

# News Letter

ORDO EQUESTRIS SANCTI SEPULCRI HIEROSOLYMITANI

## DEATH OF GIUSEPPE CARDINAL CAPRIO

*The Cardinal Grand Master Emeritus of our Order, Giuseppe Cardinal Caprio, who was head of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem from 1988 to 1995, set us a number of important courses to follow during his period of leadership. He passed away on 15 October 2005, in Rome, when the Lord brought his life to a close after almost 67 years in the priesthood, 44 of those years as a Bishop and over 26 as a Cardinal,*

The best obituary will certainly be the quotations from the homily given by the Holy Father at Cardinal Caprio's funeral on 18 October 2005, which will appear in the next issue of the *Annales*, In the meantime, here are a few facts about the late Cardinal's career:

Born in Lapio (Italy) on 15 November 1914, Giuseppe Caprio studied philosophy and Catholic theology in Rome, before being received into the priesthood on 17 December 1938. After a further period of study, in 1940 he joined the Secretariat of State of the Vatican, where he remained until 1947. From 1947 to 1951 he was Secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature in China, where the Communist regime placed him under arrest for three months before finally expelling him. ➤

Death of Giuseppe Cardinal Caprio I

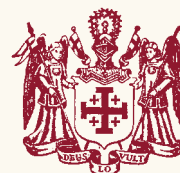
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### IMPRESSUM

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From 1951 to 1954 he worked in the Nunciature in Belgium and from 1954 to 1959 he was Visitor and Head of the Apostolic Delegation in South Vietnam. From 1959 to 1961 he carried out diplomatic duties in Taiwan. In 1961 Pope John XXIII appointed him Titular Archbishop of Apollonia; Grégoire-Pierre XV Cardinal Agagianian performed his episcopal ordination.

Cardinal Caprio took part in the Second Vatican Council and in 1967 became Pro-Nuncio in India. From 1969 onward, he held a variety of important administrative positions in the Vatican. In 1979 Pope John Paul II made him a Cardinal Deacon; his titular church was Santa Maria Ausiliatrice, part of the College of Cardinals in Via Tuscolana. At the same time, the Pope appointed him President of the Administration of the Patrimony. In 1981 he became President of the Prefecture of the Economic Affairs of the Holy See. In January 1990 the Holy Father raised him to the rank of Cardinal Priest, allocating him the titular church of Santa Maria della Vittoria.

As he was already over 80 years of age, Cardinal Caprio was unable to take part in the Conclave which followed the death of Pope John Paul II in 2005.

Much of Cardinal Caprio's worldly wisdom and dignity is evident in the large portrait of him which hangs in offices of the Grand Magisterium. He looked on his commitment to our Order with a great sense of responsibility. Everyone who knew him personally is sure that he is now safe in God's sheltering hands and that he has taken his place in the eternal glory of God. We remain joined with him in prayer.

## Spiritual Reflection

given to the Knights and Dames of the Order by  
Father Paul Taylor KCHS in Melbourne, Australia

*A homily given during a Retreat by Father Paul Taylor KCHS in August 2004 was remarked upon very favourably by the members and particularly by the visitors.*

*Here you will find an extract from this homily:*

**H**ow can I have the mind of Christ Jesus? This can occur only through prayer and contemplation where we open ourselves to the Divine Gift. By this means we nurture our personal relationship with the Living God. As you know, no friendship can develop without spending time with the other. Christ your friend and brother seeks to converse with you. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the frequent meditation on His Word we come to have the mind of Christ. Imitation can only be of what we know and so our capacity to imitate Christ comes from knowing Him.

Can I suggest to you that each of the smaller crosses on our emblem are particular windows into the Divine working. The Cross Potent 'Gentillesse' refers to Christ. In Matthew 11:29 Jesus says "I am gentle and humble of heart". We should hold before our eyes the image of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey of Matthew 21:5.

The first of the smaller Crosses on our emblem urges us to cultivate 'Courtoisie' (being courteous). This reminds us that Christ himself lived that quality and it also reflects the invitation response structure of Divine revelation and vocation.



The second of the smaller Crosses we call ‘Charité’ (loving) and this reminds us as St. John tells us that “God is Love” and so we find the sources of our call to imitate, however imperfectly, the love of God made known in Jesus Christ.

As you know the third Cross represents ‘Largesse’ (generosity). In contemplating the blessings we have received from God we find an impetus to our own calling to live with generosity.

The fourth Cross represents ‘Loyauté’ (being loyal). This reminds us of the Covenant fidelity of God to his people and so we are encouraged to live as loyal members of the Church on earth.

Just as the horizontal arm of the Cross requires the vertical spar to support and give it stability, so the active pastoral outreach of the Catholic Knight or Dame can only be sustained by a firm attachment to the vertical dimension through prayer, contemplation and the sacraments. Many worthy and inspiring initiatives can fail and be like the great inland rivers of Australia that end up in the dried salt pans of lakes where they evaporate.

And so for us, personal prayer and communal worship are vital in sustaining our horizontal outreach as the Church. The many practical and praiseworthy works of the Order will continue as long as the spiritual motivation is sustaining them. We know that in times of near despair, desolation and disaster the Order has persevered. There is no way to glory but by way of the Cross.”

# Projects financed by the Order for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem in the year 2005

## 1. Projects completed during 2005

During the year 2005 the following projects were completed, upon a disbursement of 480,00 US\$ by the Order.

**Beit Jala- Palestine: Parish Hall construction** **215,000,- \$**

The first phase of the construction of a new Parish Hall of 450 m<sup>2</sup> - attached to the west wing of the Seminary – was completed. The construction will be finished in the year 2006, upon a further disbursement by the Order of 115,579 US\$.

**Beith Jala – Palestine: Seminary modernization** **100.000,- \$**

The classrooms and the students’ rooms were renovated and provided with modern facilities.



**Deir Rafat- Israel: renovation of the youth Centre 50.000,- \$**

The Youth centre, attached to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Palestine, was refurbished, with a capacity to host 60 people. This project and the following were financed by the Lieutenancy of Northern Italy

**Deir Rafat – Israel: Sanctuary garden and new gate**

The garden around the Sanctuary was cleaned up and a new gate was built to control the access.

**Muquelbleh – Palestine 100.000,- \$**

After the building of the partition wall by the Israeli Government , the construction of a new Parish centre become necessary for the local Christians, including the church, a meeting hall and the priest residence ( to the last refers the financing by the Order).

**2. Funds reserved for conditioned projects**

In addition to the projects completed, funds were allocated in the year 2005 by the Grand Magisterium for other two projects, whose disbursement has been subject to external conditions, not satisfied during the year.

**Amman Mizdar Parish Hall- Jordan 164.000,- \$**

The disbursement will be made when the construction of the hall – in a four storey building - will be started, after completing the negotiation for the displacement of some shops in the ground floor.

**Rameh school- Israel 850.000,- \$**

The expansion of the school to cover all the grades of instruction before the University, is an ambitious project, that will require around 4 million dollar. The financing by the Order, for the sum indicated above, has been conditioned to finding, by the Patriarchate, of the other funds necessary to complete at least the first phase of the realization (two storeys building for a total cost of 1.6 M\$).

**PROJECTS OF THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE FOR 2006**  
approved by the Grand Magisterium at its meeting  
on 9 November 2005

**SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT**

US \$

**BIR ZEIT School Palestine Ramallah District**  
*Waterproofing of roof and expansion joints, replacing windows,  
upgrading sanitary system*

58.428,00

**NABLUS School Palestine**  
*New sanitary units, floor and wall tiles, piping system, painting,  
electrical wiring, external works*

29.821,00



	US \$	US \$
<b>ZABADEH School Palestine</b> <i>Painting walls &amp; ceilings, improvements to basketball field, refitting drainage system, elimination of rainwater penetration</i>	42,689,00	
<b>Total: school refurbishment</b>	<b>130.938,00</b>	
<b>SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY HALLS</b>		
<b>BEIT JALA Community Hall Palestine</b> <i>Construction of new building 450 sq mt</i>	115.579,00	
<b>ABOUD Community Hall Palestine</b> <i>Construction of a new building 380 sq mt</i>	98.000,00	
<b>Jenin Community Hall Palestine</b> <i>Finishing a new building 180 sq mt</i>	49.000,00	
<b>Total: school and community halls</b>	<b>262.579,00</b>	
<b>CHURCHES &amp; CONVENTSE</b>		
<b>KERAK CHURCH Jordan</b> <i>Consolidation of foundations, new roof, reinforcement of walls</i>	224.225,00	
of which: maximum to be allocated now for geotechnical analysis subject to positive result of geotechnical analysis		30.000,00 194.225,00
<b>ESMAKIEH Church Jordan</b> <i>New floor tiles for church and surfacing for playground in front of the church; new furniture</i>	8.667,00	
<b>ZABADEH Nuns Convent Palestine</b> <i>Reconstruction of entrance and external terrace</i>	9.997,00	
<b>NABLUS RAFIDIA CHURCH</b> <i>Flagstones for external yard, landscaping, waterproofing the roof</i>	30.800,00	
<b>PATRIARCHATE Jerusalem</b> <i>Church windows, ecclesiastical court roof, security surveillance system</i>	45.000,00	
<b>Total: churches and convents</b>	<b>318.689,00</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS 2006</b>	<b>712.206,00</b>	
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>		
<b>BETHLEHEM Purchase of House in front of the Church of the Nativity</b> <i>Basement, Ground Floor, First Floor, adjacent to Nuns' convent 127 sq mt</i>	200.000,00	
<b>NABLUS Rafidia School/Convent purchase of adjacent land</b> <i>980 sq mt</i>	100.000,00	
<b>Total: special projects</b>	<b>318.689,00</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1.012.206,00</b>	

N.B. At the date of February 28th, 2006,  
out of the above list approved by the Grand Magisterium,  
for a total amount of 1,012,206 US\$, various Lieutenancies of the Order  
had already taken formal commitment to finance different projects for a total of 778,000 US\$.



Report from  
the Latin Patriarchate by Fr. Shawki Baterian,  
General Administrator:

# Medical Aid in the Holy Land

**T**he medical fund had a credit balance from 2004 of US\$20,078.10 which was used this year. Moreover, we have received three grants for the medical fund throughout this year which amounted to US\$150,000. Thus the medical fund totalled US\$170,078.10 for the year 2005. The cost of supporting around one hundred and ninety cases this year amounted to US\$168,470.57, leaving a remaining balance for the end of this year of US\$1,607.53. We have illustrated some cases below in order to give you a general idea of the cases that the medical fund has supported. .

**Norma E.** is a 24 year old woman from Bir Zeit village who was suffering from womb cancer. She was operated on at the Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem. The womb was removed and she was asked to start chemotherapy. Due to the closure

of the West Bank, each time she needed to go for chemotherapy she was obliged to go to the hospital by ambulance in order to pass the check points. All these costs amounted to around 2,000 Shekels. Fr. Aziz Halaweh, our parish priest in Bir Zeit, had taken responsibility for this urgent medical case.

**Moussa D** is a 7 year old child from Bir Zeit who suffered from a decrease in the growth hormones. Without urgent treatment, he was likely to die. At first, he was at Ramallah governmental Hospital; then he was sent to Yaffo Hospital in Tel Aviv. The hospital asked him for 5000 shekels before they would take him in. The medical fund covered this amount

**Hanna E.** is the son of a young family from a small town next to Nazareth. This family was two years without children. The

mother had been undergoing I.V.F. treatment to get pregnant. After God blessed them with Hanna, it was found out that he was suffering from a Pierre Robin Syndrome (that means that the child was born without a lower jaw and therefore he was not able to breathe). He was born only 32 weeks into the pregnancy because of his mother's very high blood pressure. After he was born he was connected to a breathing machine. Then the doctors were forced to open a hole in his throat. He underwent to four more surgical operations, which showed that he had a more serious problem: the narrowness of the air passage inside his throat and no-one in the country has the proper experience of performing this kind of surgery. The doctors concluded that to save the life of this child, he had to be sent to Cincinnati Children's Medical Center in Ohio. The cost of this operation is US\$140,000. The medical fund helped this young family with US \$ 3000.



**Nisreen H.** is a mother from Taybeh who gave birth on the 23/02/2005 at Makassed Hospital in Jerusalem. The baby was extremely premature, very low birth weight, HMD, and the PDA closed. Thus he was on M.V., on nasogastric feeding, had the chronic lung disease, bronchial pulmonary dysphasia, and was on a course of Dexamethasone. The hospitalization for him cost 10000 Shekels. The medical fund supported with 5000 Shekels.

**Shadi B.** is a 21 year old from Bethlehem suffering from cystic fibrosis. He also suffers from severe lung disease requiring frequent hospitalization with intravenous therapy. His condition deteriorated recently and he required more aggressive therapy and daily oxygen. He was able to improve his condition thanks to a special negative pressure ventilation machine called BIPHASIC CUIRASS Ventilator-RTX and physiotherapy sessions. This machine was very expensive (US\$17,000) and can be rented for 3500 Shekels monthly. The medical fund covered US\$1,500.

**Ya'coub M.** is an 11 year old boy who had a yellowish discoloration of his skin and the whites of his eyes, associated with decreased appetite. He was diagnosed with acute fulminate hepatitis, suspected Budd-Chiari syndrome, though Wilson disease and auto-immune hepatitis were ruled out. Because of progressive worsening in his liver function, it was recommended that he be transferred urgently to an Israeli hospital for further care and possibly a transplant. The medical fund supported the transplantation operation with 21,750 Shekels. The Palestinian Authority covered 65% of the cost.

**George H.** is suffering from a severe arterial disease and he was in need of a very expensive medicine (Valcyte 450 mg): 60 tablets each month at a cost of 12,320 Shekels. This case was covered by several sources such as Caritas Bethlehem, Bethlehem parish priest, the Palestinian Authority; the medical fund covered one month of his medication.

**Nawal N.** is a 50 year old woman who lives with her husband in a poor little house in Jerusalem. Her husband is suffering from kidney failure and undergoes bi-weekly dialysis. He is also suffering from diabetes that has already caused his leg to be amputated. He is also suffering from a cancerous tumour and he is undergoing chemotherapy in Hadassah hospital three times a week. The medical fund helped the family with 1000 Shekels to cover transport to hospital.

**Rami D.** is an 8 year old child from Rafidia who had a bad fall, resulting in a fracture. He needed an open reduction and internal fixation operation and to be hospitalized for 3 days. The cost was about 1600 Jordanian Dinars. The medical fund came to his aid with 6,150 Shekels.

**Mariam F.** is an elderly woman from Beit Sahour who had a stroke and went into a coma. She was hospitalized at the Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation. The cost was 16,450 Shekels. The medical fund provided US\$ 1,000 and she received 7,425 Shekels from the Palestinian Authority.



*A new publication issued by  
the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem  
and the Custody of the Holy Land  
in recognition of the Order's dedication to the Holy Places  
for centuries past.*

## “The register of admissions to the Order of Knights

invested by the Custos of the Holy Land at the Tomb of the  
Holy Sepulchre between 1561 and 1848”

As is generally well-known, following the defeat of the crusaders at Acre and the Muslim occupation of the Holy Places the Franciscan Friars were the only representatives of the Latin Church to remain in the Holy Land and to hold the guardianship of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord, receiving there those faithful Christians who had themselves risked their lives to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem continued to welcome these courageous Christians who, having arrived in Jerusalem on pilgrimage, made their own charitable contribution to support the Franciscan

community in the Holy Land and who were invested by the Custos of the Holy Land at the very Tomb of the Holy Sepulchre, in a ceremony celebrated according to the ancient solemn rites still in force at that time.

Therefore, this publication is not a dry-as-dust list of the names of Knights; rather, it is a living and uplifting testimony to the faith, courage and dedication which Christianity, even in the most difficult centuries, continued to demonstrate toward Our Lord's earthly home; and it bears witness to those representatives of Christianity, whose names are inscribed in these registers, who are themselves the undeniable proof of the Order's un-

broken existence, from the time of its origin until the moment when, with his restoration of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem in 1847, Pope Pius IX gave the Order a new constitution, and a new mission.

The publication will be issued in a limited edition. Each volume will be numbered and will be signed by His Eminence Carlo Cardinal Furno, Grand Master of the Order.

The volumes will be available in June. Copies may be reserved via the Secretariat of the Grand Magisterium. The contribution requested is 100.00 per volume, in addition to the delivery charge.





# News Letter

## On a personal note

**Y**ou are now reading the eighth issue of this *Newsletter*. The main idea behind the introduction of this periodical was to make up-to-date information available without delay to the Members of the Order and to make them more aware of what the Order does. This, we hoped, would strengthen personal bonds, as well as our Members' commitment to the Holy Land, the Latin Patriarchate and our Christian brothers and sisters who live there. The *Newsletter* is also intended to fulfil the desire for more information – something often strongly expressed in many areas of the Order.

We have chosen to use e-mail as the most opportune and, above all, quickest and cheapest way to distribute the *Newsletter*. In practice, the latest issue (in the appropriate language: Italian, English, German, French or Spanish) is sent centrally to the Lieutenants, with the request that they take care of forwarding it throughout their respective Lieutenancies.

Now, after as many as seven issues, we have discovered that the *Newsletter* is still not being forwarded correctly. Certainly, this is in part due to the fact that not all Members of the Order have access to e-mail. However, from what we have observed, the main difficulty is that Lieutenants do not know their Members' e-mail addresses, nor do they ask for them.

In the interests of effective information procedures within the Order, we request all those responsible in the Lieutenancies – whether Lieutenants, Secretaries or Councils appointed for the purpose – to take the trouble to obtain the e-mail addresses of all their Members and to send the *Newsletter* to all the known addresses as and when it is issued.

In areas where e-mail distribution may not be so widespread, Lieutenancies can publish the *Newsletter* on their website and inform their Members that it can be accessed in this way.

*Please: help us to ensure that all Members  
of the Order receive the Newsletter  
as quickly as possible!*

