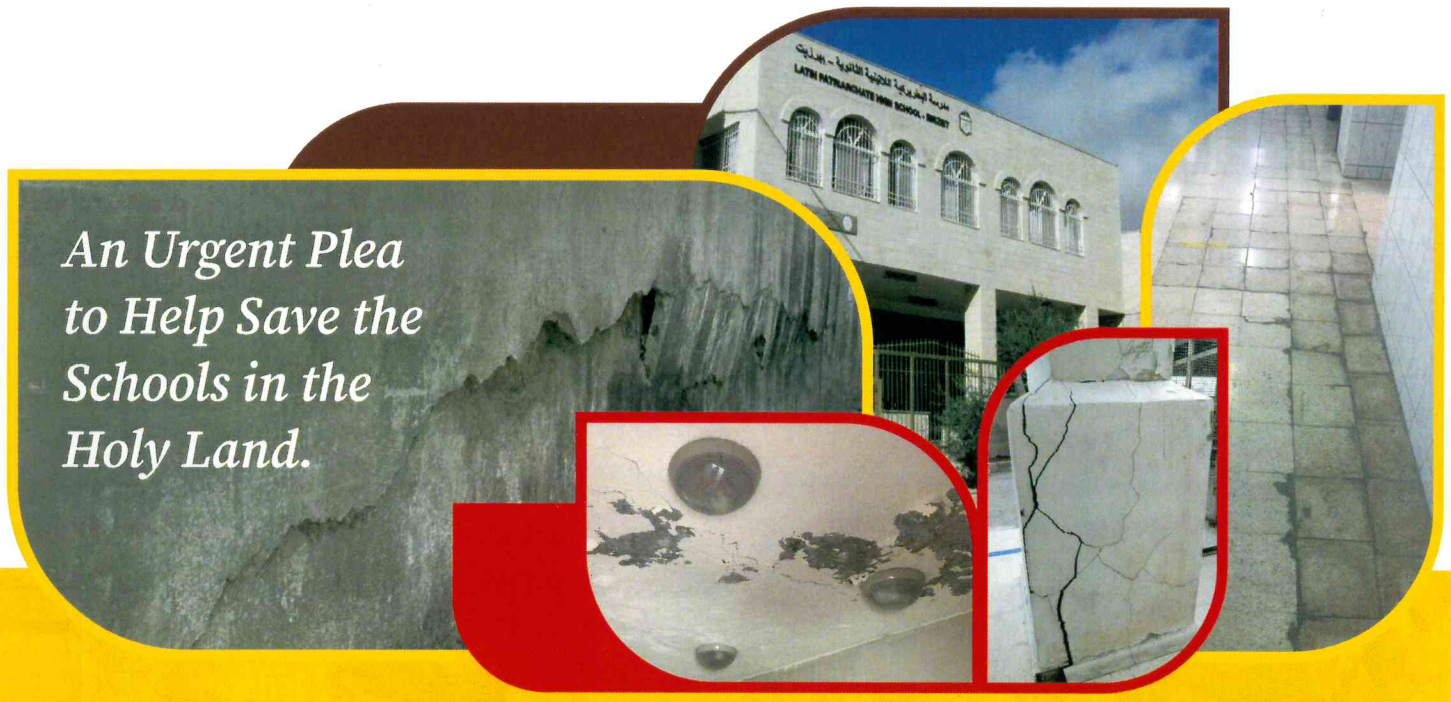
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

ENSURING THE FUTURE

OF THE SCHOOLS OF THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE

A NORTH AMERICA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



This extraordinary, urgent **Ensuring the Future** capital campaign, launched by the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in North America, will provide desperately needed repairs, upgrades, and resources to the schools of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem in the land where Christ walked, died, and rose from the dead.

Conducted in conjunction with the North America Lieutenancies under the leadership of the Order's Vice Governor General for North America, this critically needed **$8 million** campaign is dedicated solely to the approximately **500 classrooms** and school facilities in the Latin Patriarchate.

An academically strong and stable school system within the Holy Land is fundamentally important to the future of Christianity and to peace and stability in the region.

Students crowded into an updated classroom.

Life In The Holy Land Today

Our capital campaign is the result of the Covid epidemic which continues to heavily impact Christians in the Holy Land. Quarantines and restrictions on travel ended pilgrimages and tourism in the Holy Land, crippling the major source of income for Christian families. While pilgrimages and tourism are returning, humanitarian aid is still desperately needed as families struggle to recover from the losses suffered during two years with virtually no income.

There will be no quick or easy return to normal in the Holy Land.

In response to this economic crisis, the Latin Patriarchate has redirected available funds to provide humanitarian aid for rent support, utility payments, food, and medical care to those most in need. The funds for this desperately needed aid have been taken from the long-term school funding for renovations and upgrades.

The lack of funding for repairs and upgrades to the schools has led to a decline in enrollment as parents seek a better standard of education for their children.

Though there have been a very limited number of upgrades to some classrooms, the condition of the schools has reached the point that, even with a return to the previous funding levels, it is impossible to bring the schools to the standards needed for quality education without your help.

Our only Solution is a major capital campaign to address the physical needs of the schools and ensure their long term viability.

A science lab with one set of equipment.

A classroom unused for lack of proper facilities.

The Order seeks, *"To finance our schools, our Christian schools and university in the Holy Land...to form a new generation that is formed with our principles."*

Leonardo Visconti di Modrone
Governor General of the Order

Education is a critical part of the Christian presence in the Holy Land which is a fundamental responsibility of Our Order to maintain and support.

Ensuring The Future Campaign

As of June 2023:

- LPJ schools include a network of **44 K-12th grade schools** *(13 in Palestine, 25 in Jordan and 6 in Israel).*
- LPJ schools serve a total of **18,968 boys and girls** *(of whom 11,143 are Christians).*
- The LPJ employs **1,758 professionals**, mostly Christians, making it one of the largest employers in the region.

The Holy Land Commission of the Grand Magisterium reviewed the conditions of the schools in their last visit to the Holy Land. They determined that the condition of the schools have declined to the point that it is not possible to restore the schools to modern standards using available operating funds.

The Latin Patriarchate conducted a detailed study of all the schools and determined that a total of $8 million is required to bring the schools to modern standards.

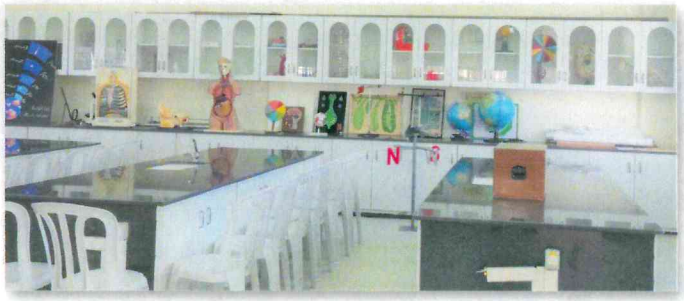
Funds from the campaign will be allocated to every school based on its unique capital needs so that all schools can offer the best educational experience to the children who attend.

This is a vital and urgent moment to save our Christian schools in the Holy Land. With your help, we can help improve the future for Catholic children in the Holy Land, and thereby the prospect for peace and stability in the region.

Please prayerfully consider helping at this critical time.

Outdated Labs

Improved Lab



Annual contribution vs. Campaign contribution

Your generous annual donation to your Lieutenancy is essential to meet the day-to-day needs of the Latin Patriarchate. With expenses growing for some of the LPJ's largest budget items, such as wages for teachers and staff and humanitarian aid, your annual donation is more critical than ever.

This means the Ensuring the Future campaign must be sacrificial gifts in addition and beyond annual donations. This is an opportunity, through a gift or a pledge, to create life-changing educational opportunities for children who are the future of the Holy Land. A way to Ensure the Future.

How to Make a Gift

The **Ensuring the Future** Capital Campaign is being conducted through the Order's Vice Governor General, North America Nonprofit Corporation, which has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed under applicable law. Deductibility should be verified with your tax consultant.

All contributions can be made by check, wire transfer, or electronic donation as a one-time gift or 3-year pledge.

ELECTRONICALLY

Through the North America website:
eohsjnorthamerica.org

Or Bank Wire Transfer

BY CHECK

Payable to
EOHSJ Vice Governor General, North America

Mailed to
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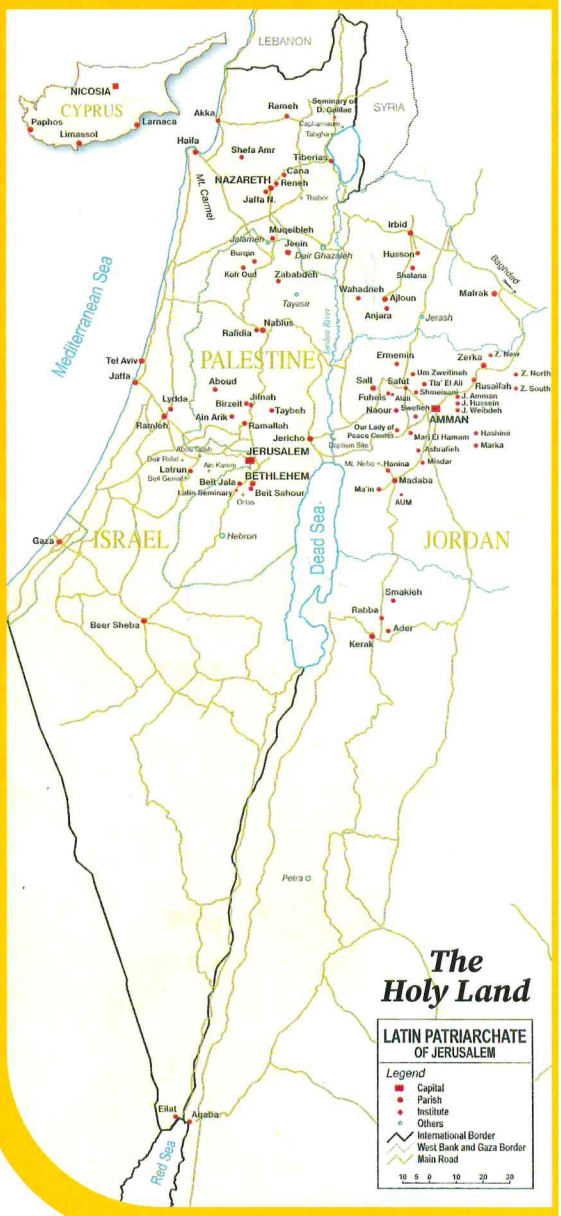
The enclosed donation card has further details on how to make a gift or pledge.



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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" - Isaiah 6:8