

# News Letter



ORDO EQUESTRIS SANCTI SEPULCRI HIEROSOLYMITANI

## «WE MUST STAND TOGETHER»

«All those who seek dignity, democracy, freedom and prosperity are under attack. We must stand together and speak out in truth and freedom (...) Together, we must seek out all those who dream, as we do, of a society in which Muslims Christians and Jews are equal citizens, living side by side, building together a society in which new generations can live and prosper (...) Finally, we pray for all, for those who join their efforts to ours, and for those who are harming us now, or even killing us. We pray that God may allow them to see the goodness He has put in the heart of each one. May God transform every human being from the depth of his or her heart, enabling them to love every human being as God does, He who is the Creator and Lover of all. Our only protection is in our Lord and like Him we offer our lives for those who persecute us as well as for those who, with us, stand in defence of love, truth and dignity.»

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★ **THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK IN JORDAN**

For the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Day of the Sick on 11 February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mgr Maroun Lahham, Latin Patriarchal Vicar for Jordan, concelebrated Mass in the Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation in Luweibdeh, with many priests attended by a large gathering of the faithful, the sick, the elderly and their families. The Sacrament of the Sick was widely administered on this occasion. Mrs Bassima Samaan, Director of the television channel Télé Lumière (Noursat) in Jordan thanked the faithful for having come to pray for all who suffer. Every three years the World Day of the Sick is specifically celebrated in a great Marian shrine. This was the case in Altötting in Bavaria in 2013, and will take place in Nazareth, in 2016, by papal decision.

## NEWS OF THE ORDER AND ITS LIEUTENANCIES

### NEWS OF THE LIEUTENANCY OF PORTUGAL

We accompany in our prayers members of the Lieutenancy of Portugal who have just lost their Grand Prior Emeritus, Cardinal José Policarpo, who died on 12 March during surgery. The press gave wide coverage to the presence of Knights and Dames at the funeral of the former Archbishop of Lisbon. Another event engages the Lieutenancy: the organization of a major conference on 14 May in Lisbon, on the current situation of Christians in the Middle East. Patriarch Fouad Twal, Grand Prior of the Order, will participate, having chaired the international pilgrimage to the shrine of Fatima, on 12 and 13 May. A few days later a Portuguese delegation of thirty Knights, Dames, and friends, will travel to Amman, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, to accompany the Holy Father during his pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

### BEREAVEMENT IN VANCOUVER

We carry in our prayers the family of our friend H.E. Declan P. Lawlor, Honorary Lieutenant of the Canadian Lieutenancy of Vancouver. He went to the Heavenly Father on 2 February 2014, on the Marian Feast of the Presentation, at the age of 69. Knight Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Dr. Lawlor has left us

the testimony of a faithful lay person courageously engaged in society for the defense of non-negotiable principles, in particular the respect for life from conception to natural death. We are sure of the spiritual fruitfulness of his intercession for the Order, in the communion of saints.

**The editors invite each Lieutenancy to send us any information it wishes to convey in our next Newsletter, scheduled for June 2014.**

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