

# LATIN PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM



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Latin School Mafraq — Jordan

The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem is aware of the various needs and requirement that enables Parishes, Schools and Community Centers in Jordan to develop and upgrade the pastoral and education services of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

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## LATIN SCHOOL MAFRAQ - JORDAN

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### **HISTORY AND CONTEXT**

The Latin Parish in Mafraq has been serving the local community for the past 70 years. The work of the Latin parish is more and more instrumental not only in securing educational and pastoral services for local Christians and the Latin Parish but also adhering to the social and economic needs and aspirations of the local community. The Latin parish in Mafraq is composed of almost ninety families totaling around 500 persons 50% of whom are under the age of 14.

The Latin Parish of Mafraq that is served by one resident priest and 2 nuns has been actively involved in emergency support not only to poor Jordanian families but to a greater extend in the past three years to Syrian and Iraqi refugees. At the moment the Latin Parish in Mafraq provides after noon educational support to young Syrian refugee children at the school.

The Latin School in Mafraq; by location and service is a dynamic center for pastoral and educational work. The School building was built in 1943 to house students in a coeducational atmosphere and a home to the nurturing of children and teenagers. The Latin School in Mafraq is the only community schools (parish School) in the area.

At the moment the school serves 385 students in grades 1 to 8, Forty five percent of whom are females and around 70% of the total is Christians. The school also runs a Kindergarten and serves 121 young children. While maintaining academic performance, the school Administration together with the Parish priest and Academic staff are governed by the General Directorate of schools in Jordan, maintain a close communion with catholic Christian education, standards of education enforced by the Jordanian Ministry of education and integrating the school into the reality of the community through an array of community and school programs

### **NEEDS**

The Schools is comprised of three main blocks whereby all school services and facilities are divided between the three. Block (A) Serves as School administration and Nuns residence, Block (B) the new Extension serves as main school building, and Block (c) that serves as Toilets on top of which is the Computer Lab. The school as a whole is still however underserved in terms of necessary number of classrooms and auxiliary educational facilities. On one hand, the fact that it runs from grade 1 to 8 only has forced many of its committed students to exit from the school in search of good high school in the area. The School reported that 35 students in grade 9 left the school at the start of school year 2013/2014.

Furthermore, the school runs three sections at lower grades (first and second) which is a number that is unmatched by the number of available classrooms should the school maintain the same number of sections and students into higher grades; i.e. 3rd to 8th grade on one hand or attempt to expand the school into a high school and prevent the loss of students as indicated earlier.

### PROPOSED INTERVENTION

Together with the Local Parish and school administration the Latin Patriarchate is proposing the remodeling of Block (A) that is currently used as Administration and classroom in the ground floor and the Nuns residence in the first floor that will be:

- 1. Ground floor to serve as administration and nuns' residence thus splitting the existing area of around 300 m<sup>2</sup> between the two main functions.
- 2. Transform the first floor to accommodate 5 classrooms and 2 rooms for labs.

This proposition will provide appropriate spaces to the school administration on one side and provide a standalone and comfortable access to and from the Nuns residence.

In addition the Latin Patriarchate will undertake all the necessary upgrading works of the main school building Block (B) including insulation works of the roof, white wash and paint of all different classroom and upgrading of teachers room.

### **EXECUTION AND DURATION**

The project will require 4 months and will be executed during the second and third quarter of the year 2014. The Technical team will prepare are necessary detailed designs and will be managed and supervised by LPJ technical and procurement staff as per LPJ internal contracting and supervision procedures.

### PROPOSED BUDGET

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AMOUNT JD
I.	INTERNAL WORKS	
1	CIVIL WORKS	
2	Waterproofing and Thermal Insulation	8,140.00
3	Finishing Works	104,291.00
	Total of Civil Works	112,431.00
4	ELECTRICAL WORKS	18,500.00
5	MECHANICAL WORKS	31,500.00
II.	FURNITURE	19,800.00
III.	EXTERNAL WORKS	15,950.00
	TOTAL OF MAFRAQ LATIN SCHOOL WORKS	198,181.00
IV.	DESIGN, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION 8%	15,854.48
	GRAND TOTAL OF MAFRAQ LATIN SCHOOL	214,035.48

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# **PHOTOS**











