

NORTH AMERICA REPORT for 2025



The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

Primary Purpose of Membership



- **A Call to Holiness**

Spirituality of Members is a key focus of the Order and is articulated in our Grand Master, Fernando Cardinal Filoni's book:

**'The House was Filled with the Fragrance of the Perfume: A
Spirituality of the Order of the Holy Sepulcher'**

- **Spirituality begets Charity and Love**

Personal relationship with Christ leads to support of our Parishes, Dioceses, and our fellow Christians in the Holy Land.

Cardinal Filoni's Book

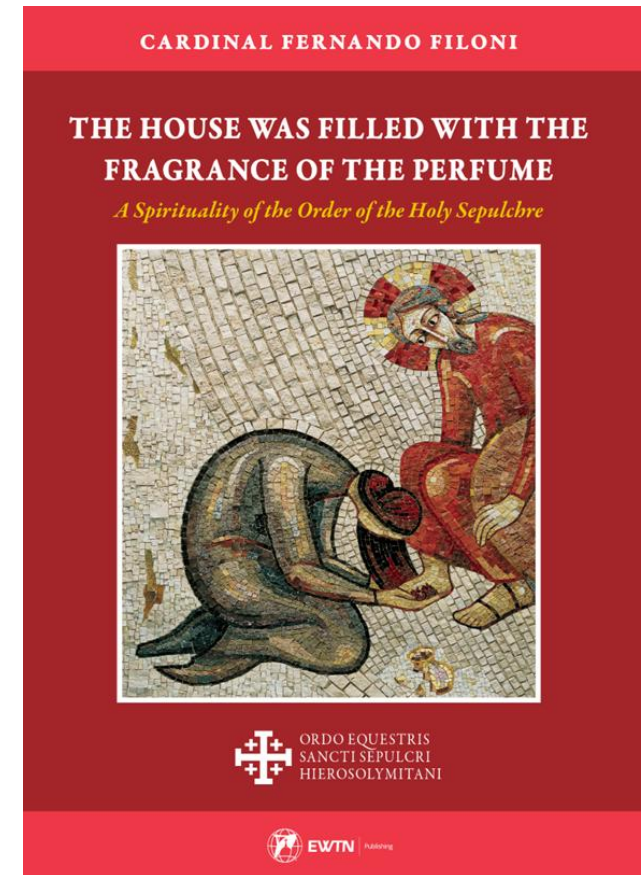


Current Members:

- The book reinforces why we joined the Order.
- It serves as a source of reflection to reinforce and deepen our personal relationship with Jesus.
- A number of Priests and Lieutenancies are using it for reflections/homilies with Members.
- The audiobook can be found on the Order's North America website at: www.eohsjnorthamerica.org.

New Members:

- By reading the book and listening to the audiobook, potential new members will realize the Order is about personal sanctification and, hopefully, they will want to be part of this calling.
- Invite new members.



How the Order Supports Christians in the Holy Land



- Prayer
- Financial Contributions
- Pilgrimages



Primary Focuses of the Latin Patriarch supported by the Order



- Education
- Humanitarian Aid
- Pastoral Care



GA 214 20 Upgrading the science labs at several Latin Patriarchate Schools- Palestine



Job Creation Program in Gaza

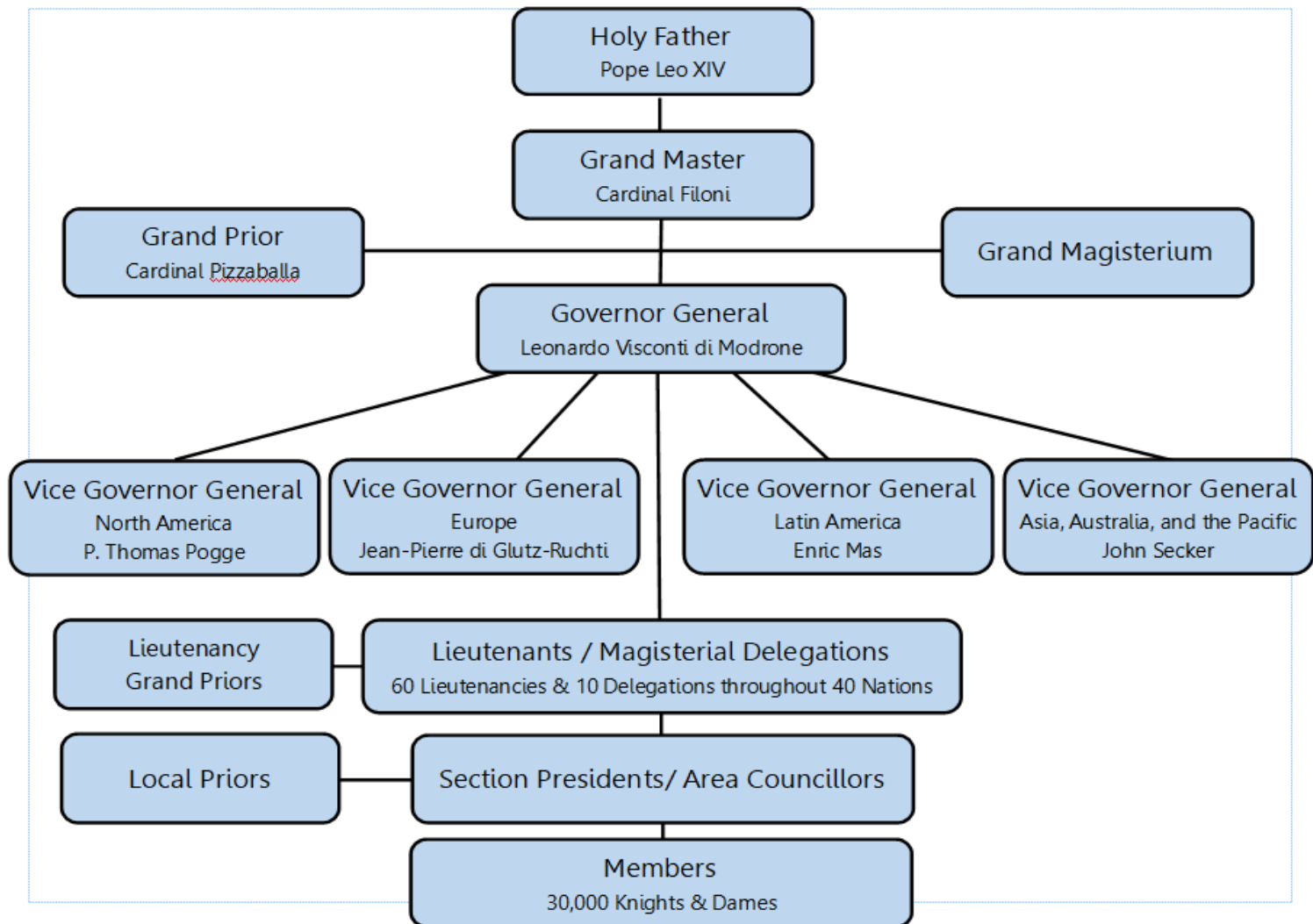


Spiritual retreat for the priests



GA 270 21 Upgrading schools' desks for several LP Schools- Palesinte

EOHSJ Organizational Chart



The Order's Documents



CONSTITUTION



BOOK ABOUT
SPIRITUALITY



RITUAL FOR
CELEBRATIONS



FORMATION
DOCUMENT



GENERAL
REGULATIONS



Staying Connected with the Order



- Local Participation in Area/Section and Lieutenancy Events.
- *Jerusalem Cross* Newsletter – Published Quarterly by the Order in 5 Languages.
- North America Website: <https://eohsjnorthamerica.org>
- Follow the Order on Rome's social media platforms.
- Renewed emphasis on the appreciation of the True Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Membership



- **Approximately 30,000 Members Worldwide**
- **60 Lieutenancies and 10 Magisterial Delegations**
- **15 Lieutenancies in North America**
- **14,380 Members in North America**

Membership In North America



2629 Southwestern

2564 Eastern

2112 Northern

1672 Southeastern

1290 Western

1132 North Central

980 Northeastern

851 Middle Atlantic

464 Northwestern

214 Toronto

138 Montreal

137 Vancouver

58 Quebec

39 Atlantic

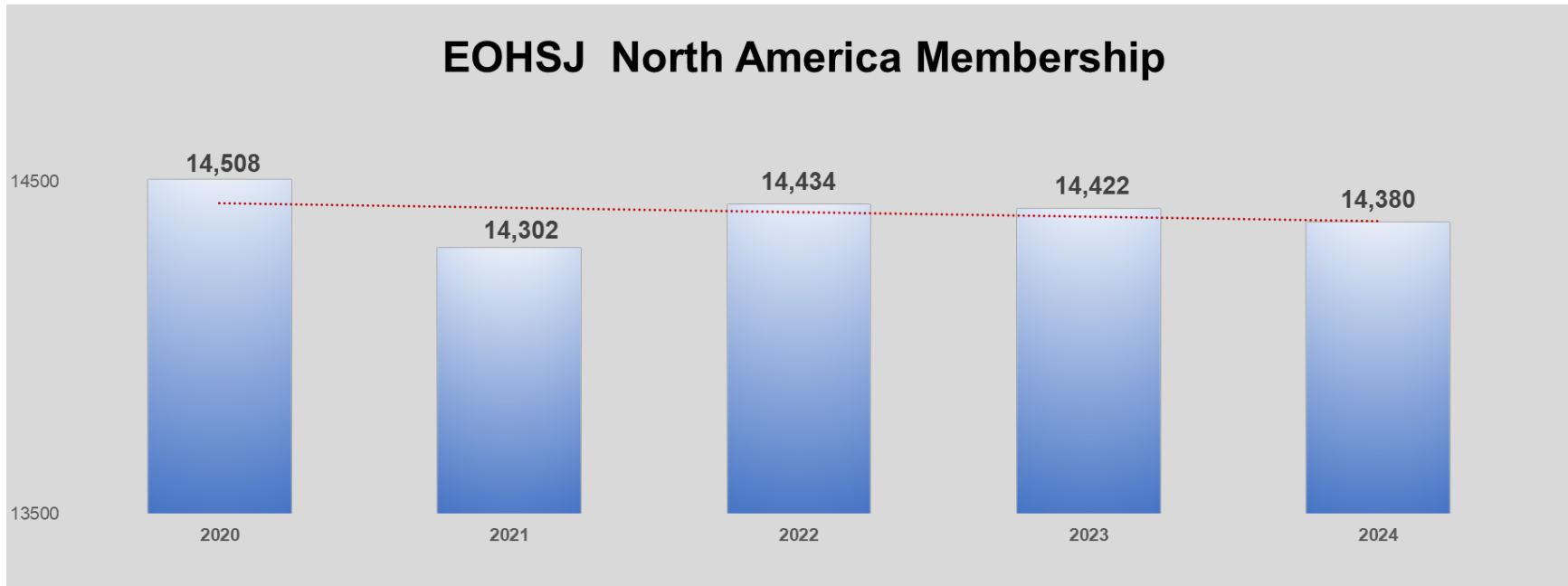
586 Canada

100 Puerto Rico

13,694 USA

14,380 North America

Membership & Contributions



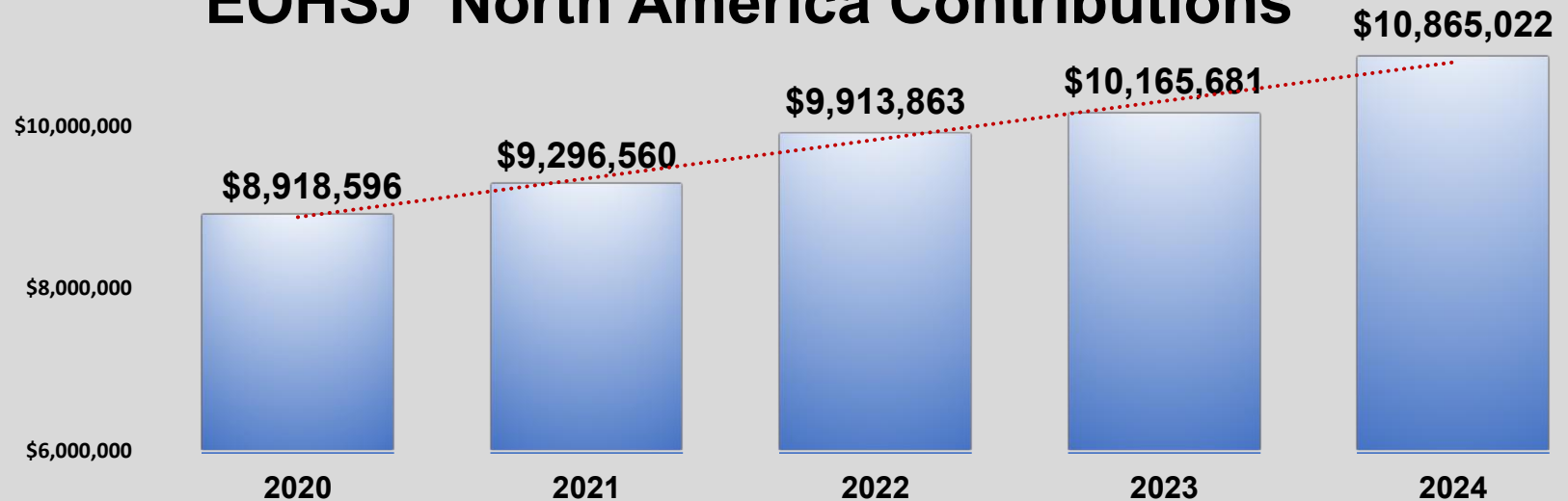
2024 Membership of 14,380 members. Flat vs 2023.

- Decreased by (42) members or (0.3%)
- 42% Knights, 42% Dames, 16% Ecclesiastics

Membership & Contributions



EOHSJ North America Contributions



US\$. Adjusting for \$190K Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign directly wired by the Lieutenancies,

**2024 Member Contribution = \$10.9M;
increase of ~\$700K or +7% vs \$10.2M in 2023.**

- Annual Member Contribution = \$7M; increase of \$687K or +11%
- Special Appeals = \$1.5M; increase of \$143K or +1%
- Legacy = \$800K; increase of \$170K or +27%

Membership & Contributions



EOHSJ North America Transfers to Grand Magisterium



US\$. 2024 Adjusted for \$256K Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign directly wired by the Lieutenancies to GM.

North America 2024 Transfers to Grand Magisterium = \$8.4M.

An increase of \$652K or +8% vs \$7.8M in 2023.

Financial Information



Audited Financial Statements

of the

*Equestrian Order of the
Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem*

for year ending December 31, 2024

*Stated in Euros

Assets



ASSETS			
In Euro	2024	2023	2022
Bank Deposits	4,375,610	1,499,067	3,037,585
Accounts Receivable	138,804	1,536,885	90,555
Prepayments & Accrued Income	55,323	36,363	28,207
Fixed Assets	604,351	581,889	125,184
Long Term Investments	18,498,588	18,003,708	16,787,267
Total Grand Magisterium Assets	23,672,676	21,657,912	20,068,798

Liabilities & Reserves



LIABILITIES & RESERVES			
In Euro	2024	2023	2022
Latin Patriarchate Reserves (1)	10,984,695	10,327,602	6,856,812
Palazzo della Rovere Reserve	6,261,190	6,267,886	9,894,308
Apartment Market Value	399,999	399,999	
Fiscal Year Operating Surplus	490,761	126,392	25,853
Statutory Reserves:	18,136,645	17,121,878	16,776,973
Bequests (Gernert, Zuberano, Cella)	2,916,779	2,817,166	2,168,156
Holy Father's Intentions	300,000	100,000	100,000
Grand Master's Intentions (for Holy Land)	1,000,000	500,000	303,599
Reserves for Contingencies and Charges:	1,300,000	600,000	403,599
Amortization	153,414	136,628	112,004
Retirement Fund for GM Employees	229,463	269,604	270,755
Liabilities	636,375	712,635	337,311
Deferred Income (Prepaid rental)	300,000	0	0
Total Grand Magisterium Liabilities & Reserves	23,672,676	21,657,911	20,068,798

(1) For monthly transfers to the Latin Patriarchate

Revenues & Expenses



In Euro	2024	2023	2022
Revenues:			
Lieutenancies Contributions	18,932,287	15,952,579	16,532,971
Rental Income	15,516	15,144	14,246
Financial Revenues	1,227,146	1,004,325	265,901
Reimbursements and other income	329,561	533,675	95,008
Total Revenues	20,504,510	17,525,723	16,908,126
Expenses:			
Transfers to the Holy Land (see slide A)	16,012,321	15,366,629	14,342,783
Grand Magisterium Operations (see slide B)	2,025,673	1,685,830	1,245,803
Depreciation	16,786	24,624	11,297
Bank and Financial Charges	228,655	284,707	1,276,974
Total Expenses	18,283,435	17,361,790	16,876,857
Operating Surplus	490,761	126,392	25,853
Transfer to Reserves	1,730,314	37,541	5,416
Total Expenses & Transfers	20,504,510	17,525,723	16,908,126

Holy Land Transfers Detail (A)



GRAND MAGISTERIUM TRANSFERS TO THE HOLY LAND			
In Euro	2024	2023	2022
Transfers to the Holy Land (from revenue)			
LPJ Institutional Expenses	5,423,944	5,160,002	4,864,439
LPJ Schools	5,443,132	4,692,013	4,603,299
LPJ Holy Masses	148,625	205,308	141,220
LPJ Humanitarian Aid	2,900,369	2,104,974	1,002,152
LPJ Projects	230,486	1,051,014	1,720,558
Bethlehem Univ & Non-LPJ Schools	259,902	409,638	384,688
Other Institutions	1,605,863	1,474,836	1,626,427
Vatican Foundation San Giovanni il Battista	0	268,844	0
Total Transfers to Holy Land (A)	16,012,321	15,366,629	14,342,783

GM Operational Expenses (B)



In Euro	2024	2023	2022
Institutional Expense	604,074	358,691	319,075
Services (1)	559,285	532,128	194,092
Administrative	126,843	145,936	128,724
Salaries & Benefits	735,471	649,075	603,912
Total Grand Magisterium Operational Expenses (B)	2,025,673	1,685,830	1,245,803

(1)Utilities, professional, maintenance, etc.

Exclusive of Bank & Financial Charges, Extraordinary Charges and Depreciation

Operational Expenses as a Percent of Total Revenues



Percent of Revenue to Holy Land			
	2024	2023	2022
Total Grand Magisterium Operational Expenses (1)	2,025,673	1,685,830	1,245,803
Total Income/ Revenues	20,504,510	17,525,723	16,908,126
Operational Expenses as a % of Total Revenues	9.87%	9.6%	7.3%

(1) Exclusive of Financial Charges and Depreciation

* Essentially 90% of our contributions are sent to the Holy Land

Holy Land Transfers Detail



- **For 2024 and again for 2025, the Order is committed to send \$951,000 per month to the Latin Patriarchate to maintain its operations.**
- The Latin Patriarchate has redirected available funds to provide humanitarian and financial aid to those most in need. Tremendous humanitarian needs not only in Gaza, but in the West Bank due to unemployment.
- Israel borders are closed, work permits cancelled, no pilgrimages; therefore, substantial unemployment for Christians.
- Due to unemployment, many Christian families are not able to pay tuition.
- **Latin Patriarchate is committed to pay teachers; otherwise, the whole school system falls apart. Result is deficit of \$3-5,000,000; which is not in the budget.**
- \$4,000,000 added to the Ensuring the Future of Schools of the Latin Patriarchate Capital Campaign to help pay teachers.

Palazzo della Rovere, EOHSJ Headquarters



- Constructed around 1475
- Older than St. Peter's
- Tremendous asset for the Order

Fresco Renovation



← Infrastructure Work

EOHSJ Headquarters Renovations



- Renovation began January 2024.
- Delayed due to the extensive archaeological findings.
 - “Nero’s Circus” found in garden area- significant development in Italy.
- Frescos found in Vatican storage- will be returned to the Palazzo.
- Staff has moved to a temporary office building.
- Fort Partners is generously paying the rent, not part of the contract.
- Renovations will probably be completed sometime in 2027.

Archaeological Excavation Findings

from EOHSJ Headquarters' Garden Area grounds



Forum Ware
Jugs (second half 9th century)



Lamp handle-ornament, modeled as
Jupiter – Serapis (2nd century AD)

Glass chalices (9th-10th century AD)



Lead rooster-shaped flask, souvenir of
pilgrimage to St. Peter (1st Jubilee,
1300)



**Roman Pillars found
during Excavation-
2000 years old**

EOHSJ Headquarters Museum



- Due to the extensive Archaeological findings, a Museum is being planned in front part of Headquarters.
- Recently, Nero's Circus found- a significant finding for Rome history.
- The Museum will also display the history of the Order.
- Italian Government is contributing €500,000 for the Museum.
- Fort Partners is also contributing €500,000 for the Museum- new funds not in the Contract.
- This is a significant development. It adds further value to the Palazzo.

Palazzo della Rovere



Contract with Fort Partners

- 30-year lease, reviewable every 6 years.
- Fort Partners, a Miami-based company owned by a life-long Catholic, is paying all the renovation costs for the entire building including the creation of new office space for the Order.
- **The hotel will pay for and provide all the ongoing maintenance of the Palazzo, including the offices of the Order, throughout the 30-year lease.**
- Key contract provision: **Nothing can take place in the Hotel which violates Catholic Teaching and Doctrine.** The Order has the final say.
- Fort Partners will sponsor an annual event in the United States to raise funds to benefit the Order/Holy Land. Two events so far- 2024 & 2025.

Contributions to the Holy Land



The Lease Payments from the hotel are anticipated to cover the operating expenses of the Grand Magisterium, so that all our Contributions can be sent to the Holy Land.

Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign



- The campaign was officially launched in June 2024 at the North America Lieutenants Meeting to raise \$12 million.
- \$8 million is to provide desperately needed repairs, upgrades, and resources for the 44 schools of the Latin Patriarchate.
- \$4 million is needed to pay the teachers due to shortfall of tuition because of lack of jobs for our Christian families resulting from the war.
- The \$12 million North America three-year Campaign is through the EOHSJ Vice Governor General, North America, a Nebraska nonprofit corporation with IRS tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status.

Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign



- As of Aug.15, 2025, \$7.1 million raised.
- Approximately **\$4.5 million** has been committed for:
 - Over 60 school renovation projects
 - Over \$600,000 to support tuition assistance
- Systematic renovation and upgrading of the schools to the standards the children deserve.

Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign



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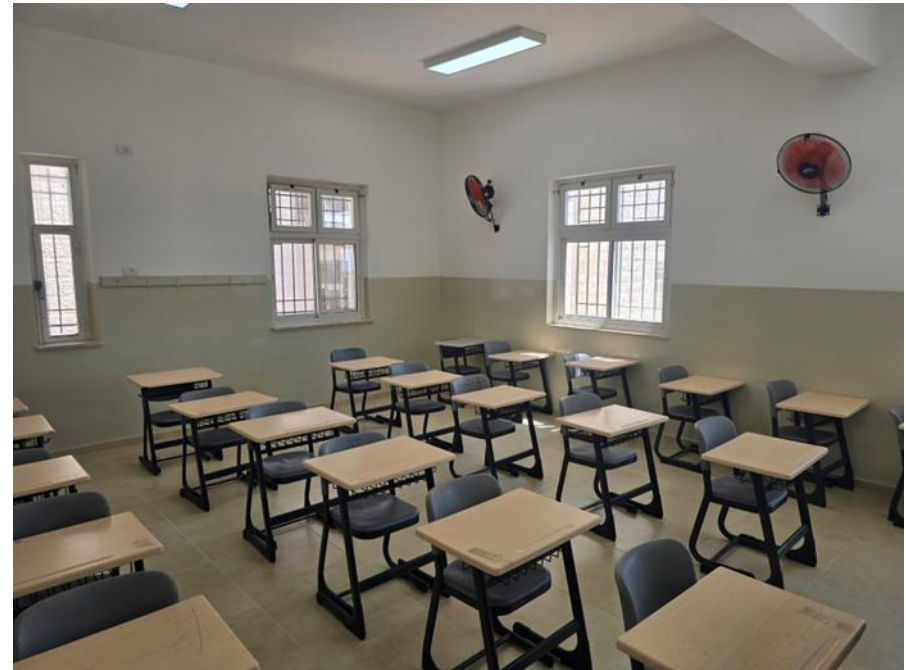
Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign



**Example of old
classroom**



**Example of new
classroom**



Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign



BEFORE



AFTER



Mafrag School Playground Development-
Benefits 676 school students who now have access to a modern, safe, and environmentally sustainable recreational facility.

Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign



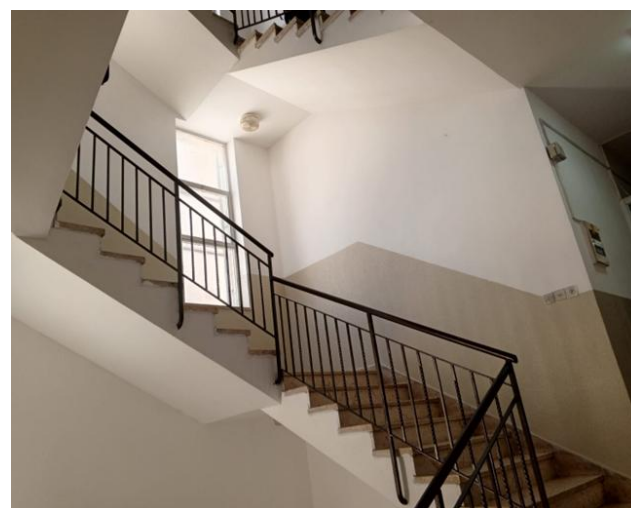
- Unplanned benefit of the Campaign- **unemployed Christians hired to renovate and upgrade the schools.**
- Not part of Campaign originally, but now **critical and crucial contribution to survival of the Christian communities.**



Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign



- Our Campaign contributions are making a significant difference.



- The work on over 60 projects is in progress right now, more projects are in the planning stages.
- More communication with before and after pictures will be coming this fall.

Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign



- Campaign is incredible bright spot in the Holy Land. There is great **appreciation**.
- Tangible way our fellow Christians see the world cares for them and their children.
- Providing **HOPE** called for in this Jubilee Year of Hope.



Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign



“Everyday is an emergency, but we cannot plan to live in a state of emergency.”
– Cardinal Pizzaballa



Cardinal Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch

“We are called to build a future of hope and a future of peace. In a special way that future depends on the continued well-being of our Christian families and most especially on the education of their children”

“Christians must be the path to peace and our schools show how all faiths can live together.”

Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign



“Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”(Mt.5)

As Knights, Dames, and Friends of the Order, we are called to be Peacemakers in the Holy Land.

- The Ensuring the Future Campaign is the ONLY comprehensive solution to ensuring the long-term viability of the Catholic education system in the Holy Land.
- The LPJ Schools are in crisis. **Sense of urgency to reach the \$12 million goal quickly.**
- Donations above and beyond our annual contributions and other non-member sources of revenue are needed.
- **Thank you** for your generous support.

QR Code for donations:



HAIL MARY



*May Our Lady,
Queen of Palestine
and
Queen of Peace,
Bless the work of the
Order and
bring lasting Peace to
Her beloved Holy Land.*