving Baltimore, I totally and unreservedly accept this new responsibility as a sign of the Lord's will, and as your leader in Christ I commit myself to doing everything in my power to promote the purposes of the Order. First and foremost among my commitments is to promote the new evangelization, to which the Holy Father is calling the universal Church”.

At the homily during the solemn Mass, recalling that the Order enjoys the special protection of the Holy See, he said that it is “dedicated to the preservation and growth of our faith in the Holy Land and to the priceless patrimony of those sacred monuments marking the hill of (Jesus’) death, the tomb of His Resurrection. That priceless patrimony also includes the Cenacle wherein the Lord Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the ministerial priesthood, enabling us today at this altar to participate

in His death and resurrection as if we were there two millennia ago”.

“Indeed, our Order uniquely shines in offering an unceasingly threatened christian minority in the Holy Land of Jesus a singular beacon of hope for their future. And you, soon to be knights and ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, offer added reason for their hope as you solemnly pledge to respond to the initiatives and needs of the Order by assisting in its charitable works in the Holy Land – its schools, health clinics, seminary and universities, all open not only to our Christian minority, but also to people of all three faiths descended from the Patriarch Abraham. These Catholic institutions are supported by almost 30 thousand knights and ladies of the Holy Sepulchre around the world, the largest concentration of whom are in North America. And while we can be proud of these institutions and the vibrant Lieutenancies in

Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, during the ceremony of investiture, signs the forehead of a new Knight; he later experiences (below) a moment of the convivial party with Knight Grand Cross Raymond C. Teatum, Lieutenant for USA Eastern.



the United States, we can also mention what Pope Benedict XVI said last week to the Catholic Church in Germany.... He praised those highly organized Church structures, but hinted that there were more than enough by way of Church structures, but not enough of the way of Spirit. In our Holy Father's words: *"If we do not find a way of renewing our faith, all structural reform will remain ineffective"*.

"You knights and ladies soon to be invested are reminders, especially to your brother and sister members present here, that the first priority of this lay Order is to foster the spiritual growth of its members – to strengthen in its members the practice of the Christian life. Please be convinced that the strength and effectiveness of this Order of the Holy Sepulchre in fulfilling its mission in the Holy Land must be rooted in the day to day virtuous lives of you, its members. Today you are accepting the Church's challenge to live a deeper spiritual life". And recalling the figure of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, celebrated in the liturgy of that day, he encouraged the knights and ladies to

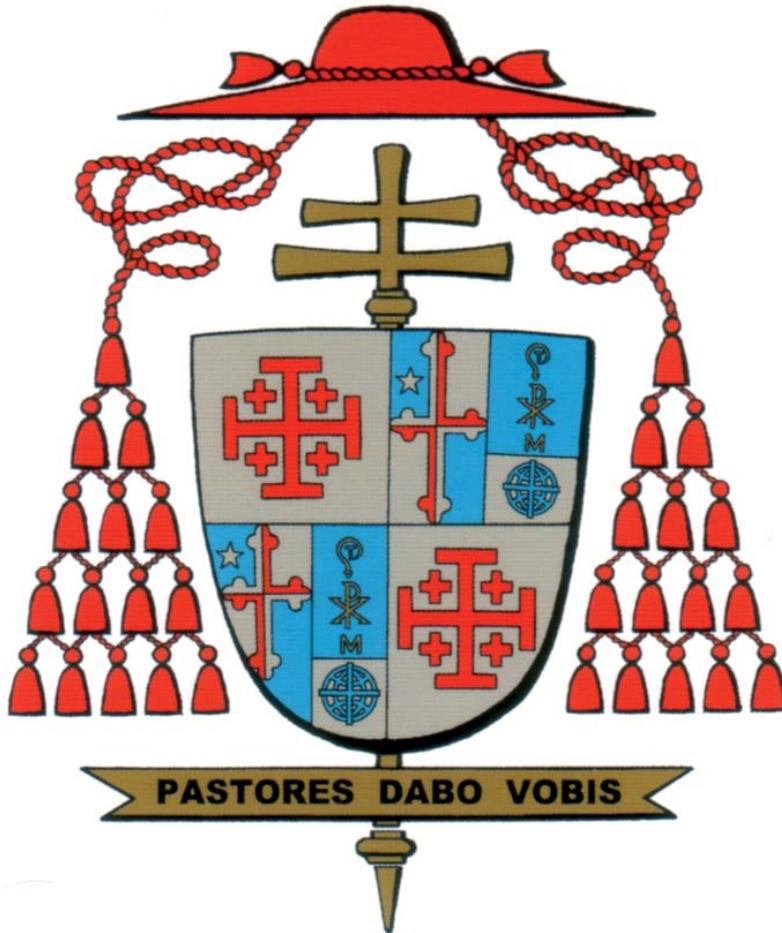
practice virtues, to commit themselves to seeking perfection, "not squeezing God into some corner of our lives, but rather finding and honoring him in our hearts and souls, our family and parish, our professions and work places, in the poor and abandoned".

And if the eyes of our souls see and embrace Christ in the Eucharist, so will the eyes of our hearts find him in every corner of our lives, undertaking works of charity in the same deep Spirit of Christ Himself".

And in conclusion he said: "I ask each of you, knights and ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, to support me with your prayers, and I entrust to the intercession of Our Lady of Palestine the success of our mission in the Land that she called her 'home'".



THE GRAND MASTER'S HERALDIC COAT OF ARMS



The heraldic coat of arms of the new Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre is illustrated for AD by Cardinal Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo, Assessor of Honour of the Order, a well known expert of heraldry, who elaborated and emblazoned it, that is to say that he described it in heraldic terms. Among his former endeavour is the coat of arms of His Holiness Benedict XVI.

The heraldic coat of arms of Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien is "*quartered*" and contains in the first and in the fourth of its four "*quarters*" the Jerusalem Cross, which is "*potent*" (that is it has a small crossbar at the end of each of the four arms) and has four small crosses in each angle, all of which are in red colour on a silver background (often represented as "white" on flags or printed images). This Cross is the evocative sign of the five wounds of the Passion of Jesus, and it is the symbol of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

The other two "quarters", the second and the third, are "*parties of two*" (that is divided vertically in two parts). These keep the symbols which characterised his coat of arms as Archbishop of Baltimore: the left part of each of these *partitions* is in its turn "*quartered*" in blue and silver, and covers the borders of the coloured fields with a Cross of the Calvert, members of the noble English family who were victims of religious persecution and emigrated to Maryland in 1634, settling a colony there. This Cross has a *trilobed* shape and it is in red and silver *of one and the other* (that is of the two colours combined with the background). The three *enamels* (*colours and metals*) of this coloured surface remind one of the colours of the United States of America's flag and emphasize how their oldest archdiocese (the Baltimore archdiocese was erected in fact on November 6, 1789) belongs to the Catholic Church in the United States. The five pointed silver star in the first part of this surface is meant to be a Marian symbol: it is a memory of the Holy Virgin assumed into heaven, proclaimed patroness of the archdiocese of Baltimore in 1791 by its first bishop John Carroll.

In the other partition on the right of each of these quarters, some symbols are reported which Cardinal O'Brien had introduced into his coat of arms when he was Archbishop for the Military Service of the United States and later as Archbishop of Baltimore. In the blue field, the two archbishops of New York are remembered, of whom he had acted as secretary: respectively, above, Cardinal Terrence Cooke (with the crook of his crosier, characterised by the letter T); and, in the middle, Cardinal John O'Connor (with the Christological XR letters of his coat of arms). The latter, moreover, consecrated him bishop, while John Paul II was Pope, of whom, below, is the 'M' Marian symbol in the coat of arms. Finally, in the silver field, we find a representation of the intersected by the Cross stemming from his coat of arms as Military Ordinary.

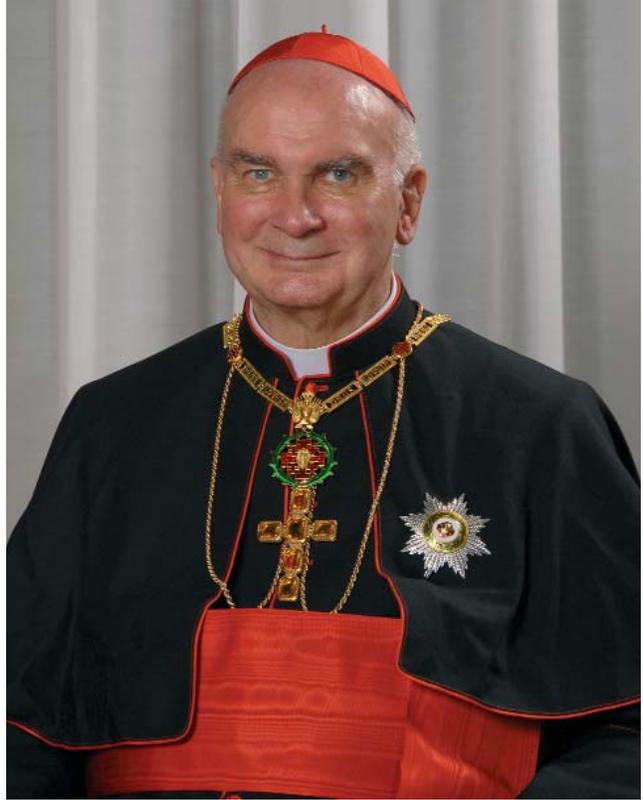
- Around the shield, the heraldic symbols are portrayed, which stand for:
- the Cardinalate, with the ecclesiastical hat (*galero*), in red, with a group of fifteen ribbons hanging on each side in three lines (1.2.3.4.5);
 - the sacred Order, with a golden Cross *in palo*, placed behind the shield which it dominates with two crossbars (for the archbishop rank);
 - and a *scroll* with the motto "Pastores dabo vobis" ("I will give you shepherds" after my own heart) quoted from the Book of Jeremiah 3,5.

Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo

The bequest to the knights and dames from the sixth Cardinal
Grand Master John Patrick Foley (1935-2011)

WITNESS YOUR FAITH SERVING WITH LOVE

*“He conceived his role
as one of a bishop
and transmitted
passion and renewed
enthusiasm for the
Order which
experienced, thanks
to him, a relevant
expansion”, says the
Governor General,
his nearest
collaborator*



On December 11th, 2011, Cardinal John Patrick Foley, the sixth Cardinal Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, died, after a long illness endured with Christian fortitude. He had just turned 76 years old: his faithful abandonment to the will of God, his untamed courage, his inner serenity, even his proverbial sense of humour were with him until his last step.

This last character feature – which everyone who met him found immediately attractive – gave him the strength to joke about his imminent death. In one of the

last conversations I had with him, while confiding his increasing physical weakness, he also jokingly added: “The whole list of diseases which afflict me would make the day of any undertaker”.

He was born on November 11th, 1935, in Darby, Pennsylvania, the son of John Foley and Regina Vogt. His early religious education was received, as well as from the family, as it is natural, also at the Holy Spirit Parish in Sharon Hill, near Philadelphia. Once his high school studies were over, in 1953, he got his Bachelor Degree at Saint Joseph’s College in 1957, with the highest mark. Initially inclined to embrace

religious life in the Society of Jesus (whose motto he would choose later on as the motto of his own episcopal crest), in that same year 1957 he entered the archdiocesan seminary dedicated to Saint Charles Borromeo.

On May 19th, 1962, he was ordained priest and incardinated in his native archdiocese. The following four years were devoted to refining his cultural education. His superiors, noticing his bright intellectual and moral gifts, as well as his talents as a communicator, encouraged him to further his studies.

He was sent to Rome to attend philosophy courses at the Pontificia Università San Tommaso (Angelicum), where he got a graduate degree in 1964, and a PhD in 1965. His exceptional achievement of completing the entire cycle of studies for this second degree, including the writing of his thesis, in just one year has been recorded in the history of that University. Back home in 1966, he got a Master degree in journalism at Columbia University. In later years, he liked to remember jokingly that in order to enroll in the Master course, he had to omit the information that he already had a PhD.

The years of his Roman stay – which coincided with the Second Vatican Council – also marked his debut in the world of jour-

nalism. He had the role of vice editor and news correspondent from the Vatican of the archdiocesan journal *The Catholic Standard and Time*.

His engagement in the field of communication continued also after his return to his native city, both as editor in chief of the archdiocesan journal, from 1970 to 1984, and as co-producer and host of the radio programme *The Philadelphia Catholic Hour*, between 1966 and 1974. These were, however, collateral activities in comparison to the much more demanding pastoral charges as vice-parish priest of Saint John Evangelist Church in Philadelphia, as professor of philosophy at the seminary and as spiritual director for potential candidates to priesthood. Between 1979 and 1984, he was Vice President of the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission. Since 1969 he had been a member first (1977-1981), and later Vice President (1981-1984) of the Catholic Press Association of United States and Canada. Between 1969 and 1984 he was secretary for information of the United States Episcopal Conference.

He was promoted by Paul VI, in 1976, to the rank of prelate of honour, and appointed by John Paul II, in 1984, President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. At the same time, this Pope

The Cardinal Grand Master and the Governor General in the courtyard of Palazzo della Rovere on April 15th, 2009 after the ceremony of conferral of the Order's Grand Collar upon the Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone.



appointed him to the diocese of Neapolis in Proconsulari, with the personal title of Archbishop. In his new appointment he gave proof of that dynamism and openness to the modern world, which were part of his personality and education. He was one of the first, in the ecclesiastical world, to understand the huge potential that the use of modern technologies offered to the Church: evidence of this can be found in the documents he promulgated, such as *The Church and Internet*, *Ethics in Internet*, *Ethics in Communication*, *Ethics in Advertising*. He was fond of travelling in order to establish contacts in the world of communication and to meet the people who were part of it. He devoted himself with passion to the task of spreading the evangelical message, the Church and its mission in the world. His innate warmth, the instinctive liking he inspired, his ability to listen, his efforts to answer with absolute honesty the questions he was asked, made him, against his will, the point of reference for all those people who, from the inside or the outside, tried to disseminate the reality of the Catholic world. His successor, Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli, said of him that he was “a great defender of the meaning of communication in building a better world”.

His serious engagements notwithstanding, Archbishop Foley wanted to remain faithful to his original journalistic vocation: in the occasion of the pontifical celebrations of Christmas and the Holy Week, he regularly took up the role of television commentator. In the course of 25 years, he represented, to English-speaking audiences, “the voice of Christmas”, a perfectly suitable definition, as he used to work for the most highly-rated religious television programme in the world.

After 23 years at the service of the Holy See in the field of communication, on June 17th, 2007, Benedict XVI appointed him Pro-Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem: he was then the first non-European bishop to hold this high office. He received the title of Grand Master on December 22nd of that

same year, after the pontiff had promoted him to cardinalate in the consistory of the previous November 24th, conferring him the diaconal title of San Sebastiano al Palatino. On June 12th, 2008 he was also appointed member of the Roman Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, and of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

In the discharge of his new office of Grand Master, he infused that dynamism and that enthusiasm, but also that spiritual commitment, with which he had carried out all the charges he had been given in the course of his long life as a priest. He experienced that which, from the outside, could mainly appear as an honorific title, as a true pastoral ministry. He devoted himself to it, from the very beginning of his appointment, with relentless method. He arrived every day at the office at half past eight and stayed there until past one; he frequently went back in the afternoon and, if necessary, also on Saturday mornings. He wanted to be informed about everything, study personally all the most delicate matters, attend the meetings in which the most relevant problems were brought up, even clerical ones, either administrative or financial.

He conceived the Order as a sort of great diocese, his role as one of a bishop, his travels to attend the various investiture ceremonies as pastoral visits. In his speeches and homilies, he always made a point of urging members to intensify the practice of Christian life, to give a coherent testimony of faith in their daily activities, underlining how the knights’ and dames’ commitment had first of all a spiritual character and, secondly, as a natural development of the former, it represented a charitable aid towards the Church of the Holy Land and its devotees. Under this aspect, Cardinal Foley considered as an absolute priority of the Order to finance projects – as the building of schools, hospitals and other charitable institutions – suitable to encourage Christians not to leave their land of origin to emigrate in search of a better future for themselves and their families. He was

aware that, in some cases, prevalently non-Christian people benefited from these programmes. “However, we are convinced” – he stated in an interview given in early 2009 – “that to make a service available for the entire community (Islamic, Jewish and Christian) is a way to promote a better understanding and also a more immediate understanding of the Church’s message, which is a message of love and service”. The high charitable mission of the Order could hardly be better summarized in these few words.

He had planned to visit all the Lieutenancies and the Magisterial Delegations – which, at the moment of his appointment, added up to about fifty – and, for this purpose, except for exceptional cases, he never went back twice to the same peripheral sections. He went to places where none of his predecessors had ever been. Together with the chancellor of the Order and personal assistant, Monsignor Hans Brouwers, in the Autumn of 2009, during a trip of more than three weeks, he presided over the investiture ceremonies of all the five Lieutenancies for Australia. When, for health reasons, he was forced to resign, he had visited, in less than four years, more than half the local sections.

He succeeded in transmitting passion and renewed enthusiasm. This is one of the reasons why, during his mandate, the Order experienced a relevant expansion both

numerically (almost 30,000 members), and geographically (with the creation of new Magisterial Delegations, such as the one in Southern Africa and that of the Russian Federation), and also from an economical point of view (in 2010, for the first time in the history of the institution, donations largely exceeded the limit, never reached till then, of 10 million euros).

In spite of his overwhelming activity, he was not in perfect health, even at the time of his appointment. His condition gradually got worse until he decided to resign, when leukemia was wearing out his body, although not his spirit. On February 12th, 2011, after being received in audience by Benedict XVI, he left Rome to spend his last days in a home for old priests in his native Darby, with the intention – in his own words – to withdraw in “a sort of last spiritual retreat”.

He died on December 11th, 2011. His solemn funeral rites were celebrated, in the cathedral of Philadelphia crowded with faithful people and members of the Order, by his successor, Archbishop Edwin O’Brien, the present Cardinal Grand Master of the Order, while the homily was given by the President of the Bishops’ Conference of the United States and Grand Prior of the US Eastern Lieutenancy, Archbishop of New York Timothy M. Dolan, who would also become a cardinal.

Agostino Borromeo

In the foreground, from left: member of the Grand Magisterium Thomas E. McKiernan and vice Governors-General Patrick Powers and Adolfo Rinaldi accompany the coffin of Cardinal Foley during the solemn exequies held on December 15th, 2011 in the Cathedral Basilica of Philadelphia.



Remembering Cardinal Nicola Canali in the 50th
anniversary from his death

MERITORIOUS MEMBER OF THE ORDER AS PROTECTOR AND GRAND MASTER

*He gave it a new Constitution,
enriched it with indulgences
and with the church of
Sant'Onofrio al Gianicolo,
settled it in the prestigious
Headquarters of Palazzo
della Rovere*

Now will I praise those godly men, ...
(Sir. 44, 1)

In recalling the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Cardinal Nicola Canali, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, which took place in the Vatican on 3 August 1961, we would like to mention some of the most important aspects of his life and, in particular, his deep commitment to the service of the Church and our Order.

The son of Marquis Filippo Canali and Countess Leonetta Vincentini was born in Rieti (Italy) on 6 June 1874; upon completion of his studies in Rome at the Pontifical Gregorian University and the University of Saint Thomas (the Angelicum), he was ordained a priest on 31 March 1900 in the Basilica of St. John Lateran. On 1 September 1903 he became the personal secretary of Cardinal Raffaele Merry Del Val, and thus Nicola Canali began his service in the Roman Curia as an official in the Secretariat of State.

Because of his training, natural talent and the dedication he demonstrated, com-



bined with an uncommon level of maturity, he came to the attention of his superiors who entrusted him with ever greater responsibilities. On 24 September 1914 he was named Secretary of the congregation of the Ceremonies, on 27 June 1926 Assessor of the congregation of the Holy Office and on 15 September of the same year, Protonotary Apostolic.

In the consistory of 16 December 1935 Pope Pius XI named him a cardinal, assigning him the diaconate Church of San Nicola in Carcere and, as a cardinal-deacon he participated in the conclave that led to the election of Pope Pius XII, who held him in great esteem.

Appointed as the first President of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State on 20 March 1939, the following year Cardinal Nicola Canali – who, in accord with the canonical legislation of that time had not received episcopal ordination - was appointed by Pope Pius XII as the Protector of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

In order to understand the significance of this appointment, we need to go back in time and situate it in its historical context. With the apostolic letter *Decessores Nostri* of 6 January 1928, Pope Pius XI, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, in expressing his praise for the entire Order on behalf of the society for the Preservation of the Faith in Palestine, decreed its fusion into the Order. In the same document he abolished Pope Pius X's 1907 decree reserving to the Roman Pontiff the supreme authority of Grand Master, decreeing and establishing that from that moment on the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, which was to remain under the benign protection of the Apostolic See, would depend exclusively on the authority of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem *pro tempore*. With the transfer of

its Headquarters to the Holy City, the Order thus resumed its characteristic of being truly belonging to Jerusalem.

These dispositions were incorporated into the Constitution of 1932.

The Latin Patriarch at that time, Monsignor Barlassina, fearing the outbreak of war, asked the Holy Father to entrust to a cardinal the role of Grand Master of the Order because in the event of war, a Cardinal Patron should be able to take better care of the Order's destiny. Granting the request, with a letter of 16 July 1940 Pope Pius XII appointed Cardinal Canali: the tone of the letter shows that the use of the title "Patron" is to be understood in the sense of a Protector of the Order and its interests to the Roman Pontiff and the Roman Curia.

Cardinal Canali was also appointed Major Penitentiary on 15 October 1941, a responsibility he bore until his death; through the faculties attributed to him by the Holy Father, this allowed him on 22 February 1949 to gift the Order with special "spiritual favors": that is a plenary indulgence for the knights and ladies on the day of their investiture, on the Feast of Our Lady Queen of Palestine and in *artic-*

*Sant'Onofrio al Gianicolo, legal Headquarters and centre of the spiritual life of the Order.
A portrait of Cardinal Nicola Canali.*





The flag of the Order waves on the tower of Palazzo della Rovere, on via della Conciliazione, a few yards from Basilica Vaticana.

ulo mortis; and the indult in the Masses of suffrage.

On 15 August 1945, Pope Pius XII, with the *motu proprio Cum Ordo* assigned the Order a Headquarters in Rome, in the Church dedicated to Sant'Onofrio (Saint Humphrey) on the Janiculum Hill because it houses the tomb and memory of Torquato Tasso, the poet of *Gerusalemme Liberata*: the church would serve for the Order's religious functions while some rooms in the adjacent monastery would serve as offices. This required other space; thus he obtained from the Holy See the use of the monumental and artistic Palazzo Della Rovere, on the Via della Conciliazione, fostered its complete restoration and its present configuration based on plans drawn up by the architects Piacentini and Spaccarelli (the same architects who, several years before, had redone the whole area), including the purchase and demolition of the crumbling buildings on the side streets. The work, which was begun in the mid 1940's, was finished for the vigil of the Holy Year of 1950. On 19 February 1999 the Holy See transferred ownership of this prestigious building to the Order.

With the Apostolic Letter *Quam Ro-*

mani Pontifices of 14 September 1949 Pope Pius XII approved the new Constitution of the Order, that determined that the title of Grand Master would be entrusted to a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church. It was quite natural that Cardinal Nicola Canali, who was Patron of the Order for life, would become the Grand Master, by Papal appointment, on 21 November 1949.

In 1951 Cardinal Canali was appointed Pro-President of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See and in 1958 he participated in the conclave that led to the election of John XXIII. As Cardinal Protodeacon, he announced the election to the Church and the world.

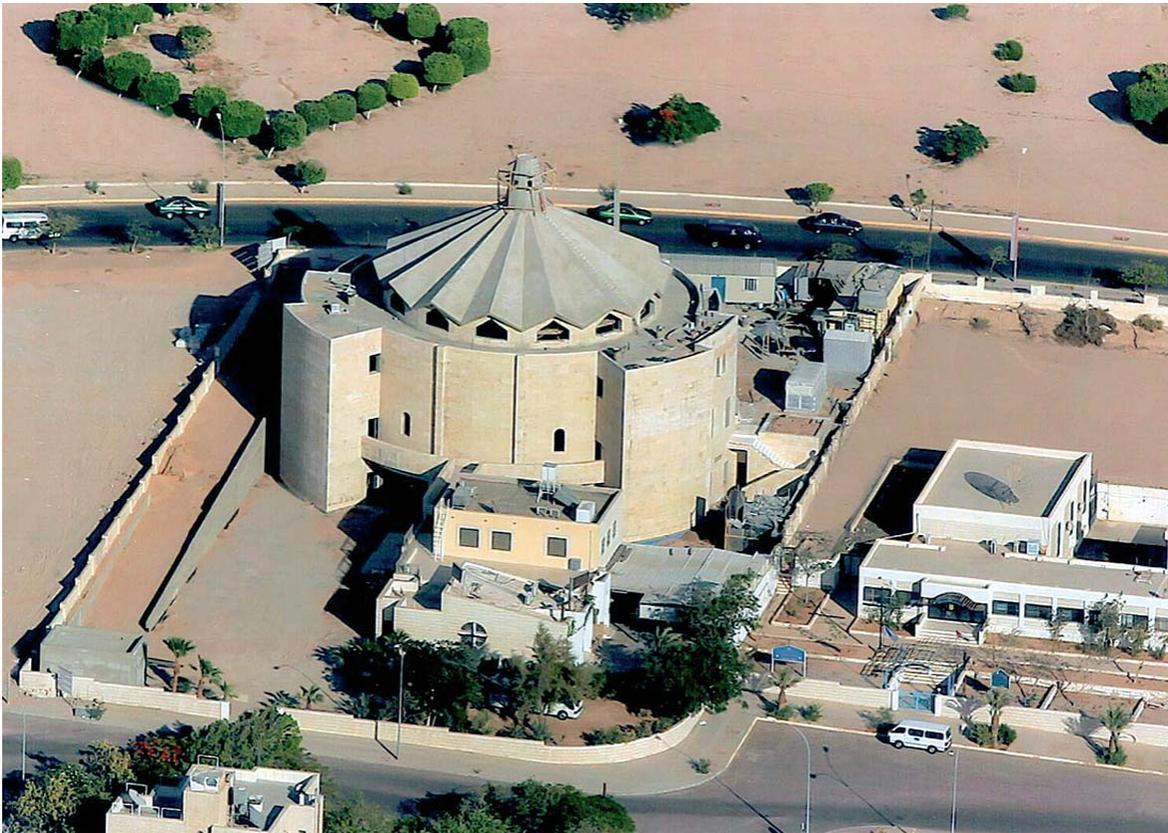
We could go on describing the many initiatives created and planned by Cardinal Nicola Canali on behalf of the Order and the holy places, from which many have benefited during the course of his truly priestly ministry because of his shining example of dedication and fidelity to the Gospel of Christ. For us it is sufficient to see applied to his illustrious example the words of the Psalmist: *the just shall be remembered forever.* (Ps. 112: 6).

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Projects of the Latin Patriarchate put into effect in 2011 and planned for 2012

LARGE PROJECTS FOR THE CHURCH OF AQABA AND FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN RAMEH

New plumbing and fixtures provided for the Seminary of Beit Jala – The monastery of the Rosary Sisters in Aboud is restructured – Significant contributions made to three projects proposed by ROACO (Congregation for the Eastern Churches) and in building projects and activities in twenty other institutions



In 2011 the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem was engaged in the work of two large projects of the Latin Patriarchate: the construction of the *Stella Maris* parish church in Aqaba, Jordan, with its adjacent multi-functional room, and a secondary school in Rameh, in Galilee.

The first project (at the end of December about 60% of the reinforced concrete “skeleton” of the Church and multi-purpose facility had been completed) is immensely important for the Catholic community and the Christian presence in Aqaba. Because of its privileged geographical position on the Red Sea, its commercial and tourist port, and especially its proximity to the famous locale of Petra, for several years this city has experienced significant growth in the tourist trade and hotel industry, involving billions of dollars worth of investments and a large number of foreign workers, along with a growth in the resident population, which now numbers about 150 thousand inhabitants. They are almost all Muslims, with approximately

3,000 Christians, including 750 Catholics of various nationalities (Jordanians, Filipinos, Sri Lankans and Europeans). Joining them for the celebration of Mass on Sunday and holy days, now held in a large room in the city, are groups of tourists and crew members of the merchant ships docked in port.

At year’s end in Rameh the construction of the building destined to house the secondary school of the Latin Patriarchate was in an advanced phase; the new building will allow the students of the primary and secondary schools – currently housed in an adjacent building – to continue and complete their studies in a single Christian educational environment and not go somewhere else. This need is greatly felt by the city’s 800 Christian families, who make up 55 per cent of the population. This expan-

*Progress in the construction of the parish church “Stella Maris” of Aqaba (Jordan).
IN THE FORMER PAGE: model of the building and of the architectural design of the adjacent area to be inaugurated at the end of the next year.*





Building site in Rameh (Galilee) of the Latin Patriarchate high school. BELOW: entry to the monastery of the Sisters of the Rosary of Aboud (Palestinian territories) next to the parish church.

sion project is also looked favorably upon by many Druse and Muslims (30% and 15 % respectively of the population) because the school, which enjoys an excellent reputation, is open to and attended by their children. The new building has four floors, including the basement, with a total area of 2500 square meters.

During the year 2011 the Grand Magisterium sent the Latin Patriarchate approximately 830 million Euros (with many of the lieutenancies contributing to this amount), always continuing to pay special attention to the professional updating of the faculty members of the schools of the Patriarchate, with an eye to maintaining the levels of excellence they have already achieved. Furthermore, through the Grand Magisterium, the Lieutenancy of Germany has assured the financing of the work of remodeling the ground floor of the patriarchal seminary of Beit Jala, the plumbing and sanitary fixtures used by the students during their sport and recreational activities, and the Lieutenancy of Portugal did similar work in the remodeling of the monastery of the Rosary Sisters in Aboud, a town in the Palestinian territories very close to, but separated by the dividing wall, from the Israeli airport of Lod. (Cracks in

the structure were repaired and the electrical wiring, plumbing and bathroom fixtures were replaced).

In 2011 the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, which is part of the Reunion of Aid Agencies for the Oriental Churches (ROACO from the Italian), the operational organism of the Congregation for Eastern Churches, financed three projects for a total of 198 thousand Euros, on





behalf of three Catholic institutions in the Holy Land. To be precise, it contributed to the creation of a diagnostic center for the disabled at the school of the Rosary Sisters in Beit Hanina, near Jerusalem; in the purchase of a minibus for “Ephphata” in Bethlehem, in the care of the Teaching Sisters of Saint Dorothy, Daughters of the Sacred Hearts, which provides a home and care for deaf-mutes; and in the construction of a new hall in the Greek-Melkite parish school in Aqaba.

Moreover, in 2011 the Grand Magisterium itself and various lieutenancies from every part of the world gave significant contributions, totaling more than a million Euros, to more than twenty Catholic institutions; almost 300 thousand Euros to the Daughters of Our Lady of Sorrows who care for the elderly in the hospices of Bethany and Taybeh; almost 150 thousand Euros to the Sisters of Saint Vincent de Paul (Daughters of Charity) primarily for the Crèche in Bethlehem and 100 thousand Euros for Saint Louis Hospital in Jerusalem. Among the contributions made by the Grand Magisterium we would note a first donation of 60 thousand Euros to the “Sisters Servants of the Lord and the

The building of Sweifieh–Amman (Jordan) which will be restored to accommodate the multifunctional pastoral offices and (below) work in progress in the patriarchal Vicariate of Amman.

Virgin of Matará”, the feminine branch of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, for the extension of the “Child Jesus Home” in Bethlehem, a shelter for disabled, unwanted, or abandoned children.

The decisions taken by the Grand Mag-



isterium during the course of its meeting on 8 November – the first meeting presided over by the new Pro-Grand Master Edwin F. O’Brien – include the balancing of the budget for the retirement contributions for the personnel of the Latin Patriarchate and the completion of the parish church in Aqaba and the secondary school in Reneh. The other projects of the Patriarchate for 2012 approved by the Grand Magisterium concern the repair of the exterior walls of the Vicariate of Amman, the modification of some areas and the remodeling of the adjacent monastery of sisters (for an estimated cost of 385 thousand Euros). Plans are being made for the restruc-

turing of the parish house in the historic center of Misdar, a very old building in need of the replacement of the stairs, sanitary fixtures and electrical wiring (for an estimated cost of 165 thousand Euros). In the district of Amman, at Sweifieh, there are plans to convert classrooms in a large, vacant professional building next to the parish church into multi-purpose office space (for an estimated cost of 296 thousand Euros); and northern Jordan awaits the beginning of the reconstruction (at an estimated cost of 110 thousand Euros) of the parish house of Al Wahadneh, the city in which the school of the Latin Patriarchate was recently rebuilt.

Aid to handicapped abandoned children in Bethlehem

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre bestows substantial support every year to the Catholic institutions operating in the Holy Land in order to realise their projects, mainly social ones. One of them, in 2011, made it possible in Bethlehem to enlarge the “Hogar Niño Jesus” (Hearth Jesus Christ) for handicapped abandoned or needy children, founded by the Sisters “Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará”, a religious community of the Institute of the Incarnate Word. This year the donations sent by the Grand Magisterium were significantly increased with a gift from the Lieutenancy for the Eastern United States, which was sent through the Grand Magisterium. The Provincial Superior, Mother Maria Pia Carbajal thanked the Knights and Ladies, accompanying her note with some photos: they illustrate and document how it has been possible to “give a more dignified condition to society’s outcasts and most rejected” in the city of Jesus’ birth.



Illustrated by the Governor General at the Eucharistic Congress of Ancona

CHRISTIAN CHARITY IN THE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE HOLY LAND

About a hundred Knights and Ladies from every part of Italy, participating in a spiritual renewal on one day of the event, attended the Mass of Pope Benedict XVI in the first row in front of the altar

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem was fully involved in a great event of grace for the Italian Church, the 25th National Eucharistic Congress, which was held from 3 to 11 September in the ancient city of Ancona on the shores of the Adriatic Sea. For the first time in its history, the Order was entrusted with the spiritual development of the next-to-last day, Saturday the 10th. The following day, participating in the closing



The huge esplanade of the quay in the port of Ancona, where the conclusive Mass of the Eucharistic Congress was celebrated by Benedict XVI among dozens of thousands pilgrims, hundreds of knights and ladies from the Order's Italian Lieutenancies.



Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI, members of the Order were given a reserved, highly visible seating section. About a hundred knights and Ladies, led by the Governor General Agostino Borromeo, dignitaries from the Grand Magisterium and the heads of the Lieutenancies, participated in the Eucharistic celebration from the first rows in front of the altar which was erected among the quays of the port in a large open area that accommodated around 100,000 faithful. Among the concelebrants was the Assessor of the Order, Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea, and cardinal, archbishop, bishop and priest members.

The spiritual program which took place in the Teatro delle Muse in the heart of Ancona's cultural life had as its theme peace, communion and solidarity in the scenario of the Holy Land with, naturally, the Eucharist at its center. It began with a greeting of welcome to the confreres who had come from every part of Italy, by Knight of the Grand Cross Giovanni Ricasoli Firidolfi, Lieutenant for Central Appenine Italy, followed by the recitation of Morning Praise and *lectio divina* by Father Innocenzo Gargano, a Camaldolese monk scholar and Prior of the Roman monastery

of San Gregorio al Celio. Next there was an address by the Franciscan Custos of the Holy Land, Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa. "The Eucharist is not only a celebration", he said, "but a way of life that calls us to bear witness to forgiveness, reconciliation, and solidarity." And with a reference to the enduring divisions among the Churches where Jesus instituted the Eucharist, the sacrament of unity, he admitted, "We Christians are a wounded entity, the division is a still open wound, and in some way it is a counter-witness: it is very hard to give witness to the Eucharist, to wash one another's feet when we are divided"; however, despite this, he emphasized, "all the communities live together. Lastly, he indicated that "the only possible road is that of communion, also because it cannot be taken for granted; rather it is a witness that is expected, which we seek to provide with our limitations, but with a surplus of charity that is concrete".

On the topic of "The Eucharist: Christ's gift to the Church, a self-giving to the brothers and sisters", the Commander with Star Bishop Luciano Giovanetti, Bishop emeritus of Fiesole and Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy of Central Appenine Italy, developed a reflection that was broad in its



In the row (also in the former page) the Governor General and the dignitaries of the Order.

IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES: the Holy Father walks to the altar of the Eucharistic celebration and, at the end, stands on the "Popemobile".

scope and offered stimulating perspectives; because of its great worth, several pages of this review have been dedicated to it as a contribution to the spiritual life of the Knights and Ladies of every latitude and longitude.

The topic of "Christian charity in the Order of the Holy Sepulchre on behalf of the Holy Land" was the dominant theme – nor could it be otherwise – of the closing address given by the Governor General Agostino Borromeo. In order to demonstrate the close relationship of membership in the Order with the sacrament of the Eucharist, he began with an unusual reference to the most ancient ritual of the ceremony of investiture of the knights (from the year 1626) requiring the candidate's "devout preparation" and before the rite, his "confession, attendance at Mass and reception of the Eucharist". Not only this, but the first of the promises made by the candidate was the commitment, whenever circumstances allowed, to assist every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. For centuries, therefore, the spirituality of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre has been centered on Eucharistic devotion; this priority has been maintained all the way to the current statutes. From the Eucharist flows the Order's charitable activity, illuminated by the teachings of Saint Paul and Saint John the Evangelist, but also by the Magisterium of the Church. Quite pertinent was the citation of a passage from the homily of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, on the occasion of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi this year (2011): "The Eucharist,

therefore, while it unites us to Christ also opens us to others... also to our distant brethren in every part of the world".

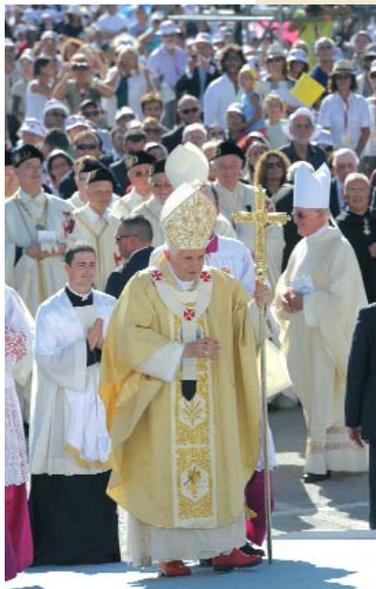
"In our case", Professor Borromeo indicated, "the distant brethren are the Christians of the Holy Land" and our Constitution is explicit in this regard: of the principal tasks entrusted to the Order is "to sustain and aid the charitable, cultural and social works and institutions of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, particularly those of and in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, with which the Order maintains traditional ties".

As a historian, he recalled these ties, dwelling however on the restructuring of the Order as it was shaped in the reorganization that took place in 1847, at the beginning of the pontificate of Pius IX and is still in effect today. Thus, he said, the Grand Magisterium, the organ of the institution's government, "in harmony with the historic tradition" today devotes the greater part of its own finances directly towards the Latin Patriarchate to maintain the schools (in Israel, the Palestinian Territories and in Jordan, totaling 42 schools today, attended by 18.600 children, 64% of whom are Christians, and employing, between teachers and auxiliary staff, 1600 persons) ; to cover the current expenses of the seminary that forms the future priests; to provide for the support of the clergy (salaries for the priests and employees, health-care insurance for religious who work in the parishes, purchase of office supplies and electronic equipment, etc.) and to support the "pastoral activities",

which the Governor General defined as having “strategic importance” because they allow the parishes to maintain their role as centers of reference for the Christian communities, taking into consideration also the fact that, in today’s difficult circumstances, many parents are not in a position to offer their children Sunday outings or summer vacations”.

In addition to this aid to the Patriarchate as a whole, the Governor recalled the assistance that the Grand Magisterium offers each year, through the Commission for the Holy Land, for planning and financing specific projects such as the construction or reconstruction of churches and schools, sometimes over a period of years (as some most recent examples he mentioned the construction of the large churches in Aqabah, the Jordanian city on the Red Sea and the parish school in Rameh, in Israel). Other aid projects are proposed by the Holy See through a special organism of the Vatican’s Congregation for the Oriental Churches, the Reunion of Aid Agencies for the Oriental Churches, known by its acronym ROACO. This year the Order is financing the renovation of the Greek Melkite school in Aqaba and the construction of a centre for the handicapped at the school of the Rosary Sisters in Beit Hanina and is contributing to the activity of the Ephata Institute for deaf mutes in Betlehem.

Nor should we forget the regular support for various Catholic institutions, such as Bethlehem University, a dynamic academic centre, two thirds of whose students are Muslim; with respect for the principles of peace, justice and brotherhood in the re-



Pope Benedict XVI: “Only in God does man have meaning”

Closing the 25th Italian Eucharistic Congress, held in Ancona, during the homily of the Mass at which he presided, the Holy Father strongly emphasized the spiritual meaning and social value of the Eucharist. He said, among other things, that God is the central question of our age and “It is first and foremost God’s primacy that we must recover in our world and in our life, because it is this primacy that enables us to discover the truth of what we are, and it is in

knowing and following God’s will that we find our own good”. In order to live, he stated, the human being needs “true bread”; when one tries to break this relationship, history has dramatically shown that humanity ends up on the threshold of self-destruction. “The objective of guaranteeing everyone development, material well-being and peace, by leaving out God and his revelation, has been resolved by giving people stones instead of bread. Eucharistic communion... wrenches us from our individualism, communicates to us the spirit of Christ dead and risen, and conforms us to him,” and

overflows into our concrete action: hence Pope Benedict XVI’s invitation always to repair lovingly the fabric of the ecclesial community, surmounting “divisions and antagonism”, appreciating “the diversity of charisms and ministries, putting them at the service of the Church, of her vitality and mission”. Hence, he appealed, for an “intense assumption of responsibility... at all the levels of community life; (for) a new positive social development... which is centered on the person, especially when he or she is poor, sick or in need” and for a restoration of “dignity to the days of human beings”.



gion it is helping to form the future leaders in Palestine and promote the role of women in Arab society. The Governor General also recalled the attention given in recent years to humanitarian aid and medical care on behalf of the poorer families (from 2001 to 2008 the Order sent approximately 4 million dollars, and another 500 thousand dollars were sent in 2009, after the conflict in Gaza). Between 2001 and 2010 almost 80 million dollars were sent to the Holy Land.

Dwelling in conclusion on the challenges that the little Catholic community in the Holy Land (a small minority, 3 per cent, surrounded by a majority of Jews in Israel and Muslims in Jordan and the Palestinian Territories) has to face each day, Professor Borromeo stated that in order to permit them to develop and be respected – conditions that are necessary for their survival – their members must have a thorough professional training and an excellent cultural preparation. This is the reason why the Order pays particular attention to the institutes of scholastic education and the universities. However, “the true problem is to offer Christians dignified living conditions”: hence the Order’s reaching out to new sectors, instruments and strategies of intervention. “The person in Rome who has to manage the aid to the Holy Land is compelled to realize day after day that our common action is not enough to cover the present urgent need of our brothers and sisters who are living there in the difficult living conditions which are well-known to

all of us. Sometimes we have the impression that we are only adding water droplets to a sea of political, economic and human problems that afflict that miniscule area of the Middle East. However, although limited in quantity, our material aid attests to our firm will to help the Church in the Holy Land, to alleviate the suffering of our Christian brothers and sisters. We seek to offer them the witness that we are close to them in spirit, in our human solidarity, in the sense of communion in the unity of the universal Church”.

At the conclusion of the congress, the Knights and Ladies went in procession to the nearby Metropolitan Cathedral of Saint Ciriaco, “suspended between heaven and earth” for a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided at by Archbishop Cesare Nosiglia of Turin. “In a society filled with words”, he said, “the Word of God, so apparently small, is capable of warming our hearts. And the Eucharistic Bread gives strength to the disciples who become efficacious and fervent witnesses of the Resurrection”.

The other gatherings took place in the area of the Mole Vanvitelliana and the nearby city of Senigallia (chosen as the Order’s “operational base”); the hotels of these two areas provided excellent hospitality to the participants who came from every part of Italy. The organization, superb in every detail, was provided by the Lieutenancy of Central Appenine Italy, and in particular by the section of Ancona, with many of its members mobilized under the leadership of its Lieutenant, Giovanni Ricasoli-Firidolfi.

“Where God is, there is a future”

POPE BENEDICT XVI’S JOURNEY LEAVES A LASTING HERITAGE TO THE GERMAN LIEUTENANCY

In 2011 once again the spiritual life enlightened the activities of the Lieutenancy, including its two sections and delegations, in fulfilling the principle that all these must perform under the guidance of an “annual motto” that allows them to deepen spirituality and religious events.

The two investitures, held in May in Bamberg and in October at Osnabrück, saw the admission of many new members. However, the most significant moment of the year was certainly the Apostolic Visit of Benedict XVI to Germany. The active contribution of the Order’s members was a determining factor in the planning and organization of his visit (his third: he came in 2005 for World Youth day in Cologne and a year later to “his” Bavaria) that lasted four days and was marked by 32 encounters and 19 discourses in the cities of Berlin, Erfurt, Etzelsbach-im-Eichsfeld and Freiburg. Many members of the Lieutenancy participated at all the events. These were unforgettable days, enlightened with the motto “Where God is, there is a future”, chosen by the German Bishops’ Conference, but taken from the Holy Father’s 2007 address in the Marian sanctuary of Mariazell in Austria. It followed that in the various places and throughout the events of this trip there was a discussion about the search for God as a search for the future of humankind in order to establish a close tie – and this Benedict XVI considers important – between the Word of God and society, and naturally with the living Church.

The trip saw the realization of this intention, especially during the wise and brilliant address to the German Federal Parlia-

Which contributed to the planning and realization of the memorable event – Significant visible presence of the Knights and Ladies at all events

ment, which can rightly be called an historic event. Its members, who no longer felt put off by the media outcry evoked by the visit, were indeed able to accept from the Pope a statement of principles, to hear him speak about God, of the Church’s engagement in society and of those who are seeking God; and to hear him reemphasize the responsibilities of political life. Many of the Parliamentarians were impressed. Essentially with this address and two others, Benedict XVI defined the direction of the Church in Germany, but also of the universal Church. One of these was his address during his visit to the Augustinian convent at Erfurt, where Martin Luther lived when he was still a Catholic religious. Because this meeting was marked by expectations that were exaggerated, especially from outside the country and by the mass media, the Holy Father’s speech, which was extremely wide-reaching, was considered disappointing by some people. However, the fact that the Pope went to Erfurt and praised Martin Luther there, represented something important and a great novelty in Catholic thought.

If we consider, last of all, his address in the Konzerthaus in Freiburg, it was evident that the Pope did not want to speak about



Pope Benedict XVI welcomed at his arrival in the cathedral of Erfurt.

the conflictual, deliberate and hasty tones towards a Church that should be radically different than the one of today; rather, a universal Church that is in the world, and not of the world. “De-mundanizing” means, in the Pope’s understanding, a Church that acts with humility, that does not forget the dignity of the human person and, at the same time, acts responsibly in society.

In the new year the Lieutenancy will read and meditate on these addresses of the Holy Father in the various sections and delegations. It is a heritage that he has left us. We should also mention the touching Eucharistic celebration in the Olympic Sta-

dium of Berlin, which is normally filled with soccer fans, but which that day became a rolling sea of faithful and people in a festive mood. The Marian Vespers in Etzelsbach were intended to bear witness to, through the person of the Pope, how all Christians – Catholics and Protestants alike – suffered under two dictatorships without ever renouncing their faith.

At Erfurt, under a blue sky and crisp weather, the Pope was greeted by the peals of the “Gloriosa”, the famous bell of the cathedral. The Mass, celebrated in the piazza in front of the cathedral, was the crowning point of his visit to Eastern Germany. Later it was a late-summer evening’s weather that witnessed his gathering in Freiburg with an enthusiastic crowd of young people who bore witness to their faith and their bonds with the Church. Almost one hundred thousand people came to the airfield at Freiburg on the last day to

participate in the Sunday Mass celebrated by Benedict XVI.

These events revealed an unconstrained Germany to those who look upon this country critically: its Church is with the Holy Father. The Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre made profession of fidelity to him. Their presence during the Pope’s visit was numerous and visible to the press as well. Thanks to an image reinforced by the Papal visit, the Order has assumed the responsibility to continue to keep alive the motto: “Where God is, there is a future”.

Matthias Kopp

“A SIGN OF UNITY AND A BOND OF CHARITY”

The Holy Eucharist renews what took place at the Last Supper when “the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me’ (1 Cor. 11, 23-25). Thus every time we obey the Lord’s command by celebrating the Passover of Christ and of the Church, the body and the blood of the Paschal Lamb is truly present.

In the presence of this admirable mystery we proclaim the Lord of our faith, of our adoration, of our love and our thanksgiving.

Dominus est!: it is the living Lord in our midst whom, like the disciples of Emmaus, we recognize in the breaking of the bread.

Saint Augustine reminds us: “If you want to understand the mystery of the Body of Christ, listen to the Apostle who says to the faithful: ‘You, however, are the Body of Christ and His members’. ... To that which you are, you answer: ‘Amen’; and by answering, you subscribe to it. For you hear: ‘The Body of Christ!’ and you answer: ‘Amen!’ Be a member of Christ’s Body, so that your ‘Amen’ may be the truth”. So, with great emotion each of us understands that in the Eucharistic celebration he or she is recognized as the Body of Christ.

Here we experience our great dignity: I am another Christ! At the same time we sense our responsibility to have the same sentiments, behavior, and lifestyle of Christ. Full participation in the Eucharist is truly a dynamic reality that asks us each

day to be conformed to Christ.

All of this, however, does not engage us merely on the personal level; rather, it involves the community because it concerns the whole life of the Church which cannot do without the Eucharist. She is the body of Christ: “Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf”. (1 Cor 10,17). Unity, fraternity, charity, mutual attention are therefore not optional, but flow from an understanding of the Eucharist.

Otherwise, as Saint Paul reminds us, without recognizing the Lord’s body we would be performing an empty ritual and therefore eating our own condemnation. (cf. 1 Cor 11, 27-34). From this awareness we are moved to work with great passion for fraternal communion and perform works of charity within the ecclesial community and in the world.

This is what Pascal understood quite well when at the end of his life he ardently desired to receive the Eucharist as Viaticum. However, that was not possible because he could not swallow. So he asked that a poor sick person be brought and placed next to his bed and taken care of with great attention, stating that: “Since I cannot communicate with the sacramental Body of Christ, I could communicate with the Christ present in the poor”.

And referring once again to Saint Augustine, it is the Holy Signs that exhort us to delve deeper into and live this reality. One bread, but who is this bread? The many kernels of grain that were thrown into the earth at the time of sowing died and they have given us their golden ears. Then after the harvest they were ground and kneaded to form a single entity. And we

have to understand the same thing about the chalice: the wine too is formed from many grapes attached to the bunch that were crushed and pressed, becoming a single thing (cf: St. Austine, *Serm 272*). From this it is evident that God's plan can be fulfilled with demanding engagement, fruit and sacrifice, never forgetting that easily-gained joy is a mortal enemy. Enriched by this experience we can exclaim: "We all eat of the same bread because we are a single entity. Oh, sign of unity, oh, bond of charity!"

These words have a special resonance in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem because they constitute a purpose within our Order in our commitment to be of one heart and soul. At the same time we are committed affectively

and effectively to continue generously and enthusiastically our humble yet valuable service on behalf of the Holy Land because in it shines forth the sign of unity, peace and love.

May we be helped and comforted by Mary Most Holy, whom Blessed John Paul II called the "Eucharistic woman".

Eucharistic woman, not only because from Pentecost to her Assumption she participated in the Eucharist celebrated by the apostles, but because she lived the demands of the Eucharistic celebration in her total self-offering, in the service of God and the brothers and sisters.

* Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy for the Apennine region of Central Italy.

In the Year of Faith Invited to pray to Blessed Bartolo Longo

In this Year of Faith, announced by Pope Benedict XVI, the prayer which countless devotés of Our Lady of the Rosary pray to Blessed Bartolo Longo in the Sanctuary of Pompeii and throughout the whole world. He is, as our readers are aware, the only lay member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem who has been raised to the honours of the altar. In fact, the following prayer for the concession of special graces and for his canonization, recalls him as a great man of faith:

God, Father of mercy, we praise you for having sent into the history of humankind the Blessed Bartolo Longo, ardent apostle of the Rosary and shining example of a layman deeply involved in the evangelical witnessing of faith and of charity.

We thank you for his extraordinary spiritual journey, his prophetic intuitions, his tireless endeavours on behalf of the poorest and the neglected, the devotion with which he served your Church and built the new city of love at Pompeii.

We beseech you, grant that Blessed Bartolo Longo soon be numbered among the Saints of the universal Church, so that everyone may follow him as a model of life and benefit by his intercession.
Amen.

This prayer, which the Knights and Ladies of our Order are invited to pray, should be followed by a threefold Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.



Blessed Bartolo Longo with the cape of a Knight of the Order in the urn exposed for the veneration of the faithful in the crape in the Marian shrine of Pompeii built by him..

The devotion of the members of the Order to their Patroness

NEW ICONS OF MARY QUEEN OF PALESTINE

*The icon created in
England
commemorates the
950th anniversary of
the sanctuary of
Walsingham, a
“replica” of the house of
the Annunciation at
Nazareth –
The other one confirms
the renewal of the
image displayed in
Apulia for the Holy
Year of 2000*

*The great icon exhibited in the
Sanctuary of the Annunciation
of Walsingham is rich in
symbolic references.*



Two modern icons of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine, one painted in England and the other in Southern Adriatic Italy, bear witness to the growing and deep veneration for the heavenly patroness of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The artists are members of their

respective lieutenantcies, and although different in their stories, are united by an identical inspiration: the desire for a depiction of the Patroness that responds to her title and expressed in an image that endures over time, because it refers to the traditional Marian iconography with characteristics common to both West and East.

The story of the first icon will be mentioned right off, because it is grounded in the religious tradition of the English nation, which this year was felt and heightened particularly in connection to an important anniversary: it is related, in fact, to the sanctuary of the Annunciation in Walsingham, Norfolk County, built in 1061, that for 950 years has existed as a “replica” of Mary’s house at Nazareth.

The sponsor of that church was the Sax-

The new prayer by Patriarch Twal

The Patriarch of Jerusalem, Fouad Twal, has approved the following prayer to Our Lady of Palestine depicted in the Walsingham icon:

Our Heavenly Mother, Daughter and Queen of the Holy Land, we pray for your powerful intercession.*

May grace rain in abundance upon your people, softening all hardened hearts, bringing justice with peace to the Holy Land.

May Jerusalem shine as a beacon of unity among Christians who are privileged to live close to the Holy Places, sanctified by Jesus’ Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection.

May this Holy City be an oasis of friendship and understanding between Jews, Christians and Muslims. May intolerance and suspicion be dispelled, may love drive out fear.

Our Heavenly Mother, look with compassion on the inhabitants of this country of yours, afflicted by conflict and unrest since many generations.

May all who do not believe in the one God be touched by your grace and come to the fullness of Faith, Hope and Love. We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Our Lady, Daughter and Queen of the Holy Land, pray for us.*

* To distinguish this prayer from the one written by Patriarch Barlassina, in which Mary is called Queen of Palestine.

on noblewoman, Richeldis de Faverches. It is told that she was inspired by an inspiration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to whom she had great devotion, in her sleep. Her husband, the *Lord of the Manor of Walsingham Parva*, set about fulfilling her promise. The sanctuary immediately began to draw – and continues to do so – many of the faithful, with many monarchs included among the pilgrims until Henry VIII, who in open conflict with the Church of Rome ordered its destruction in 1538 and soon the chapels marking the stops on the pilgrimage fell into a state of abandonment. All except the last chapel, only a mile away Walsingham at Houghton Saint Giles (known as *The Slipper Chapel* and dedicated to Saint Catherine of Alexandria) which local farmers used as a barn and then as a stable until it was “rediscovered” in 1863 and purchased by another woman who was devoted to the Blessed Virgin, Miss Charlotte Pearson Boyde. She was an Anglican who had converted to Catholicism a short time before; she oversaw its restoration and then gave it to the Bishop of the Diocese of Northampton. The latter revived the cult and in 1897 obtained from Pope Leo XIII the reconstitution of the Marian shrine, in which a statue of the Blessed Virgin of Nazareth, sculpted in Bavaria by Marcel Barbeau, was ceremoniously enshrined. Since that day, it has been the site of pilgrimages and centre of celebrations throughout the year. Since 1934 the “English Nazareth” is a national shrine and it is easy to understand why, since it evokes the Holy Land, it is very dear to the knights and ladies of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

And one of these, mindful of the fact that the Marian icon of the medieval shrine of Walsingham was burned at the order of Henry VIII, had the idea of creating a new one, thus establishing a tie between the noblewoman Richeldis’ vision of building a shrine in honor of the Annunciation at Nazareth and today’s Nazareth, in consideration of the fact that the Patroness of the Order is the Blessed Virgin Mary,

The image of the Patroness, venerated for almost a century in the Sanctuary of Deir Rafat

The best-known and most widely venerated image of the Queen of Palestine is the one commissioned in the 1920s by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Luigi Barlassina for the sanctuary of the Holy Land dedicated to her, which he had built at Deir Rafat, the site of many pilgrimages since that time, now entrusted to the care of the Order of the Servants of Mary. The image, now placed over the left side altar, was painted in the style of that period by a woman religious of Italian origin, Sister Maria Giovannina, of the Congregation of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, and represents Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception extending her hand over Palestine, her homeland. This depiction was chosen by the Patriarch because the dogma of the Immaculate Conception had been proclaimed by Pope Pius IX, the same Pope who had restored the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Monsignor Barlassina also composed the well-known prayer to “Mary Immaculate, Queen of Heaven and Earth”, asking her to turn “to turn a pitying glance upon Palestine, which, more than any other country, belongs to you,” and to watch over “with special protection your native country”. The subject of this painting has inspired a precious copy, made this year in Florence by Angela Nocentini, a teacher in that city’s Academy of Fine Arts; in this case too it was commissioned by a Member of the Order, Knight Giovanni Gianfrate, who donated it to his Lieutenancy, that of Central Italy Appenine, and is exposed in the Headquarters of the Delegation of Florence, in which he serves as secretary. The



The image of the Queen of Palestine venerated at Deir Rafat, depicted in the copy by Angela Nocentini, now exposed in the Headquarters of the Delegation of Florence.

blessing of the image took place on the feast of the patroness, which was marked with the celebration of the proper of the Mass for the feast in an Italian translation sent by Mons. William Shomali, Auxiliary Bishop of the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Fouad Twal.

Queen of Palestine. The work, painted in 2009 by Leon Liddament of the “Fraternity of Saint Seraphin of Sarov” (their charism is grounded in Russian Orthodox Christian spirituality), was presented by Michael Whelan, the Lieutenant for England and Wales at that time, to the Grand Prior of the Order, Fouad Twal, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. A copy, painted last year by Bechy Nelson, a student of Leon, was blessed by Pope Benedict XVI on the

occasion of his historic visit to London last year, and given by the present Lieutenant, David Smith, to the Grand Master at that time, Cardinal John Patrick Foley.

The icon communicates a series of important messages. The most apparent one is the depiction of modern Jerusalem inspired by the mosaic of the Map of Madaba and placed in the arms of the Virgin, as if it were the body of Jesus taken down from the cross. The perspective of the city



The Marian shrine of Walsingham, a pilgrimage goal for English Catholics.

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE: the icons of the Queen of Palestine, both executed in the territory of the lieutenancy for Southern Adriatic Italy.

is the view from the Mount of Olives, giving prominence to the domes of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, a synagogue near the Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock, thus symbolizing that God is adored by the three monotheistic religions. The map is surrounded by olive trees, signifying that it is the city of peace, but the sad face of the Virgin, who is seated on a throne wearing a queen's crown, with a tear falling from her right eye to indicate the present sad situation. In the left-hand corner the depiction of the Holy Spirit recalls the

connection between Walsingham and Nazareth.

The icon of Mary Queen of Palestine painted by an Italian artist, Maria Lucia Alemanno, a student of Greek masters, is fully ensconced in the Byzantine tradition through its use of images and technique: the Virgin Mary is depicted in half bust, bearing the Child Jesus on her left arm while in her right she holds the cross potent, the fivefold cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, of which she is the Patroness. Above, two



angels extend their hands over her head as in the act of crowning her as queen. Although the *Theotokos* is in the central position, her whole presence indicates the Son, who is a Babe only in stature, but whose face, gestures and gold-threaded garments show him as an adult. Thanks to a perfect lithographic reproduction, the icon has spread beyond the confines of the lieutenancy.

Significantly, the icon (commissioned by Commander Massimo Perrone, who belongs to the Section of Salento) was executed in Apulia, the Italian region with the closest historical ties to the Holy Land, and that Mary is holding in her hands the same scepter that appears in the first modern icon of the Queen of Palestine, created in that same region during the Holy Year 2000, under the initiative and guidance of Mons. Luigi Michele de Palma, professor of Church history at the Lateran University and a member of the Order as well. This icon is exposed in St. Peter's Church in Molfetta, the spiritual seat of the delegation belonging to the Lieutenancy for southern Adriatic Italy; it too has had a broad distribution. Created in the Apulian-Byzantine style of iconography in the

school attached to the ancient Abbey of S. Maria di Pulsano on Monte Gargano, its model ("type") is that of the Seat of Wisdom (*Sedes Sapientiae*). The main figure is Christ clothed in divinity, in the act of blessing (in the Greek style) and holding the scroll of the Law in his hand. He is seated frontally on the lap of the Mother of God who, wearing a royal crown on her head, is dressed in imperial clothing. Her left hand bears the ornate scepter of the cross potent of Jerusalem, the emblem of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, and this figure reappears on a shield placed on the arm of the throne; on the other arm is a shield with the honorific insignias of the person who commissioned the work who, in addition to being a commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, is also a chaplain of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

Graziano Motta





The Italian Postal Service accompanied the issue of the Euro 0,60 celebrative stamp with a publication edited by the Philatelic service, in which an excerpt of Benedict XVI's speech of the 5th December 2008, at the Consulta of the Order, was quoted; as well as a narrative of the history and goals of the Order (in Italian and English) by the Pro-Grand Master Edwin F. O'Brien.

THE ITALIAN STATE HONORS THE ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE WITH A POSTAGE STAMP

Pope St. Pius X, who was also Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, presents a distinction to Knight Mario Albertella, a well-known painter of the 20th century; the latter perpetuated the moment in a painting that serves as a self-portrait. The event has to be dated between 1909 and 1917 when the Latin Patriarch of the Holy City was His Beatitude Filippo Camassei, who is depicted at the Pope's side. The original painting was destroyed during the bombing of Albertella's studio in Milan during the Second World War, but a copy of it had already appeared in the order's periodical, *Crociata*, in 1935 and now graces a stamp issued by the Italian Postal Service.

The stamp's presentation in Rome on 3 November highlighted the Italian State's authoritative recognition of our Order; indeed, the proposal to issue the stamp was made by the Ministry for Economic Development and was approved with a decree of the President of the Republic, Giorgio Napolitano. During the ceremony which was held in Palazzo della Rovere, Headquarters of the Grand Magisterium of the

Order, introduced by the Governor General Agostino Borromeo and concluded by the Assessor, Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea representing the Pro-Grand Master, Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, two of the speakers were our confreres, Knight Commander Engineer Massimo Sarmi, Administrator Delegate of the Italian Postal Service, and Knight of the Grand Cross, Professor Angelo Di Stasi, President of the Philatelic Commission of the Ministry for Economic Development. Noteworthy also was the presence of Emanuela, Tiziana and Alberto Albertella among those invited, also representing the artist's other grandchildren.

Once before, in 1933, the symbol of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem appeared on stamps issued by the Italian State, in the series celebrating that Holy Year; the price of three of the stamps included an amount destined to support the institutions in the Holy Land. Up to this time, however, despite his importance in the nation's history, the State had never issued a stamp with the figure of Pope Saint Pius X.

POSTAGE STAMPS ALSO IN HOLLAND, PRO TERRA SANTA

An issue of postage stamps to help raise funds for the Holy Land has also taken place through the initiative of the enterprising Lieutenancy of the Order for the Netherlands. Made possible by the liberalization of the postal service in this country belonging to the European Union, the initiative has some very special connotations, which perhaps could not be replicated in other places at this time, but which deserve to be illustrated.

Taking advantage of an offer made to institutions, societies and private parties by a company named PostNL, one of the private corporations to which the Dutch government had transferred the National postal service, the Lieutenancy provided a draft copy of a “personalized” postage stamp that does not bear a face value in Euros (the country’s currency) but only a single digit, in this case the number 1 which corresponds to 50 Euro cents, that is the cost of mailing a letter or postcard of 20 grams or less within the territory of Holland. The sending and delivery of this mail can be made only by PostNL, who issued the stamps; these stamps are not sold by them but exclusively by the person who com-

missioned them, in this case the Lieutenancy, who sells them through its members. It has purchased 500 sheets of 10 stamps from PostNL at the price of 5 Euros a sheet, and resells them at 7 Euros a sheet: the two Euros increase the funds to help the Christians in the Holy Land, the specific goal of the commitment of the knights and ladies of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.



The stamp portrays above a detail of the superior part of the façade of the Basilica of Gethsemane in Jerusalem, and below it features, in Dutch, the name of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre; in the centre, the cross potent which is its emblem.

The Order towards technology as means of peace

A COMPUTER FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN VIEW OF THE HOLY LAND

*The educational programme
of the OLPC association,
founded on ethical values, has
been presented to
representatives of the Catholic
Church and education at the
Grand Magisterium*

An international association, well known and respected for its introduction of new computer technologies into schools, in order to illustrate them in Rome to Vatican and Italian people and institutions committed in the world of catholic education, chose our Order for its acknowledged experience in education, gained in the Holy Land. One of the purposes was to promote its programme, called *One laptop per Child*. This is also the name of the association, better known by the acronym OLPC. The programme was presented at the Grand Magisterium on Friday 27th May during an event presided by the Assessor of the Order, archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea, which featured the president of OLPC professor Rodrigo Ar-

boleda and the chief of its Department of Education, professor Antonio M. Battro. Cardinals Georges Marie Martin Cottier, Pro Theologian emeritus of the Pontifical Household, and Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace also attended, as well as the representatives of the Congregation for Catholic Education and of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications; members of male and female religious congregations; Italian authorities in charge of public instruction; schools' headmasters; and, among the experts, Suor Caterina Cangia FMA, known all over the world as *Sisternet* for her studies on the new communication media, the subject of her University teaching.

In introducing the conference, Governor General Agostino Borromeo highlighted a "peculiar contrast": one would speak about advanced technology and computers "in the historic framework of an ancient institution (the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem) surrounded by frescos painted over five centuries ago by the great Pinturicchio", a circumstance which "brings us back to mind the always valid principle that it is necessary to know the past in order to understand the present and plan the future". And in fact, he clarified, the presenta-

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one laptop per child

(Un computer per ogni ragazzo)

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Venerdi 27 maggio 2011 - ore 16,00



(from left) The president of OLPC professor Rodrigo Arboleda, professor Antonio M. Battro, the Assessor archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea, Governor General Agostino Borromeo and the member of the Grand Magisterium Thomas E. McKiernan.

tion of the programme *One Laptop per Child* concerns “the present and the future of children all over the world... a future that for the time we have left to live with them, will also be the future of us adults”.

An educational programme, he went on, “founded on ethical values”, which offers every child, everywhere in the world, “the same opportunities of learning, independently from gender, nationality, ethnicity, religion or social condition. It is a matter of distributive justice”. Not only that, but “because computers are also means of communication, they promote the dialogue between people, reciprocal knowledge, acceptance of differences, respect of other people’s dignity. Technology thus becomes an instrument of peace: peace between people and, who knows, in the future, also peace between peoples. It is in childhood, in fact, that one learns how to become peace operators. And those who are children today, may become tomorrow the ruling class of their respective countries”. From this thought derives another one, on the mission of the Order, “centred, as per formal mandate of the Holy See, on the charitable action towards the Church in the Holy Land and the Christians belonging to it”.

Professor Arboleda stated that the OLPC Association considers “children our mission, not a market”; for its members, giving a computer to every child means acting so that a billion children can own one, as an instrument of instruction, cul-

ture, awareness and opening to today’s world, as a bearer of ethical and social justice values; as a seed of historic transformation, perceived by the “inspiring fathers” Jean Piaget and Seymour Papert, and studied particularly in its educational implications by professor Antonio Battro. He underlined that since its constitution, the non profit Association has been promoter and protagonist of the distribution in the schools of innumerable countries – not only the so-called emerging ones but also the more advanced – of more than two million laptops: apparently a white and light green toy, actually a real computer, conceived by Nicholas Negroponte in the Media research laboratory of the prestigious MIT in Boston.

Prof. Battro, a famed doctor and psychologist, a member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, illustrated the five principles ruling OLPC’s educational programme: to ensure that every child has a laptop as a personal instrument; to include a free software; to promote the early learning of laptop use and of “digitalese” as if it were a mother tongue; to establish a link between children and those teachers who are interested, guaranteeing a safe connection to the internet through the school server; to act in such a way as to make all the OLPC programme, by including also the disabled, involve the whole social reality of the children, of their community and, in the vision of a “wider classroom”, their home computer.



FROM THE
LIEUTENANCIES



AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA

Voluntary activity that does us proud

At the annual dinner of the members of the Lieutenancy in June our confrere Mark Ellis spoke about his work as a volunteer ophthalmic surgeon in Maliana (East Timor) and Sumba Island (Indonesia) to help the poor and marginalized populace with cataracts and eye problems. His words were enthralling and likewise impressive were the images of the surgeries that completely transformed the

life of those who underwent them. On these twice-yearly visits to Indonesia Doctor Ellis is supported by a team from Victoria and his wife Janet supports him. The conditions in both East Timor and Indonesia are primitive, making eye surgery very difficult. Doctor Ellis also trains local people in the skills necessary to help with the medical needs of

their community members on the basis of helping people to help themselves. As well as conducting about 100 operations on each visit the team prescribes hundreds of spectacles and supports local malnutrition and water projects. The Victoria Lieutenancy is proud of the voluntary work of its knights and dames

At the annual retreat preceding the Ceremony of Investiture of the Lieutenancy in September 2011, the Victorian members were inspired by Fr. Brendan Hayes at the Carmelite monastery in Kew. At the Vigil at Arms Fr.

Hayes spoke about the “call to arms” of knights and dames who await the coming of Jesus at the Sepulcher; and of our call to poverty, chastity and obedience, in particular charity towards the poor. He linked the stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi and the command the saint received from the Crucified Lord to repair His church, which was in ruins. Like St Francis the order’s members are



Our confrere, ophthalmologist Dr. Mark Ellis, and his assistants during eye surgery.

called to convert to Christ and bear His Cross.

During his homily at the Vigil Mass on the feast of St. Albert of Jerusalem, Fr. Hayes recalled the work of the Carmelites in supporting the Christians in the Holy Land. This topic was also discussed during the meeting for the Vigil, recalling the recent concluding document of the Synod of Bishops for the Middle East. The Lieutenancy, which supports the Catholic school in Ramallah, contributes to the education and employment opportunities that slow the emigration of Christians from the Holy Land.



AUSTRALIA - WESTERN

Emotional pilgrimage to the basilica of the Holy Sepulchre

The visit to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, which took place on the afternoon of Wednesday, 5 October, was certainly one of the most moving moments of the Lieutenantcy's pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The group – led by lieutenant Robert E. Peters consisted of his spouse, Dr Molly Peters, Lady Rona

Landquist (three-time pilgrim to the Holy Land), eight other members of the Lieutenantcy and 13 other pilgrims. They were greeted at the entrance by the Custos of the Holy Land, Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa, who blessed them with holy water. Then in procession, chanting the *Te Deum* with organ ac-



The group of Knights and Ladies in front of the Chapel of the Anastasis in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre and (to the side, in the souvenir photo of the pilgrimage) in the reception room of the Latin Patriarchate where they were welcomed by Auxiliary Bishop William Shomali.





companiment, they reached the chapel of the *Anastasis* where they were greeted by the Custos who then, following the ceremonial for honored guests, led them in the personal veneration of the empty tomb of the Lord.

The theme of the pilgrimage, organized by the Lieutenancy together with *Laila Tours and Travel* of Bethlehem was “in the footsteps of Jesus Christ” and saw the pilgrims renewing their baptismal promises at the Jordan River; the married couples renewed their wedding vows in the church in Cana and in Jerusalem they all walked the *Via Dolorosa* behind the cross, meditating at each station on the Lord’s Passion.

An important part of the pilgrimage was the visit to Bethlehem University and Al Aliyah Catholic College in Ramallah, both educational institutions supported by the Order. The latter college is sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of Australia. The principal of Al Aliyah College has appealed for funds to establish a computer laboratory for primary school students. It was heartening to see Christian and Muslim children attending a co-educational school and playing together. At Bethlehem University the students told them of the great difficulties they encounter every day to come to school, especially at the security check points. The pilgrims joined the students of

the faculty of tourism at lunch; then they were received by Demetri Awward, the Guest Relations Officer. Lieutenant Robert Peters presented both institutions with a donation and a commemorative plaque. On 1 October he and his wife participated in a great reception at the Intercontinental Hotel in Bethlehem, greeted by Bishop William Shomali, Auxiliary of the Latin Patriarch, by the city’s mayor Victor Batarseh, the deputy mayor, and member of the Grand Magisterium Michael Whelan, who was leading a group of English pilgrims.

Twenty-two of the pilgrims continued on to Jordan and at the sanctuary of Mount Nebo they were received by the Franciscan guardian, a fellow Australian who has devoted 35 years of his life to the Holy Land.

Each day Mass was celebrated at the various pilgrimage places – particularly at Nazareth in the Grotto of the Annunciation – by the spiritual director, member of the Order Father Richard Smith, who was helped in the selection of the readings by our confrere Derek Peters.

As a memento of this pilgrimage the Pilgrim Shell was presented at the headquarters of the Latin Patriarchate by Auxiliary Bishop William Shomali to those members of the Order who were making the pilgrimage for the first time.

AUSTRIA

A community in expansion On pilgrimage in the Holy Land

Led by the Grand Prior, Archbishop Alois Kothgasser, and by the lieutenant, Karl Lengheimer, in August 2011 a delegation from the Lieutenancy visited the Holy Land on a pilgrimage that was primarily one of prayer at the places of our Redemption, but also a visit to the institutions aided by contributions from the Lieutenancy (including the institute of the Sisters of Saint Vincent for severely handicapped children). It was also marked by a meeting with the Latin Patriarch of

Jerusalem Fouad Twal, Grand Prior of the Order. This provided an occasion to dedicate a commemorative plaque in the Patriarchate marking the Lieutenancy’s contribution to the restoration of the co-cathedral’s campanile bells.

Members of the Lieutenancy asked that their charitable dedication to the Holy Land be brought to the attention of the people of their country, especially their efforts to satisfy various needs and improve the life of the



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Archbishop Alois Kohgasser and Patriarch Fouad Twal after the unveiling of the plaque commemorating the restoration of the belltower of the co-cathedral of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.
BELOW: in Austria, the stand at a Christmas fair benefiting the Holy Land.



people. Public events proved very useful in this regard, such as press conferences, newspaper and magazine articles and the presentation of products from the Holy Land (inlaid wood, olive oil) at Christmas and Easter fairs organized by parishes and convents such as the one at the ancient and venerable Cistercian Monastery of the Holy Cross, whose abbot is a member of the Order.

We should also mention that the Lieutenancy also established an independent as-

sociation which, because of current legislation, this year was able to receive tax exemption for all its humanitarian projects in the Holy Land.

Despite some currents of thought with implications for the Church, the Order grew significantly in Austria: in the last three years alone, the number of members has grown by about one-fourth. A determining factor has been the intense activity of the Ladies and Knights who meet regularly, usually once a



month, in the eleven sections. They are also called to participate in a weekend of meditation during Lent and a summer pilgrimage to the famous shrine of Maria Plain near Salzburg. Lastly, the Sections meet with one another or with their confreres in neighboring countries (Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Hungary) for common events.

A highpoint was the annual investiture, which was held in Vienna in October. The ceremony in which 29 new Knights and Ladies were admitted into the Order, saw the participation of many guests representing the civil life, in particular our confrere, the Vice-Chancellor of the Republic of Austria.

BELGIUM

Our motto: Spirituality, Generosity and Conviviality

The Grand Master of the Order appointed for the Lieutenancy, as new Grand Prior, mons. Jean Kockerols, auxiliary for Bruxelles to the Metropolitan archbishop cardinal Godfried Danneels. He was ordained a bishop on the 3rd April, and on 26th August he was admitted to the Order by an investiture celebrated by his predecessor, mons. Paul Lanneau, Grand Prior for 27 years. When the latter resigned, for age reasons, mons. André-Mutien Léonard, bishop of Namur took his place, but he held the position only for one year.

With the annual ceremonies of investiture which took place on the 10th and 11th June in Bruxelles in the chapter church of Notre-Dame au Sablon (in the photo), 14 new members were introduced into the Order, of whom there are eleven knights and three ladies.

The progressive decentralisation of the Lieutenancy's activities has now entered the operational phase: it is founded on the seven dioceses of Belgium, in each of which a person in charge, chosen by the lieutenant and assisted by a restricted group of collaborators, organises, at least twice a year, a meeting of members, centered around the Eucharist as well as of sympathisers, who live there, in order to receive a spiritual teaching and share the meaning of the collation. These meetings take place with the support of the Diocesan Ordinary, whether or not he is a member of the Order. One of his goals is the



possibility to ensure new candidacies.

These activities add to the traditional ceremonies of the Order which take place in the chapter church: masses for the deceased, rites of Holy Week, the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Palestine and, every month, convivial talks, given by spiritual guides of repute.

This year too, the autumn retreat in the Cistercian abbey of Sainte-Marie-du Mont des Cats and the day of recollection in the Trappist abbey of Westmalle were particularly successful. A cultural day organised in October in the Benedictine abbey of Maredsous, open to invited guests, was the opportunity for an important fund collection (17,000 euros net sum) for the University of Bethlehem; it was characterised by a concert of sacred and secular music and by a conference of the



Dominican father van Cangh, a great expert of the Holy Land, with strong bonds with the *École Biblique* of Jerusalem.

Our annual pilgrimage to the Holy Land, taking place alternatively in Spring and Autumn (and this year in March), gathered about thirty members and sympathisers of the Order: in Jordan they visited the Ader and Salt schools, built by our Lieutenancy; then in Bethlehem, the Catholic University and the *Crèche*, and finally St. Joseph Hospital in Jerusalem, the Bethany House Trust for young people and *Notre-Dame des Douleurs* of Abou Dis. In order to meet a specific request

of the members, next year a new organisation for the pilgrimage will be experimented: with the maximum duration of a week (from Sunday to Sunday) and its focus on Galilee and Jerusalem, it will enable us to reduce the costs. And it will especially reduce the time of leave for those who have professional engagements. If this solution turns out to be worthwhile, a longer pilgrimage, which includes Jordan, will alternately be organised.

Three watchwords offered to the members of the Lieutenancy – Spirituality, Generosity, Conviviality – guided our action for the whole of 2011.

BRAZIL

First historic investiture in São Salvador de Bahia

São Salvador da Bahia, which with its name honours Jesus Christ Our Saviour, spiritually joined Jerusalem on Saturday 12th November for the first historic investiture in the city of knights and ladies of the Equestri-

an Order of the Holy Sepulchre, now reunited in its young Magistral Delegation. São Salvador, first episcopal (25th February 1551) and metropolitan (16th November 1676) site of the Catholic Church in Brazil, is the capital



The group of Knights in the photo recalls the ceremony of investiture.

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE: an aerial view of the Monastery of St. Benedict in Bahia.



of the state of Bahia.

The ceremony of investiture was officiated by the Grand Prior dom Emmanuel d’Amaral, archabbot of the monastery of St. Benedict, which hosted the event, and the Magistral Delegate Luis Roberto of San Martino-Lorenzato. His spouse, countess Michelle Toscano of San Martino-Lorenzato, was the only lady who received the investiture. Among the 15 neo-knights: rev. Father Manoel Correa Viana Neto, vice admiral Mr. Lamartine de Andrada Lima and other distinguished personalities. The investiture was announced for the 17th November 2012.

CANADA ATLANTIC

Special guest and speaker: the President of the Senate

Pilgrimages to the Holy Land continue to inspire some of the participants to seek to help Christians in the Holy Land after their return to their home countries. Two of the three new members who were invested into the Order in Halifax on Oct. 1st were able to observe their daily struggle for survival when they went on a pilgrimage guided by member Fr. James Mallon, which also allowed the participants to walk in prayer in the footsteps of Jesus and to meet the locals.

Archbishop Anthony Mancini, Grand Prior, presided at the investiture of the new Knights

and the promotion of others; Knight Grand Cross Vincent MacLean, and Knight Commander with Star Fred MacGillivray were recognized for their dedication and commitment to the Order with the Silver Palm of Jerusalem.

The special guest speaker at the Investiture Luncheon was the Speaker of the Senate of Canada, Noel Kinsella, who as a Knight of Malta has traveled to the Middle East and gained a vast knowledge of the difficulties and tensions in that part of the world. The lieutenant, Stewart LeForte, presented him with the Cross of Merit of the Order granted

Photograph from the investiture ceremony in which Knight Noel Kinsella, president of the Senate (last on the right) participated. (Following page: He had just received the Cross of Merit of the Order from lieutenant Stewart LeForte).





FROM THE LIEUTENANCIES

by the Gran Master. The Lieutenancy also instituted a new award; the lieutenant's Award of Merit, was presented to Knight Commanders with Star Thomas Gaskell and Kenneth Graham (*the first two at left in the same photo*) in recognition of their work as Section Presidents. This award will be presented annually in recognition of services to the Lieutenancy, particularly for assistance to the sick or elderly members.



The Lieutenancy was also stricken by the

death of its founding Grand Prior Bishop emeritus of Antigonish Colin Campbell, which occurred early in 2012, and of the new Knight, Richard Hubbard.

CANADA - TORONTO

Exceptional ceremony: 35 Knights and Ladies promoted in rank

An exceptional ceremony was held on 14 August in Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Belleville for the promotion

in rank of 35 Knights and Ladies of the Lieutenancy. The religious ceremony was followed by a banquet during which the guest speak-



A photo of the group of Knights and Ladies in the Church of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary in Belleville.



er, Mr. Carl Hetu, Canadian director of the CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association), gave a sterling presentation on the plight of the Christians in the Holy Land.

Another speaker, Sir Michael Coren, well-known television personality, author and columnist, was the invited speaker at this year's black-tie dinner honoring Archbishop Thomas Collins of Toronto, Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy. A member of the Grand Magisterium, Sir Thomas McKiernan, was the guest speaker at a splendid reception and dinner on the occasion of the "Parish Visitation" to Toronto's St. Philip Neri Church where mem-

bers of the Order processed for Sunday Mass. This was one of the eight events organized by the Lieutenancy to cultivate the spirituality of its members.

The Lieutenancy's Legacy Program, initiated in 2007, continues to grow, resulting in significant donations and bequests to the Order. In 2011 the contributions from the members of the Lieutenancy to the Holy Land increased; special gifts were sent to Bethlehem for Sister Sophie, directress of the Crèche which houses and cares for abandoned children, and to the University of Bethlehem.

CANADA - VANCOUVER

An intense liturgical year and a new Lieutenant

Our new year started with our annual Lenten reflections held at Our Lady Of Assumption church in Port Coquitlam, on the outskirts of Vancouver. The reflection was given by our confrere, Fr. Ron Thompson, who also celebrated the Mass. Since he is engaged in the process of building a new church, he gave a conference on the theme of "Liturgical expressions and meaning in modern Architecture". The day concluded with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Knights and Ladies actively participated in the liturgical celebrations of Holy Week in Holy Rosary Cathedral, with Grand Prior Archbishop Michael Miller presiding. In that same cathedral on 1 October he celebrated the solemn Mass for the investiture of seven new Knights and Ladies, preceded by a day of renewal and the Vigil of Arms in the parish church of Saints Peter and Paul, led by Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster. Among the new Knights was Bishop David Monroe of Kamloops, and Monsignor Stephen Jensen and Father Jack Pereira, the Vicars General of the Archdiocese of Vancouver and the Diocese of Calgary respectively.

The Investiture ceremony also included the Installation of the new lieutenant Georg



The Grand Prior, Archbishop J. Michael Miller, congratulates the new lieutenant, Georg Adam, after his installation ceremony.

Adam as the fourth lieutenant of Canada-Vancouver. Also in attendance were his predecessor, William McCarthy, who served the



Knights and Ladies on the stairs of Holy Rosary Cathedral after the ceremony of investiture.

previous four years, and Vice Governor General Patrick Powers.

The year concluded with an Advent retreat

in which our Ecclesiastic Master of Ceremonies, Fr. John Horgan reflected on “Bethlehem, the Cradle of Redeeming Love”.

COLOMBIA

Venezuelan knights from Bogotá and Caracas

The exceptional visit to Colombia of Governor General Agostino Borromeo marked the birth of the Lieutenancy for Venezuela, formed by knights and ladies belonging up until now to the Bogotá section, the city in which they had received the investiture and where they have always been surrounded by warm affection. The announcement of this happy event, together with the appointment of the new lieutenant for Venezuela Ramon Eduardo Tello, was given on the 20th and 21st October by prof. Borromeo, who was present at the ceremony of investiture in Bogotá of new members of the Order, officiated by Grand Prior cardinal Pedro Rubiano Sáenz. In the same occasion, Governor General conferred the Great Cross of the Order to the new lieutenant of Colombia Francisco Tovar Calderon and to his predecessor Manuel Urbina Gaviria, at the end of his statutory period, carried on with praiseworthy commitment.

The Order is in deep mourning for the loss of brother Ricardo León Rodríguez Arce, Knight Grand Cross, distinguished judge, author of juridical, historical and philosophical works, who was for twenty years the president of his section of Popoyán.

The *Juventud* Foundation, of which the Lieutenancy has been the patron since its foundation in the year 2000, received this year the support for the program of *Lideres Juveniles* to the benefit of praiseworthy students in destitute financial conditions.



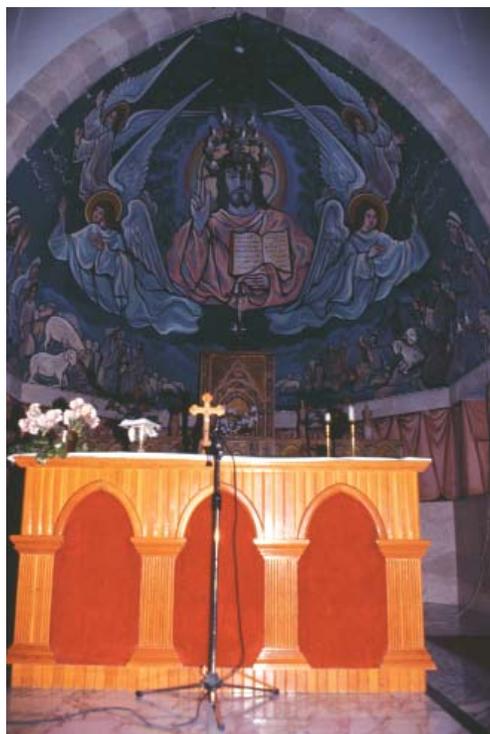
ENGLAND AND WALES

Pilgrims in the Holy Land over a long weekend

Lieutenant David Smith recounts an experience crowned by success

How can we help those members who because of professional and family demands are unable to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land? How can we help them fulfil this desire, which they also feel is a statutory duty, and to express in the Lieutenancy their enthusiasm, their energy and creative ideas several years earlier than would otherwise have been the case?

From these questions, says lieutenant David Smith, the Pilgrimage Commission had the idea of planning a short pilgrimage for them over a long weekend, departing on Friday and returning on Monday, and hence with the loss of only two days of work. It was a chance that was received favorably, an experience crowned by success, which those who lived it described as follows:



The altar and apse of the Church in Beit Sabour.

“Early Saturday morning, rising in the dark, quietly processing through the Old City of Jerusalem, we assembled at the Holy Sepulchre for Mass in the Tomb. We were all touched by the quiet solemnity of the celebration. Later that morning, visiting several places of spiritual insights and re-awakening, we had a precious quiet time in a beautiful setting of olive trees, praying and meditating in the Garden of Gethsemane.

If the pilgrimage had been only about ourselves, we would have visited many other Holy Sites. But it was not just about us, it was also a commitment to our mission as Knights and Dames to support the Christians in the Holy Land; the second, but not secondary, aim of our pilgrimage.

Sunday began with Mass at Beit Sahour Parish in Bethlehem. It was wonderful and an added delight to meet the parishioners afterwards over Arabic coffee. That evening; we were invited to Vespers and supper with the seminarians at the Seminary at Beit Jala.

Our last day, Monday, began with early morning Mass on Calvary. We then travelled to the West Bank village of About where we visited the parish school supported by the Order’s funding. Fortuitously, we arrived at the children’s morning break-time and were able to have the great pleasure of meeting them and spend time with them. Their cheerfulness, liveliness, curiosity and good nature quickly endeared them to us. We learned at first-hand of their lives in the school and the village. We were impressed by their ability to communicate and the knowledge and understanding they had of the difficulties they might expect to encounter in their lives in the Occupied Territories. Frustration with the restrictions on their freedom of movement had not dampened their enthusiasm for learning and their aspirations for a university education.

We also learned how the lack of job op-



The group of pilgrims after their visit to the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem (first on the left is lieutenant David Smith) gathered in the courtyard of the parish school in Aboud during their meeting with the students.

portunities continues to cause the steady emigration of the Christian community. We were greatly moved by the testimony of those who, because of difficulties at the road-blocks, said they had never been able to make a trip to Jerusalem to visit the Holy Places we had just come from as pilgrims.

The Byzantine floor in the Parish reminded us that Aboud has been a centre of worship since early Christian times. Our visit was rounded off by a wonderful traditional lunch prepared for us by the parishioners. Then off to Tel Aviv, near by, for the five-hour flight back to London.

At the end of the visit, I was convinced

that it was right to spend most of Sunday and Monday in contact with the Palestinian Christians. It was a humbling thought to realize that these lovely people are the descendants of the very first Christians, who knew the Apostles and our Lord Jesus. My overall conclusion is that our pilgrimage proved that a short, well-planned and tightly focused visit to the Holy Land can indeed be successful – and perhaps indispensable for those unable to take much time off work. I shall wear my Pilgrim Shell with pride on my cape. But it also left me determined to return to the Holy Land for a fuller pilgrimage.”

(David Smith)

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

In Moscow the first investiture of russian Knights and Ladies

Less than a year after the institution (18 November 2010) of the Magistral Delegation for the Russian Federation, on 2 and 3 July 2012 the first investiture of Russian members of the Equestrian of Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem was held in Moscow’s historic St. Louis Church (the only one that remained open during the Commu-

nist regime). It was a significant event, confirmed by the presence of the Assessor, Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea, and the Governor Generale, Agostino Borromeo, also because it gave an opportunity to make the Order known and introduced it into the religious and social life of the nation.

The day before the investiture ceremonies



the members of the Order went to the headquarters of the Public Camera of the Federation for a meeting with representatives of the Christian Churches, Catholic and orthodox, and of Islam, components of the Commission for Religious Freedom. The Magistral Delegate, Yaroslav Ternovskiy, spoke to them about the birth of the Delegation and the activities it has undertaken, Prof. Borromeo spoke of its history and spiritual and charitable goals, and the Order's organizational structure, while Monsignor De Andrea, spoke of its mission and inspirational principles, following the road mapped out in Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. In it we find the first request in Church history for aid to the brethren; throughout the centuries the road is



Several phases of the investiture: (from the top) Governor General Agostino Borromeo and the Magistral Delegate, Yaroslav Ternovskiy; the group after the ceremony; the entrance procession with Archbishop Paolo Pezzo presiding; the Magistral Delegate greets the Italian Ambassador to Moscow, our confrere Antonio Zanardi Landi (on the right).





In front of Andrey Rublev's famous icon of the Holy Trinity, during the visit to the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow, from left: confrere Luigi Giulianelli, secretary and lay master of ceremonies for the Lieutenantcy of Central Italy, Governor General Agostino Borromeo, Assessor archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea, confrere Rev. Yevgen Yurchenko and the Magistral Delegate of the Russian Federation Yaroslav Aleksandrovich Ternovskiy.

marked by great works of charity and it has been traveled also by the Order of the Holy Sepulchre in support of the Christian life in the Holy Land. The representative of the Russian Orthodox Church, Father Dimitry Sizonenko, emphasized the value of the missions performed by Catholic religious orders and associations for preserving and maintaining the faith of believers who are near and dear to the Orthodox.

Five Knights and two Ladies were the protagonists of the Vigil of Arms on 2 July and at the Investiture the following day; the most illustrious, however, was certainly the Metropolitan Archbishop the Archdiocese of Mother

of God at Moscow, Monsignor Paolo Pezzi, Grand Prior of the Delegation. The Governor General conferred the mantle and the Assessor the sword, the spurs and the decorations, following the ceremonial (the texts had been translated into Russian) directed for the occasion by Knight of the Grand Cross, Luigi Giulianelli, Secretary and Ceremonial Officer of the Lieutenantcy for Central Italy. Diplomatic personages were also present, including the confrere Ambassador of Italy Antonio Zarnardi Landi. It was followed by a reception in the Apostolic Nunciature offered by the Nuncio, Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič, at which civil and religious dignitaries were present.

PHILIPPINES

First pilgrimage and meeting in Jerusalem on the 40,000 emigrants

Our young Lieutenantcy organised, for the first time, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, from October 24th to November 1st, presided by lieutenant Jesus P. Tambunting. The group was composed of members and potential members of the Order, and had as its spiritu-

al leader Mons. Luis Antonio Tagle, Bishop of Imus who, on November 17th, would be appointed Archbishop of Manila by the Holy Father.

The Pilgrimage started in Jordan at Mount Nebo, with its memory of Moses, after which



*Knights and ladies who were invested in November of last year in the Church of Saint Anthony.
ON THE RIGHT: lieutenant Jesus P. Tambunting.
BELOW: Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila, the new Grand Prior.*



the pilgrimage continued to Galilee where they visited Tiberias, Nazareth, Mt. Tabor, Cana (where seven couples renewed their matrimonial vows), Mount Carmel, Caper-



naum, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes and Tabgha. The group spent an afternoon by the Jordan River where each renewed their baptismal vows. On the way to Jerusalem, the group passed by the Mount of Temptation and the Dead Sea. While in Jerusalem, the group visited the Church of the Baptist and the Visitation Church at Ein Karem and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. In the Holy City, there was a visit to the places of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord and of course the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

In the Co-Cathedral of the Latin Patriarchate, after the mass celebrated by Bishop



Tagle, the group met with His Beatitude, Fouad Twal, who offered the Pilgrim Shells. The Patriarch hosted a lunch for the members of the Lieutenancy and their spouses; he also had a special conversation with them, also attended by father David Nehaus SJ. The latter, in charge of the pastoral for Catholics of Hebrew language, and who also follows the 40,000 Filipino Catholics who emigrated to Israel who work in Jewish families, explained their difficulties: many have to travel far dis-

tances to attend the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist in the main cities; and in general they find it difficult to use catechism books in Hebrew, a language they are often not fluent in. He suggested some interesting solutions which were taken into consideration by Mons. Tagle and by the Lieutenant.

The Christmas feast gathered knights and ladies on 18th December. The newly installed Archbishop of Manila celebrated mass, followed by lunch.

FRANCE

A year's journey in the three directives

The Lieutenancy of France is concentrating on the three essential missions of the Order: the spiritual improvement of its members, consciousness raising about the problems of Christians in the Holy Land and the Near East, and active solidarity with the activities of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

SPIRITUAL IMPROVEMENT - Approximately two-thirds of the 900 confreres gather each month in small groups of 15-20 persons to concentrate on a topic chosen each year by the Grand Prior Jacques Perrier, Bishop of

Tarbes and Lourdes. In 2011 he asked that they focus on the study of the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum* and on Pope Benedict XVI's Exhortation *Verbum Domini*. Each year the Knights and Ladies participate in two days of recollection, one in their sections and the other at the National level: in 2011 it was led by Father De Bruchard at Rocamadour, the one for 2012 is planned for Lisieux. Thus they alternate between pilgrimage sites in the south and north of France.

Candidates for membership in the Order also make a special three-day retreat before



Veneration of the Crown of Thorns in Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. The relic is under the protection of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.



their admission at the *Foyer de Charité* in Poissy. This year there were thirty-three Knights, five Ladies and five ecclesiastics who at Lyons experienced the traditional ceremonies—vigil, investiture and Mass of thanksgiving—presided at by cardinal Philippe Barbarin, Primate of the Gauls, who was admitted into the Order in 2010.

CHRISTIANS OF THE HOLY LAND – The living stones, our brothers and sisters of all the Near East and the Holy Land. Are in greater need of us than ever before. For this reason the Lieutenancy has been sponsoring many activities to raise consciousness. During the month of March it sponsored a discussion at the National Assembly on the topic of “Geopolitics and religions in the Near East”, the acts of which have been published.

During the course of the year the Lieutenancy organized six pilgrimages to the Holy Land, each of which gathered together approximately 40 participants, members or friends of the Order. With the desire to increase the number and quality of French pilgrimages, it created and facilitated – in the context of the annual gathering of the committee of the Holy Land of the National Association of Pilgrimage Directors – the annual conference in Jerusalem from 14-20 November, which saw the participation of more than 200 persons. The congress was followed by a

week of formation for directors, at three different levels of experience.

ACTIVE SOLIDARITY – All the efforts, contributions and actions of the Lieutenancy have as their goal the support of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem: solidarity days, collections, concerts, etc. have once again allowed an increase in their aid. The schools are a priority because they unite students of different confessions and religions, they truly constitute a truly unique “apprenticeship” of tolerance and “living together” in this country so torn apart. It is impossible to mention all the activities here, but the Lieutenancy is especially proud of the media centre in Beit Sahour, the parish at Shepherds’ Field in Bethlehem, of the improvements in the little parish of Saint Justin in Nablus, of the churches in Aqaba and Rameh, of the support given to the parish priest in Gaza, to the Hospice of Our Lady of Sorrows in Jerusalem, etc.

All these actions, however, do not make us forget the engagement of the Knights and Ladies for the New Evangelization in service to their parishes and dioceses. The Lieutenancy now has a structure connected to the provinces and to one or more dioceses, therefore throughout the area there is a member of the Order in charge of this effort, and every Bishop can turn to him or her.

IRELAND

Twenty-five year celebration marked with a bicycle pilgrimage to the Holy Land

2011 was the centre-point of the Lieutenancy’s celebration of the 25th anniversary of its formation in 1986, but to emphasize its tradition of service to the Holy Land no ostentatious celebrations took place. In this spirit each knight and lady had the spiritual privilege of having a triduum of Masses celebrated for their intentions by various priests in the parish churches in Israel, Pales-

tine and Jordan and received a special certificate as a keepsake.

On 1 June, Bishop William Shomali, Auxiliary of the Patriarch was the main celebrant at one of the regional Masses and preached on the theme of “praying in the name of Jesus?”, in which he stated that “the liturgy of the Catholic Church addresses all our prayers to the Father and ends them by the tradition-



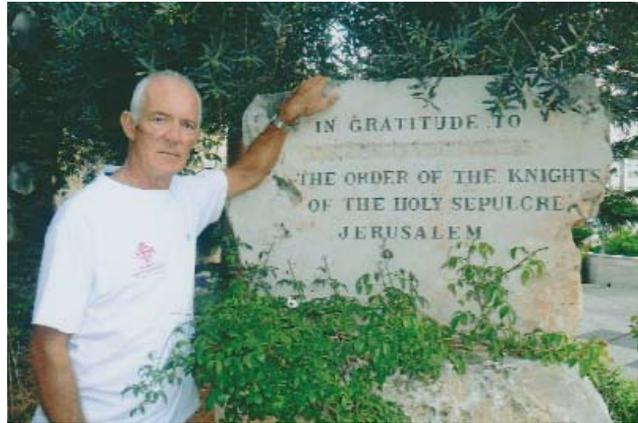
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*Two pilgrim cyclists on the road to the Holy Land.
BELOW: Our confrere Frank Hearn beside the plaque in the garden of the Holy Family Crèche in Bethlehem commemorating the pilgrimage.*

al expression: 'Through Jesus Christ our Lord.' Concluding the prayer in this way is like signing a letter and putting a stamp on it, and therefore giving it full validity. The value of a letter comes from the value of the person who signs it".

In the period since its inception the Lieutenancy has donated in excess of 2 million Euros to the Holy Land, funding schools, the seminary, humanitarian activities, and of course financing the education of a Maronite seminarian in Rome. In considering what would be the most appropriate way of commemorating the jubilee, Providence in the person of member Frank Hearn, a retired army officer, came up with the solution: children, the future of the Holy Land.! It would also commemorate his recent 70th birthday. He led a group of cyclists who in 30 days (from 5 June to 4 July) travelled 3,200 km. across six countries. The initiative, which was sponsored by members and friends of the Lieutenancy, cost € 1500 but ultimately raised € 100,000! Irish Ferries sponsored their overnight travel from Rosslare to Cherbourg. In France they were accommodated in various places by members of the French Lieu-



tenancy. Traveling the roads of Italy, they reached Bari where they sailed to Patras, arriving two days ahead of schedule in Greece, where they were given accommodations gratis. They then flew to Tel Aviv where they resumed travelling on bicycles to Bethlehem. It was an experience of a real pilgrimage, marked by daily prayer and Sunday Mass.

On his arrival in Bethlehem on the morning of 4 July, Frank Hearn had lunch with Sister Sophie Bouen, Director of the Crèche (Holy Family Children's Home). She was, naturally, very emotional and sent his sincere thanks to all Members for the prayers and exceptional generosity of members to Bethlehem Children's Home.



ITALY - SICILY

The feast of Saint Agatha, then in Cracow and Noto

This year, too, the Order was included by the Prior of the Catania section, the metropolitan archbishop Salvatore Gristina, in the official programme of the great feasts of the Sicilian and Catanese Church in honour of Saint Agatha, which always attract hundreds of thousands of faithful people. On 20th January, knights and ladies gathered in the chapter church of St. Julian, together with a large audience of guests, to attend a conference of brother mons. Leone Calambrogio on the theme *“Educating on the Gospel in St. Agatha’s message”*. On the 5th February, the anniversary of the saint’s martyrdom, guided by lieutenant Giovanni Russo, they attended the solemn pontifical Mass in the Cathedral, officiated by the Grand Prior, cardinal Paolo Romeo, metropolitan of Palermo, and co-celebrated by the archbishops and bishops of Sicily.

From 27th to 31st May, the Marian month, the lieutenancy wanted to remember the person of the blessed John Paul II, who was particularly devoted to the Madonna, by a pilgrimage to Cracow, where he was archbishop before he was elected pontiff. After praying before the Black Madonna of Czêstochowa and visiting the city of Cracow, once the splendid capital of the kingdom of Poland and today the cultural, artistic and University centre of the nation, the knights and ladies, led by the lieutenant, were cordially received by cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, for more than forty years the personal secretary of the blessed Karol Wojtyla and his successor as archbishop, who let them relive moments of daily life of the great Pope.

“From associationism to civil society, from confrontation to proposals”: this was the theme of a conference organised on the 18th June in Catania by well-known associations – Rotary, Fidapa, Lions, Kiwanis, Soroptimist, Innerwheel – to which, on their invitation, our lieutenant prof. Russo spoke of the contribu-



One of the “candelore” typical of the feast of Saint Agatha, patroness of the city of Catania.

tion that the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem can give to the concrete possibility of having the forces of associationism systematically converge on the interests of the community, to represent the common feeling of the civil society; and for a better understanding and fight against the new poverties, one of which, and certainly not the least, is the moral and ethic poverty.

This year, for the first time in the history of the lieutenancy, the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Palestine, patroness of the Order,



took place on the 16th October in Noto, a city which was proclaimed “heritage of humanity” for its splendid monuments of baroque art. The event, organised by the Syracuse section, was preceded by a visit to the city, in particular to the catacomb of St. John and to the sanctuary of the Madonna of the Tears, the site of continuous pilgrimage, which was followed by a meeting on the theme “*Family: at the root of its malaise*” developed by mons. Giuseppe Greco, canon of the Chapter of the cathedral of Syracuse. During the meeting we received the visit of the metropolitan arch-

bishop Salvatore Pappalardo, who meant to express by his presence how his church, the first founded in Italy by St. Paul, was close to the Order.

The next day, knights and ladies entered in procession the splendid cathedral of Noto, recently restored after the damages provoked by the earthquake, in order to attend a solemn Mass officiated by its bishop Antonio Staglianò. Before the brotherly agape, a cordial meeting with the city mayor took place in the enchanting town hall.

(Sergio Sportelli)

LUXEMBOURG

Passing the threshold of thirty members

It was a very good year for the Lieutenancy: they crossed the threshold of thirty members, organized the first investiture ceremony and conducted an emotional pilgrimage to the Holy Land. and is now looking forward to the future with great confidence, in particular towards the development of the of the Lieutenancy with the admission of Ladies. Meanwhile, two candidates have been accepted

and they were given, as is the custom in Austria, a gray mantle.

Until now the investiture of members from Luxembourg took place in the context of that of the Lieutenancy of neighboring Belgium; in 2011, however, it was held on 7 and 8 October in the Grand Duchy, in the Church of Echternach near the tomb of Saint Willibrord, evangelizer of the Benelux Region (Belgium,



In Jerusalem the pilgrims, led by Grand Prior Fernand Frank, walked the Via Dolorosa in prayer (in the photo, pausing at the fifth station). They concluded their pilgrimage (following page) in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.



Holland and Luxembourg). It was presided over by the Grand Prior Fernand Franck, Archbishop emeritus of Luxembourg, and honored by the presence of the Vice Governor General, Adolfo Rinaldi, of Lady Christa von Siemens, a member of the Grand Magisterium, and of the Ceremonial Officer of the Order, Monsignor Francis D. Kelly, and of numerous representatives of the neighboring Lieutenancies. Greatly appreciated was the musical context with the execution of the Mass of André Raison, 17th-century French composer.

At the beginning of December there was a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by the Grand Prior. There were moments of great emotion in Jerusalem, especially when making the *Via Crucis* and participating at Mass in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

NORWAY

For the first time the Order enjoys full visibility in Oslo

The Magistral Delegation of Norway, faced with the lasting impact of the secularized society, sponsored a program of spiritual activities for the proper formation and preparation of its members. Thus on the first Wednesday of each month they meet at the Church of St. Joseph in Oslo where the celebration of the Mass and recitation of Lauds are followed by a time of listening and reflection concluding with a half hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This gathering is followed by a lecture given by the Grand Prior and a discussion on topics meant to strengthen the member's spirituality and knowledge about the Order's mission, sacred Scripture and the Church's Magisterium. The formation plan also includes retreats. Last May it was held in St. Catherine's convent at Majorstua, home of the Dominican nuns.

On May 1st, on the occasion of the solemn Mass celebrating the Beatification of Pope John Paul II, for the first time in Norway the Order was fully visible; all the Knights and Ladies of the Delegation, in their capes, and with the clergy and the members of the Order of Malta participated in the procession led by Bishop Markus Bernt Eidsvig. Several years ago, at the requiem Mass for Pope John Paul II, there was only one member of the Order present and he was mistaken for a Knight Templar! Now the thirteen participants are recognized as members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and are fully inserted in the local Church, yet fully aware of the need to be committed with the whole community of believers in giving testimony of the faith to an overwhelmingly secularized society.



THE NETHERLANDS

Support of christian entrepreneurs in the Holy Land

To stimulate jobs: Young people who have finished school really have very few prospects of finding appropriate work

Faced with uncertain prospects for the future of the Christians in the Holy Land, certainly a cause of their reduced percentage of the population, one of the focal points of the policy of the Latin Patriarchate and the Grand Magisterium is to provide young people with adequate educational opportunities. The limited prospects of sufficient employment upon completing one's education will reduce the motivation to begin to study. Then too there is the possibility those who have received a good education will be the first to leave the country.

In view of the above, the Dutch Lieutenancy has come to think of specifically supporting Christian entrepreneurs in the Holy Land by advising existing companies and by management assistance, but even more so by assisting young people with the start-up of their own enterprises. The objective is to stimulate employment in the hardest-hit regions.

In The Netherlands an organization exists which specializes in providing senior entrepreneurs, managers and other professionals, many of whom are available on a voluntary basis, to pass on their knowledge and experi-

ence to enterprises in developing countries, particularly helping in the setting up and development of companies. A member of the Order who belongs to this organization has looked into whether or not the Lieutenancy can make an extra, similar contribution to the Holy Land.

After obtaining the support of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine and the Latin Patriarchate, this year the Lieutenancy decided to set up an experiment. Five enterprises on the West Bank were chosen (however, there is hope that other ones in other areas will be involved in the future) and have been supported by five volunteer experts/specialists, whose costs are limited to travel expenses, board and lodging.

Here are some examples of the experiences. In Bethlehem the "Sons of the Earth", an association founded to offer employment to Christian Palestinians, will provide the poorest families with the profits from the activities of two companies, one engaged in the production of candles, and the other with the production of ceramics/pottery. First, an experienced Dutch manager investigated the



One of the women's workshops and (at right) the foundress of "Bethlehem Fair Trade Artisans".



feasibility of such an enterprise and explained the consequences of a starting company. Then the president of the Association, Mr. Ramzi A. Hodali, was invited to The Netherlands for orientation and to visit companies. Lastly, the former directors of a Dutch ceramics company and a candle factory were selected to prepare and assist in the start-up of these companies in the Holy Land in 2012.

In the Jerusalem area many creative women produce home-made articles made of materials such as olive wood, recycled glass or embroidery for the tourist industry. To market the objects, several hundred of these women have banded together in the "Bethlehem Fair Trade Artisans", led by Suzan Sahori. A similar organization, "Arab Orthodox Society", led by Mrs Nora Kort, does the same in Jerusalem. Both organizations need support, which has been provided by a female expert made available from The Netherlands, who first evaluated the two organizations' management and then gave them assistance in exporting their products to Western Europe. A marketing expert has

been selected to coach this project further.

The "Bethlehem Company for Chemical Products", a family business that supplies soap products to hotels and other companies, has to be relocated to an industrial area, which is a major undertaking for the two hard-working entrepreneurs. A chemical expert from The Netherlands has studied the company and prepared it for this change. An expert on honey, a member of the Dutch Lieutenancy, has visited some of the major honey producers on the West Bank and helped them with their many technical problems.

Apart from further coaching of previously supported companies and organizations, the Lieutenancy will launch new projects in 2012. At present it supports a number of students in Gaza who will have to face a lack of employment in an area of extremely high unemployment when they complete their studies. We try to coach this group during their studies to set up a business of their own. There may be some possibilities for them in the field of ICT (Information and Communication Technologies). Dutch experts will be selected to provide further coaching.



Honey producers. ABOVE: the president of the "Sons of Earth Association".



PORTUGAL

Intense year of activity: two pilgrimages to Fatima

The 2011 program of the Lieutenancy of Portugal covered several activities of a spiritual, social, cultural and organizational nature. The celebration of Mass marked the Feasts of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and of the Patroness of the Order, Mary, Queen of Palestine; there was Vespers of Christmas, the annual retreat, and two pilgrimages to the Sanctuary of Fatima, in May and in October. There was also participation in various Church festivities, especially those of Lent, Holy Week and Corpus Christi. Also, on the first Thursday of each month, beginning with the Eucharistic celebration, there are gatherings for thematic reflections which have brought together dozens of knights and ladies of the Order, as well as some of their family members and friends.

Four dinner-conferences examined themes of upmost actuality and interest: “The political-religious situation in the Holy Land and the Church” (Reverend Bernt Bresh), “On the Road to Damascus - Reflections on the geopolitics of the Promised Land” (Mr. Nuno

Rogeiro), “The Crusades in the News” (Professor Soares Martinez, member of the Order) and “Supporting actions to the persecuted Christians in the Middle East” (Ms. Catarina Martins de Bettencourt, President of AIS). Sponsored jointly with the Diocese of Beja, a concert “*Ad Limina*” was held at the Church of Santiago de Cacém, under the theme of the pilgrimages to the Holy Land, and the first Christmas bazaar sales.

The South delegation was reactivated, with a new president and a new Prior, Archbishop José Alves of Évora, who presided, with the Archbishop emeritus, Maurilio Gouveia and the Apostolic Nuncio in Portugal, Archbishop Rino Passigato, at the Ceremony of Investiture in October. It was one of the most important events of the year, and enjoyed the presence of the Dukes of Bragança, the Vice-Governor General of the Order, Adolfo Rinaldi, and member of the Grand Magisterium, the Count of Rezende. There were representatives of the Lieutenancy of France, of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and of the Portuguese



The picturesque procession at Évora, where the Southern Delegation was reactivated with the investiture of new members.



The esplanade of the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.

Royal Dynastic Orders of Vila Viçosa and Queen Saint Isabel.

Among the twenty new Knights and Dames invested in Évora, was the above-mentioned Archbishop, General Vasco Rocha Vieira, last Governor of Macau and Chancellor of the Portuguese Military Orders, and the Infanta of Portugal, Dona Maria Adelaide de Bragança, admitted as Dame Grand Cross. Because of

her intrepid defense of the Faith, she was arrested by the Nazis in Vienna during the Second World War and twice sentenced to death and later arrested by the Soviets and condemned to exile in Siberia.

Another special moment of 2011 was the participation of some thirty Knights and

Dames in the global Vigil of Prayer for the beatification of Pope John Paul II, in the Chapel of the Apparitions of the Sanctuary of Fatima, an event organized by the Vicariate of Rome and broadcast in Mondovision. Besides Fatima, four other Marian Sanctuaries were involved: Guadalupe in Mexico, Kawekamo in Tanzania, Czêstochowa in Poland and Harissa in Lebanon.

WESTERN SPAIN

Goals for aid to the Holy Land have been met despite the severe crisis

During 2011 as well the activities of the Lieutenancy were in pursuit of the most important goals of the Order: the enrichment of the spiritual life of its members and aid to the Holy Land. Therefore, each month a Mass was celebrated in the central Headquarters, in the sections and delegations. In the Royal Collegiata of Saint Isidore in León there was the traditional “celebration of the common life” in preparation for Lent and Holy Week; and the Abbot of the Colegiata of Santillana del Mar in Cantabria, Don Luis López Ormazábal, offered Lenten conferences in the

headquarters of the Lieutenancy, which were then offered in the various sections and delegations. Lastly, in the spiritual headquarters of the Lieutenancy, the Royal Basilica of San Francisco el Grande, the Knights and Ladies participated in the liturgical celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, or Glory Saturday; they also animated various processions during Holy Week in the territory of the Lieutenancy.

From 9-16 May there was a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by the Lieutenant, which was a success in its program, the devotion of



Two moments during the ceremony of investiture in the Cantabria region.

the participants and the inestimable guidance of friar Carlos Palacios, Guardian of the Basilica of San Francisco el Grande.

A retreat prepared the new Knights and Ladies for the ceremonies of investiture in the region of Cantabria, thus involving the sections of the North. On the evening of 21 October there was the Vigil of the Arms and the conferral of promotions; these took place in the Royal Colegiata of Santillana del Mar. The following day there was the *cruzamiento* and the investiture in the Cathedral of Our Lady of

the Assumption in Santander, capitol of the Region of Cantabria; lastly, on the 23rd a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in the Parish Church of Santo Cristo at the Cathedral. We should also mention that, at the invitation of European Lieutenancies, representatives from our Lieutenancy attended their ceremonies of investiture.

The death of the Grand Master, Cardinal John Patrick Foley, was commemorated with Masses in suffrage in the Headquarters of the Lieutenancy and in all its sections and dele-



gations. There was also the presence of Knights and Ladies at the funerals of our brothers and sisters called to the House of the Father during this year. The year's spiritual activities concluded with a Mass in honor of our Patroness, Mary Queen of Palestine, and with various activities and Christmas celebrations.

Despite the severe economic crisis (23% unemployment rate) that has struck all the social strata of the nation, the Lieutenancy reached its goals for support of the institutions and works of the Latin Patriarchate and the Christians of the Holy Land, thanks to the annual contributions of its members and the donations of those promoted within the

Order and the new members. A significant contribution came on 17 June from the gala benefit dinner in which there were 330 persons gathered at the table (the number would have been much greater if there had been room for them). The profit from a lottery held for the occasion was impressive. The Lieutenancy also participated in various fairs sponsored by the organization, "Nuevo Futuro". Organized in various cities, especially in Madrid, with booths watched over by a group of Ladies of the Order or relatives of the Knights or persons close to the Order and people who are friendly to the work they do in the Holy Land, they also achieved a good result.

SUOMI - FINLAND

The Assessor and Governor General attend the ceremony of investiture and Knights make a pilgrimage to Italy

In 2011 the Knights, Ladies and friends of the Lieutenancy held several traditional activities and events, including the yearly retreat which took place in early February in the

Bridgettine Convent in Tallinn, capitol of near-by Estonia. In September a gala was held at the Italian Embassy in Helsinki. "Home seminars", hosted by each Knight and Lady in

Commemorative photo of the investiture ceremony celebrated by the Assessor of the Order, Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea, at which Governor General Agostino Borromeo (above, first on the left) was present.





The pilgrims received in Rome by the Assessor of the Order, Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea, pause for a photo in a parlour of Palazzo della Rovere, Headquarters of the Grand Magisterium, in front of a statue of Saint Pius X.

turn, provided a good opportunity to discuss and deepen the understanding and the content of belonging to the Order.

The ceremony of Investiture was held from 3-5 June. The Finnish summer was at its best, the sun was shining and trees had new bright green leaves. Assessor Archbishop Giuseppe De Andrea and Governor General Agostino Borromeo were present from the Grand Magisterium. The celebrations started with an interreligious seminar at the University of Helsinki on the theme of "The Living Heritage of Christians in Israel and Palestine: a Stumbling Block or a Peace-Maker?" with the keynote address by Archbishop De Andrea, followed by comments by imam Walid Hammoud and Mr. Rony Smolar, representatives of the Muslim and Jewish communities, and by Ambassador Ilari Rantakari, representing the views of the Lutheran Church. The seminar was a great success, bringing together representatives of different faiths and adding new insight to the understanding of the situation in the Holy Land. The investiture Mass was held in the Cathedral of St. Henry with Archbishop De Andrea presiding and the

Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, Bishop Teemu Sippo of Helsinki, concelebrating. The Governor General was the main speaker at the gala dinner in downtown Helsinki's National Hall.

In November a group of thirteen Knights, Ladies and their friends made a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Cascia, Subiaco – connected with the lives of great saints – and Castelgandolfo, the summer residence of the Popes. In Rome the group stayed at Villa Aurelia, located in the generalate of the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart (from the top floor there is a memorable view over the roofs and cupolas of Rome) and during their last days they visited Palazzo della Rovere, headquarters of the Grand Magisterium of the Order, where they were received by Archbishop De Andrea who gave them a guided visit to the artistic salons and engaged the pilgrims in an interesting discussion on pilgrimage, the situation in the Middle East and the Order's support for the activities of the Church in the Holy Land. There was also an opportunity to visit the Vatican Museums and to admire its artistic holdings.



SWITZERLAND

Special greetings to the Vice Governor General

Never had such a prestigious position been offered to a member of the lieutenancy – Largely-attended and meaningful pilgrimage of ten days to the Holy Land.

The decision of the Grand Master cardinal John P. Foley to appoint as Vice Governor General of the Order our brother and lieutenant of Honour Giorgio Moroni Stampa, from the 1st January 2011, pleased all the members of the lieutenancy: in the last sixty years such a prestigious position had never been offered to a Swiss person. In the past, mons. Albert Oesch had been a member of the Consulta and the person responsible for the German-speaking nations. The deepest and most brotherly wishes have been expressed to our brother, accompanied by prayers, because, with God's blessing, he may commit himself to this new service.

The investiture, organised by the Solothurn section from 27th to 29th May, attracted the members of the lieutenancy to this precious baroque city on the river Aare. Lieutenant

Jean-Pierre de Glutz-Ruchti welcomed there more than 200 participants, not only Swiss knights and ladies but also numerous persons invited from the city, the nation and from



Vice Governor General Giorgio Moroni Stampa. TO THE LEFT: the entrance procession, accompanied by the Swiss Guard, at the investiture ceremony in the Church of Santa Maria.



FROM THE LIEUTENANCIES

abroad. Among them, members of the Order arrived from Italy, Holland, Spain, France, Austria and Germany, and delegations of the Order of Malta. The Vigil in the Jesuit church, at the centre of the old town, was an introduction, the following day, to the chapter and to the solemn investiture in St. Mary's church. In the evening the members of the Order, the personalities and the guests, gathered for dinner in a country villa; here Solothurn's mayor introduced, among others, Ans Rednerpult who evoked the city's interesting story. The ceremonies came on Sunday morning to a suitable conclusion in the sanctuary of Oberdorf, also thanks to another splendid summer day.

From 15th to 18th September 2011, bishop William Shomali, auxiliary of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, paid an official visit to Lugano (Canton Ticino). Organised by the Italian Switzerland section. It was highlighted by a conference, by an official reception with the members of the Order and by a gala lunch in

his honour.

The pilgrimage to the Sepulchre of Our Lord and to other holy places, organised by the lieutenancy over ten days in the month of October, was also an act of solidarity towards our brothers and sisters of the Holy Land. The participants, almost 70, travelled on two coaches in which explanations were given respectively in German and French – the choice was optional – but from time to time it was possible to hear them in Latin or in Italian.

On the first day knights and ladies were in Bethlehem, where they prayed in the Basilica of the Nativity and visited the institutions which obtained the financial support of the lieutenancy for their various projects; in particular *Caritas Baby Hospital* where they could acknowledge, while it was in full activity, the precious services to the local community. By going to Beit Sahur, Jifna, and Taybeh-Ramallah, as well as witnessing the realisation of other projects financed by the lieutenancy, they could meet several Christians



The pilgrims in Jerusalem on the front stairs of the Latin Patriarchate. The two "kawwas" at either end are dressed in the costume of the Ottoman era.



*The Grand Prior, Bishop
Pier Giacomo Grampa,
lieutenant Jean-Pierre de
Glutz-Ruchti, and Fr. Jean-
Michel Poffet OP.*



and have a direct knowledge of the difficulties and of the daily problems they have to face. After the visits to the holy places of Galilee and of Lake Tiberias, after crossing the Jordan valley they arrived in Jerusalem for a stay of three days. One of the highlights was the solemn processional entry into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre: knights and ladies, wearing their capes, were escorted from the Latin Patriarchate See by two guards in their characteristic oriental uniform. Beating their sticks on the ground, they opened the way through the bazaar's narrow and crowded alleys. After worshipping on Golgotha, the site of Jesus' crucifixion, they went to the Anastasis to go near the Holy Sepulchre which they could touch and kiss. They then went back to the Patriarchate, with their spirits full of emotion, still escorted by two guards.

The day after knights and ladies went there again for an official meeting. In the co-cathedral church, after the solemn entry, the auxiliary bishop Shomali welcomed them in the name of the Patriarch Fouad Twal and the lieutenant Jean-Pierre de Glutz expressed everybody's gratitude and the greetings from the whole lieutenancy. Once the prayer was concluded with the chant *Laudate omnes gentes*, the bishop pinned the Pilgrim Shell on the cape of the members of the Order who had come to Jerusalem for the first time. On the last day they attended with joy, in St.

Stephen's church at the Bible School, the concert organised by the Franciscan Institute *Magnificat*, offered by the lieutenant with the contribution of lady Véronique Nebel. All the accomplished performers, young soloists and members of the choir of the Custody of the Holy Land, were applauded for a long time. To the great surprise and satisfaction of everybody, the musical version of the Prayer of the Knight of the Order was performed for the first time ever. It is the work of a distinguished composer, father Armando Pierucci OFM, organist of the Holy Sepulchre, as well as founder and director of *Magnificat*.

The pilgrimage ended with the celebration of the Mass in the basilica of Gethsemane and, in the nearby cemetery, with the solemn laying of flowers on the tomb of the founder and first Grand Prior of the Swiss lieutenancy, mons. Albert Oesch from San Gallo.

Many events highlighted an intense social and spiritual life in the three sections of the lieutenancy. Among others, the annual meditation, organised by the German-speaking section, was conducted by the prior of the delegation of Waldstätte, Harald Eichhorn; the spiritual retreat of the Romansch Switzerland section took place in Hauterive abbey; the Italian Switzerland section organised its days of meditation and celebrations of Advent in Breganzona. The commemoration of deceased brothers and sisters took place in the convent of Beromünster.



SWEDEN

Two illustrious men honored by the Order

Among the activities held during the course of the year, in addition to the “Days of the Order”, there was a retreat that saw the members of the Order gathered for two days, 15-17 April, at the Marienlund Training Center, guided by Fr. Fredrik Emanuelson, OMI, Coadjutor of the Grand Prior. Part of the retreat was organized in collaboration with the Scandinavian Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, whose president, Prince Andreas von und zu Liechtenstein, gave a conference on the moral qualities of Knights and Ladies.

Several members of the Lieutenancy went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land: it must be noted that, because of their small numbers, until now they have usually joined in the pilgrimages of other Lieutenancies.

This year saw the publication of the fourth issue of the review, *Acta Locumtenentiae Sve-*

ciae. It contained articles on the Palestinian city of Aboud and on the situation of Christians in various Middle Eastern countries written by lieutenant Carl Falck and the text of the conference given by Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi at the Rome meeting of the Consultors of the Order, reflections by our confrere Stefan Ahrenstedt on the Lieutenancy’s latest retreat, an account of the 2010 investiture and, last of all, studies by our confrere Davor Zovko on the history and humanitarian works of the equestrian orders in Sweden and by Prof. Douglas Brommesson of the University of Lund on the history of diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Sweden and the Holy See.

The key event of the year was the celebration of Our Lady Queen of Palestine on 29 October. It began with a Mass in the Cathedral of St. Henry in Stockholm and continued with conferences by two members: Tord Fornberg, well-known teacher of New Testament exegesis at the University of Uppsala and Edvard Blom, host of a famous Swedish television program. The honored guests included Archbishop Emil Paul Tscherring, Apostolic Nuncio in Scandinavia, representatives of the Order of Malta and many friends of the Order who offer various kinds of support. The celebration concluded with a dinner in one of the buildings in the cathedral complex.

During the celebration for the first time in Sweden the Order’s insignia of special distinction were conferred on two people who have given significant support to the Lieutenancy from its beginnings in 2003: Rev. Johnny Hagberg, Dean of the Swedish Lutheran Church, one of the nation’s most prolific editors, and Jonas Arnell, Sweden’s best-known expert on the equestrian orders and political advisor for the Christian Democrats in the Swedish Parliament.



On the left: Rev. Johnny Hagberg, Dean of the Lutheran Church, lieutenant Carl Falk and Prof. Jonas Arnell



USA - MIDDLE ATLANTIC

A memorable event: our Grand Prior becomes Grand Master

An extraordinary year for the Lieutenancy was marked by two events. The first of these memorable events: in August our Grand Prior, appointed just ten months earlier, was chosen by the Holy Father as Pro-Grand Master of the Order and would later be named a Cardinal. The second event was the relocation of the Lieutenancy offices to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC. Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien was an enthusiastic Grand Prior during his brief tenure, reminding the Knights and Ladies that they are members of an Order and encouraging their passionate interest for the activities of the Lieutenancy and the people and places of the Holy Land. From the outset he insisted on their need for a total commitment to the New Evangelization in all its aspects. As a result the Lieutenancy instituted an educational program spearheaded by its First Councilor, Monsignor Jeremiah F. Kenney. Since assuming his new position as Pro-Grand Master, he has dedicated himself to promoting this commitment to the New Evangelization throughout the Order worldwide.

The transfer of the Lieutenancy's offices to Washington D.C. allows for close collaboration with the Franciscan Friars for the spiritual enrichment of the members of the Order and the sharing of our mutual interest in the Christian presence in the Holy Land. During the year the Lieutenancy held its annual Mass for the Conferral of Scrolls in the beautiful monastery church and co-sponsored a memorial Mass for the late Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Pietro Sambini, who died in Washington. An Advent Day of Recollection for the Knights and Ladies took place in that same church.

The Annual Meeting and Ceremony of Investiture – the Vigil Service and the solemn Mass – took place in Washington's Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle and they had the privilege of having the Pro-Grand Master preside: a total of 26 new Knights and Ladies were invested in the Order and 25 were promoted. The generosity of the members of the Lieutenancy made possible a year-end gift to the Latin Patriarch's project for the new school in Rameh.

USA - SOUTH EASTERN

New members in a traditionally protestant area

The Lieutenancy is happy to report progress in the number of new members of the Order being invested in traditionally Protestant areas, many of whom are converts to Catholicism. Three previous meetings of the Lieutenancy have been held in Georgia (2 in Atlanta, 1 in Savannah), and one in Charleston, South Carolina; all are pleased to note that not only do a number of the newest members come from these cities, but the next group includes twelve from Atlanta, seven from

Charleston and six from Savannah. The next meeting and Investiture Ceremony will be held in Atlanta, under the care of the local section and the pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, himself a member of the Order. The most recent Investiture Ceremony was held in New Orleans and the annual meeting was held in a large hotel, with some 500 knights and ladies participating. The meeting was deemed a great success.

During the year the Lieutenancy's other



sections continued to hold various activities in their respective dioceses; each year on two feasts of the Order the local Ordinary will usually celebrate Mass, which is followed by a dinner meeting. The Sections are also

diligent in ensuring participation at the funerals of members who have been called to the Father's House, and in willingly responding to whatever the Ordinary may ask of them.

USA - NORTHERN

From Sioux Falls a renewed commitment to the Holy Land

The Grand Prior of the Order, Fouad Twal, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, honored with his presence the annual meeting of some 600 Knights and Ladies of the Lieutenancy, which was held in September in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He also presided with the Grand Prior, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, at the Ceremony of Investiture for six new members, during which eighty-one other members were promoted in rank.

Five conferences offered insights on the demands of the spiritual life, the situation of Christians in the Holy Land, and the program of activities on their behalf; the speakers were Patriarch Twal and four members of the Order, Bishop Paul J. Swain of Sioux Falls, Grand Prior Naumann, Archbishop Robert J. Carlson of St. Louis and Brother David Carroll, FSC.

In response to an appeal from lieutenant

Donald Drake for financial support for the Patriarch's initiatives on behalf of the University of Madaba, members offered over \$60,000.

Knights and Ladies of the Lieutenancy continue to participate in pilgrimages to the Holy Land in great numbers; the October pilgrimage, led by Bishop John R. Gaydos of Jefferson City, Missouri, also included Rome; another pilgrimage filled to capacity was led by Bishop Samuel J. Aquila of Fargo, North Dakota.

The Lieutenancy's *Legacy Society*, which provides members of the Lieutenancy with the opportunity to make provi-

sions in their estate plans that enable the Order to continue its work, continues to see growth in its numbers. The Knights and Ladies have also fervently participated in Masses and other opportunities for spiritual growth in their own areas and in special diocesan celebrations, such as priestly ordinations.



The Patriarch Fouad Twal

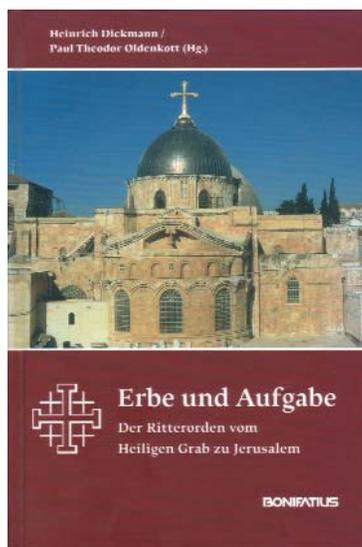
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Heinrich DICKMANN / Paul Theodor OLDENKOTT (Hg.), *Erbe und Aufgabe – Der Ritterorden vom Heiligen Grab zu Jerusalem*, Bonifatius, Paderborn 2009, 386 pp., Euro 39,00

This book is more than a collection of documents: by way of eleven articles the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is described according to its goals, its history, its responsibilities towards the Christians in the Holy Land and its social engagement. However, one can also note the authors' desire to strengthen the enthusiasm of the members of the Order for the tasks they have freely assumed, and to inform all the other readers about these tasks that constitute a commitment for the members of the Order.

The volume was published on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Lieutenancy of Germany. The title is purposely the same as the work by Johannes Binkowski, published in 1981, with the purpose of rewriting the developments within the Order that show its expansion, with an added goal of preserving the heritage of the past. The Grand Prior, Cardinal Reinhard Marx, Archbishop of Munich and Freising, describes the members' social engagement and their contribution to spirituality from a religious perspective, while Wendelin Knoch treats the specific spirituality of the Order, a constitutive and essential element of the organization. The "mass media as an opportunity" is the theme treated by Martin Lohmann who writes of how the Order presents itself to the public, illustrating its spirituality and finality. Matthias Kopp offers the testimony of the men and women of the Holy Land, especially of the city of Jerusalem, describing the various attempts undertaken on behalf of peace, a theme closely connected to the history of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land and in the autonomous Palestinian territories. Manfred Günther Plachetka treats the Holy Sepulchre and the adjacent buildings. His reflections on their centuries-old history touch upon the artistic-historical level, as well as the social and religious. Detlef Brümmer, however, reflects on the tradition-rich heritage that the Order is tasked with preserving in the Holy Land. He recounts what the Order as a whole has done and what has been undertaken by the Lieutenancy of Germany. The common good represented by the social activities within the Order itself is the theme of the contribution of Heinrich Kürpick. He also explains the broad lines of the renewal of the Order for the Third Millennium, citing, amplifying and delving into its basic principles.

Recounting his many years of experience as a member of the Order, Heinz Malangré, explains how this membership fits into society as a whole, what society can expect of it, and finally how life is organized in the delegations, sections and lieutenancy. To the history of the Lieutenancy of Germany, its evolution and the personages who shaped its development are dedicated the articles by Hermann Josef Scheidigen ("the Lieutenancy as a religious equestrian order"), Gottfried Wolff ("the development of the Lieutenancy undertaken by the Lieutenants") and Volker de Vry ("the Grand Priors of the Lieutenancy"). Thus the book is a successful combination of the basic elements of the Order, illustrating and better clarifying the tasks of each member and the heritage that needs to be preserved. It should not simply be read in its entirety, that is, reading and interpreting it once; rather, one should find a way to grasp the various themes, and this from the perspective of the Order today.



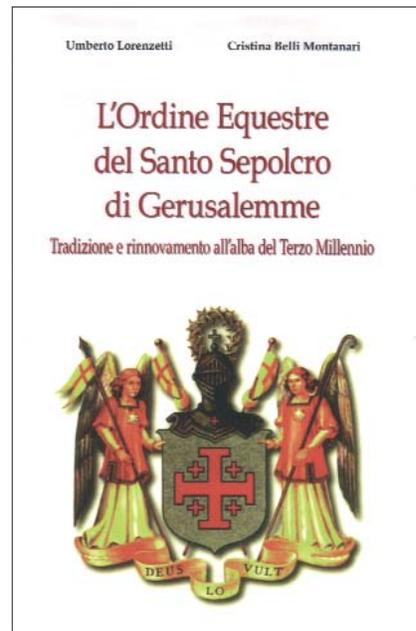
REVIEWS

Umberto LORENZETTI and Cristina BELLI MONTANARI, *L'Ordine Equestre del Santo Sepolcro di Gerusalemme – Tradizione e rinnovamento all'alba del Terzo Millennio*, Limited edition at the authors' request, Fano 2011, 185 pages

This is an in-depth study of the Order, conducted with great commitment to research in the sources (evidenced, among other ways, by the appearance of more than 400 notes and bibliographical references) and in a balanced and ever clear exposition. However, it is also a study which, enlivened by love for the institution to which the authors belong, helps us understand the “real significance” at a time in which – as they write in the Preface, “the so-called civilization of images sometimes makes us tend to perceive the exterior, superficial aspects without grasping their deepest meaning”. In fact the work exalts “the profound moral dignity” of the Order and thoroughly illustrates the mission that it pursues and the values subtending it.

The first chapter, on the origins (“between myth and history”) of the Order, deserves special recognition for its objective presentation of the sources and its reliance on the more recent studies, especially the acts of the congress *Militia Sancti Sepulcri. Idea and institutions*, that was held in 1996 at the Pontifical Lateran University upon the initiative of the Grand Magisterium. In the second chapter, on the “present reality” (purpose, structure, historical Headquarters, etc.), we find reflections on “being knights on the threshold of the third Millennium” and on the “life-choice” marked by investiture as members of the Order. Illustrating then the spirituality of the institution, the book highlights quite well the collections of prayers, the presentation of the pilgrimage shrines, the Saints and Blesseds, the indulgences and privileges. In the fourth chapter, a thorough exposition and clear explanation of the ceremonial (and of the insignia, decorations, vessels, dress, hierarchy, protocols) followed by an appendix containing a wealth of historical material (especially Papal documents) and the current Statutes of the Order.

The authors dedicated their work first and foremost to the members of the Order “that synthetic compendium of that which constitutes the consciousness of identity”; then to the aspiring members, those preparing to enter the sodality; and lastly, to all those who want a better knowledge of it. And in fact, from it emerges, as was hoped – and in its official presentations sponsored by the Lieutenancy for the Appennine Region of Central Italy and the Marches – that “deep meaning of the Cross that distinguishes the Knights and Ladies and their living faith in Christ, witnessed to by their personal willingness to sacrifice for their Christian brothers and sisters of the Holy Land”. And the profits from the sale of the volume are designated entirely to the “irreplaceable charitable role” in support of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. (*g.m.*)



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