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“We should all study the teachings

Dear friends,

It is with pure joy that I present this edition of our annual review, published in five languages, where we give a full account of the historic pilgrimage of the Order to Rome during the Year of Faith, an event marking the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of Vatican Council II.

Thousands of Knights and Dames from all over the world prayed together at the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul, carrying in their hearts the intentions of Pope Francis, especially for peace in the Middle East. The *Annales* covers these days of grace in detail, with beautiful photos: you can treasure and quietly read this “special edition” so that the flame lit during the Year of Faith remains strong, and warms those entrusted to you. I think in particular that the message of the Holy Father to the Order, six months after his election, is a historic document that we should all study in depth, to better put into practice the teaching of the new Pope.

Members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, little by little, went through a profound spiritual experience in 2013. They heard, in a new way, the universal call to holiness already launched by the Council Fathers half a century ago. The revision of the Constitution of the Order, ongoing since the Consulta which launched the international pilgrimage, manifests the common will as an “aggiornamento” of the Order, in fidelity to our founding charisma which is rooted in the love of Christ for the moral support of, and concrete service to, Christians in the Holy Land.

You will also find an echo of the Consulta in this issue, as well as details of various projects implemented with the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

Cardinal Edwin O’Brien, our Grand Master, travelled quite a lot this year, serving the apostolic influence of the Order. He willingly shares his thoughts with us in the following pages, giving us a first synthesis of his impressions after one year at the helm of this unique Pontifical Institution.

Many Lieutenancies sent us a report of their activities, particularly rich because of the general mobilization of the Order on all continents during this Year of Faith. Their contributions were collected by Dr. Graziano Motta, Director of Communications of the Order, to whom I pay a warm tribute here, knowing he will take a well-deserved retirement in 2014. A fellow journalist,

of the new Pope in depth”

who will succeed him soon, François Vayne from Lourdes, came to help finish the review that you have in hand. We welcome him into the family of the Order. Together we should seek ways of reinvigorating our communications in the coming years, in close consultation with all the information services of the Holy See.

Dedicating our collective journey towards the New Jerusalem to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine, I wish you good reading of the *Annales*, dear friends, and hope to see you regularly on the internet site (1) of the Grand Magisterium of the Order.

Yours in faith

Ivan Rebernik

(1) See note on page 11.

The Holy Father and Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, Grand Master of the Order, during the meeting of the Knights and Dames of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre with Pope Francis on 13 September 2013 on the occasion of the international pilgrimage to Rome for the Year of Faith.



THE ORDER IN UNION WITH THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH



The International Pilgrimage for the Year of Faith
A "SPIRITUAL JOURNEY"



To mark the Year of Faith, from 13 to 15 September in Rome 3,500 Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, from five continents, participated in a pilgrimage organized with logistical support from the UNITALSI Association and its volunteers

At the heart of this “spiritual journey”, as described by the Grand Master of the Order Cardinal Edwin O’Brien, they celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, faithful to their lifetime commitment to moral and material support of Christians in the Holy Land, especially the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. During the opening Mass on Friday 13 September in the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, bringing together all participants in ceremonial dress – white capes for the Knights and black for Dames, marked with the sign of the red cross of Jerusalem, recalling the five wounds of Christ – the Grand Master dedicated the pilgrimage to the heart of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Palestine, “God’s first dwelling upon the earth, and “pillar of Faith”. In a deeply Marian momentum the assembly intoned the Ave Maria of Lourdes enthusiastically, demonstrating the desire to follow in the footsteps of the one who was the first disciple of her Son.

The audience with the Holy Father

In the afternoon of this first day there was a meeting with Pope Francis in the Paul VI Hall in the Vatican, preceded by a catechesis by Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, during the course of which this great theologian emphasized the role of penance in the context of the pil-



grimage in this Year of Faith, from a perspective of a “change of heart” and a profound movement of interior conversion. Shortly after this catechesis The Knights and Ladies, dressed in their capes, were overjoyed to see the the Pope entering and smiling at everyone. Their spontaneous applause was witness to the joy that could be read on every face. The Grand Master, who was accompanied by their Eminences Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo and Carlos

AmigoVallejo, presented the assembly to the Pope: “The pilgrims present represent some 30,000 members in 35 countries”, the Grand Master pointed out in his opening remarks, also recalling the work of the recent quinquennial *Consulta* that allowed the leaders of the 62 Lieutenancies to work on the new Constitution for a “spiritual and missionary renewal” of the Order whose social works of charity contribute to peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East. Pope

The opening Mass of the pilgrimage took place in the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls.

Francis then thanked the Grand Master, the Governor-General, and all the Officials of the Order, and going deeper into the message he gave during the Mass marking the beginning of his pontificate on 19 March, Pope Francis reflected, with the pilgrims, on the three words, “journey”, “construct” and “confess”,

inviting the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre to always believe more and more in the “redemptive power of the Cross and Resurrection” in order to “offer the hope and peace of which the land of Jesus, in particular, is in such great need!” In this regard he emphasized the special historic relationship binding the almost thousand-year-old Order to the Bishops of Rome. (You can read his entire message on the site www.vatican.va, where all the Pope’s homilies and addresses are archived and available to all). Having listened at-

tentively to the Pope’s address the pilgrims then received his Apostolic Blessing for them and all their loved ones.

The celebration of the Holy Cross

Faithful to this bond with the Holy Father, on the morning of Saturday 14 September, on the occasion of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the pilgrims went to pray in the Pontifical Basilica of Saint John Lateran, the Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome and the Mother of all

churches, in the presence of Cardinal Agostino Vallini, the Holy Father’s Vicar for the Diocese of Rome. “We are here to pray for the intentions of the Bishop of Rome who is himself a universal sign of charity”, said Cardinal Edwin O’Brien, referring to Pope Francis’s appeal for “a poor Church”, faithful to the Beatitudes, and asking the members of the Order to take advantage of this pilgrimage to renew in their hearts the spirit of service on behalf of the Church in the Holy Land and also in the places where they live. Accompanied in prayer by a concert of sacred music – with the Musicanova and Eos Chorales, directed by Fabrizio Barchi – many Knights and Dames received the sacrament of reconciliation in the confessionals that were made available to them in all their languages, remembering perhaps, in a biblical context, that the veneration of the Holy Cross is related to the Atonement, Yom Kippur, a holy day to which Jesus refers, declaring during the Feast of Tabernacles, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me” (John 7:37)...

On Saturday afternoon, in St. Peter’s Basilica, during a solemn Mass the Knights and Dames prayed “to receive the wisdom of the Spirit that flows from the Cross”. “We are happy to have the privilege of celebrating the Feast of the Cross of Christ in the most important basilica in all of Christianity after that of the Holy Sepulchre”. Thus the Grand Master expressed his joy on this Feast which is connected to the dedication of the Basilica





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of the Resurrection, erected on the site of the tomb of Christ in the year 335. He then repeated Pope Francis’s “program” as a proposal made to the Order as a whole: to return to the essential and examine its conscience “If we profess Christ without carrying the Cross, we are not the Lord’s disciples, we are worldly ...” He then emphasized some of the many incisive words of Romano Guardini to help the Knights and Ladies to reclaim the symbol of the cross as a daily protection against temptations and an expression of their desire to unite all their personal sufferings with that of Christ, and to do so with love (1).



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New commitments in the service of the Holy Land

Fortified by these times of meditation and prayer, pilgrims came together for the closing Mass on Sunday, 15 September, again in the Basilica of Saint Paul

Outside the Walls in which are venerated the relics of the Apostle of nations, figure and model of radical conversion. The banner of the Risen Christ was borne by the Knights heading the procession, followed closely by the highest officials of the Order, in

an atmosphere of intense meditation, then those who were soon to be knighted, 34 Knights and Dames, originating from France (25) and Brazil (9). During his homily Cardinal Edwin O'Brien cited Blessed John Paul II, who considered the Pontifical Order



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as the "Honour Guard" of the Holy Sepulchre of the Lord, urging all pilgrims – after three days spent under the sign of conversion – to testify in the world that the tomb is empty, "because Jesus Christ is alive in our hearts and in our works of love for all, especially for those who live in the Land where he worked". After the singing of the *Veni Creator* the Grand Master, holding the ceremonial sword, received the impétrants one by one, inviting them to become "Guardians of the Cross", before donning the cape as a sign of their new membership. They were welcomed into the Order by the Governor General, Agostino Borromeo, who led the congregation in reading, with one voice, the beautiful prayer of the Knight and the Dame. At the final "sending off" everyone could therefore recall the



words of St. Paul about the struggle of faith that we have to carry on until the last day:

For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens. Therefore, put on the armour of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground. So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circum-

stances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God". (Ephesians: 6:12-17).

François Vayne

(1) All the homilies of the Grand Master may be consulted in English or Italian on the site of the Grand Magisterium, an integral part of that of the Holy See: Go to the site of the Holy See (www.vatican.va), then click on *Other offices*, choose your desired language, then on the site of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre click on *Messages*.



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STATISTICS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

- Number of participants: approximately 3500.
- Number of countries, and participants per country: Thirty countries – from the Philippines to Guam and Porto Rico, and from Norway to Taiwan... Most represented were: USA (263), Italy (1151), Great Britain (200), France (91), Austria (91), Spain (88), Germany (83), Belgium (78), Canada (70), Ireland (57), Switzerland (56), The Netherlands (40), and Portugal (37)...
- Number of Lieutenancies represented: Fifty.
- Number of people present at the Pontifical audience: Approximately 5,000 according to the Vatican Press Office (pilgrims and several invited guests).
- Number of coaches used for pilgrims: 31.

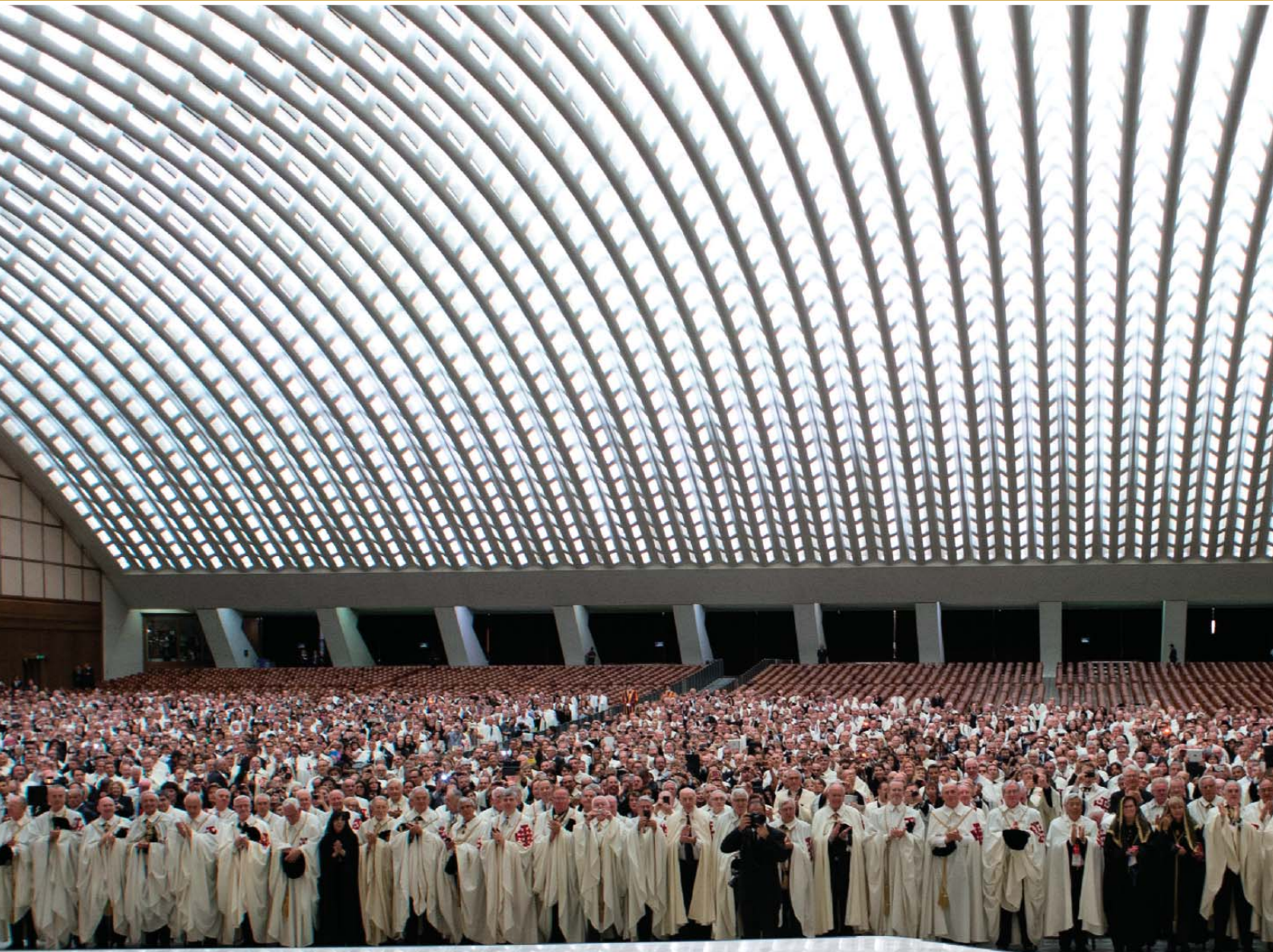
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The historic address of the Pope to members of the Order

**“MAY JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED
AND RISEN TRULY BE
THE CENTRE OF YOUR LIFE”**



Your Eminence, Venerable Brothers, Members of the Grand Magisterium and Lieutenants, Dear Brothers and Sisters!

I extend my warm welcome to all of you, who represent the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. In particular I greet Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, Grand Master of the Order, and I thank him for the words that he addressed to me on behalf of you all. I greet the Grand Prior, H.B. Fouad Twal, Patriarch of Jerusalem for Latins.

You are gathered in Rome for the Order's World Consultation which takes place every five years to reflect on the situation of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land, to evaluate the achievements and determine directives for the future. At the same time the International Pilgrimage is taking place with more than 2,000 participants. I thank you for coming and wish to express my appreciation and my encouragement for the initiatives of solidarity that the Order fosters in the Holy Places and that in recent years have been further developed and broadened. In this *Year of Faith*, your pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Apostle Peter is marked by prayer and catecheses on the theme of faith. Starting with these elements, I would like to let my thoughts be guided by three words, that I already presented at the start of my ministry as Bishop of Rome, but that can also offer motives for reflection for your Order's activity. The three words are: to journey, to build and to confess.

1. *To journey.* You are living the experience of pilgrimage, which is a great symbol of human and Christian life. Each one of us can either be a "wanderer" or a "pilgrim". The time in which we live sees so many people who are "wanderers", because they lack an ideal life and often are unable to make sense of what is happening in the world. With the sign of pilgrim-

age, you show the will not to be “wanderers”. Your journey is through history, in a world whose confines are always broadening, barriers are being broken down and our journey is connected ever more closely to the journey of others. You are witnesses of the profound meaning, of the light that faith brings; may you preserve the great riches of values, of wisdom of the past, while living intensely in the present, committing yourselves to today with your gaze on the future, opening the horizons of hope through your work to give society a more human face.

2. And now the second word: *to build*. To journey in order to build a community, above all with love. The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem has an almost thousand-year history: yours is one of the oldest charitable Orders that is still active. Established by the Custody of the Holy Sepulchre, it has enjoyed the special attention of the Bishop of Rome. To build with charity, with compassion, with love. In fact your pilgrimage has a charitable purpose, to benefit our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, especially those most in need, who are living through a time of suffering, tension and fear. With great affection I send them a greeting and an embrace, to all – Christian and non-Christian – assuring them of my daily prayer.

3. However your journey to build is born of *confessing* in an ever deeper way the faith; it grows

from continued commitment to nourish your spiritual life, from permanent formation to an ever more authentic and consistent Christian life. This is an important point for each one of you and for the Order as a whole, so that each person is helped to deepen his adherence to Christ: the profession of faith and the testimony of charity are closely connected and are the strong key points that qualify your action. An ancient bond ties you to the Holy Sepulchre, the perennial memorial of Christ Crucified who was laid there and of the Risen Christ who conquered death. May Jesus Christ Crucified and Risen truly be the centre of your life and of each of your personal and group projects. To believe in the redemptive power of the Cross and the Resurrection to offer hope and peace. In a special way, the Land of Jesus needs it very much! The faith does not distance us from the responsibilities that we are all called to assume, but, on the contrary, it urges and impels us to concrete undertakings for a better society.

May the Lord help you always to be firm, sincere ambassadors of peace and love among brothers. It will be he who makes your work fruitful. May the Virgin of Nazareth help you in your mission to look after with love the Places where Christ lived, healing and blessing. May you also be accompanied by my blessing, which I impart to you and to the entire Order.



Presentation given in the Press Conference Hall of the Holy See,
on the pilgrimage of the Order, by Mgr Salvatore Fisichella

THE SIGN OF A VISIBLE COMMITMENT FOR THE BUILDING OF PEACE

Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre, when Pope Benedict XVI called for the *Year of Faith*, the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre were among the first to respond. The pilgrimage which will begin in the next few days (13-15 September) is part of the continuing formation programme undertaken long ago by the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Like previous such events, it will follow the traditional pattern: a pilgrimage to the tomb of Peter, a catechesis on the theme of Faith and a meeting with the Holy Father. These three landmarks each have their own special meaning, which affects the lives of people and verifies the strength of their adherence to an ideal of life that makes their profession of faith and testimony of charity their strong point. The pilgrimage to the tomb of Peter indicates the path of man, at any time. Each one of us is on an ongoing journey: it is the nature of man to journey part of the road, that of his own existence. However, this journey may be that of a wanderer or a pilgrim. Our times are full of people who wander because they are deprived of an ideal of life and are often unable to make sense of the vicissitudes of the world. The Knights and Dames



of the Holy Sepulchre, through this sign of the Pilgrimage, are highlighting their journey as believers. A dimension that Pope Francis indicated in his first homily, using the verb “journey” as an indication of the line to

follow, which summarizes the thread of his pontificate. Through this experience of faith, the members of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre manifest this requirement to “journey”, as they conjugate their journey with the need of “building” and “witnessing” their Faith.

We are pleased and grateful that the Leaders of this ancient Order decided to be part of the journey of the *Year of Faith* by going on their pilgrimage to Rome. For young people who have received the sacrament of Confirmation, confraternities, lay movements and associations, an Order such as the Order of the Holy Sepulchre can also provide concrete evidence that faith is necessary, and that, with it, one



The Press Office of the Holy See hosted for the first time in September 2013 a press conference of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

can sustain great works of charity. Their testimony will be even more effective as it is the visible sign of a direct commitment to the actual building of peace, especially in those countries, and among the many innocents and poor who, during these days more than ever, are experiencing extraordinary tensions and fears due to the impending violence over them and the whole world.

The catechesis on Faith in Paul VI Hall, which I shall have myself the honour of giving on 13 September, relates to the requirement of never getting tired

of trying to understand the mysteries of Faith, precisely because we are led by the inner desire of conveying to all the joy of the encounter with Jesus Christ. This Catechesis will rely extensively on the teachings of Pope Francis, in his first encyclical *Lumen fidei*, to point at the path of charity as the prime way for learning to be authentic Christians and building a “reliable society”, where “faith is concretely placed at the service of justice, law and peace” (Lf51). Faith, in short, does not draw us away from the responsibilities we are all called to take vis-à-vis the

world in which we live, but instead leads to a concrete commitment for a better society. The pilgrimage of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, therefore, marks a new landmark in this *Year of Faith*, which will see, in the coming weeks, other significant events and a large number of the faithful. We hope that this experience in Rome will be a real preamble, an aid to progress on the path of continuing formation which the Order intends to pursue in order to provide strength and support to its important and worthy works of charity.



The pilgrims were provided with a book of over 300 pages, published by the Grand Magisterium in five languages (Italian, English, Spanish, French and German), which served them as an accompanying manual. They also had another book containing a presentation of several churches in five languages and also the texts in Latin of the Masses which would be celebrated there. In addition, the Vatican Post in collaboration with the Grand Magisterium, wanted to commemorate the pilgrimage and the papal audience on 13 September, by issuing a series of special stamps, also printing a booklet entitled “Pope Francis meets the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre”, containing a short history of the Order, a photo of a recent meeting between the Grand Master and the Holy Father, and the famous prayer of the Knight and the Dame.

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THE CONSULTA BROUGHT TOGETHER THE OFFICIALS OF THE ORDER

From 10-12 September 2013, all the members of the Grand Magisterium and all those in charge of the 62 Lieutenancies and Magistral Delegations of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem who came to Rome from 35 different countries (from Argentina to Canada, from USA to Taiwan and Guam, from Norway to South Africa) gathered in Rome for the Consulta in spiritual communion with Christians living in the Holy Land. At the same time an international pilgrimage was taking place, which called to Rome approximately 3,500 Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre to mark the Year of Faith. “We are anxious to work on the renewal of our 50 year-old Constitution”, said Cardinal Edwin O’Brien, Grand Master of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, at the opening of the

Consulta. He reassured people in attendance of his willingness to be present and attentive. He stressed the importance for the Order of being spiritually demanding in the choice, appointment and continuing formation of its members, and of being open to the introduction of younger people and families into the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, in order to generate new energy on behalf of the Holy Land, with a deeper commitment by each member to participate in the life of the Church at local level.

The Holy Land and survival of Christians

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Fouad Twal, Grand Prior of the Order, said he was sure that the Order of the Holy Sepulchre’s main goal, to support the Christians in the Holy Land,

would be maintained in the new Constitution. Their survival is unfortunately threatened, as in other countries in the same geographical area confronted by violence, and they do need help and solidarity in facing the emergency, even though they feel a certain disquiet with regard to the prospective institutional enlargement of the Knights and Dames’ field of action in other countries of the Middle East.

“Your charity is very important to the Christians in the Holy Land who have always taken care of those sites, sacred to all of us” said Monsignor Peter Wells, Assessor at the Secretariat of Vatican State, expressing “the gratitude of the Church for the Order’s generous service and ongoing commitment” on their behalf. At the very beginning of his intervention he said that the Holy Father Francis “presiding over the



Mgr Wells, Assessor of the Secretariat of State, and Mgr Malvestiti, Under-Secretary for the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, participated in the work of the Consulta, demonstrating close ties of collaboration and trust that unite the Order to the Holy See.

charity as the Bishop of Rome, is accompanying the works of the Consulta in prayer”.

The Secretariat of the Vatican State, as well as the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, both very close to the life of the Order, are represented at the Consulta in accordance with the dictate of the Order’s Constitution. His Eminence Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, in a message read by Reverend Monsignor Maurizio Malvestiti, undersecretary to the same Con-

gregation, thanked the Knights and Dames for “their meritorious contribution from all over the world on behalf of the Holy Land”. He mentioned the “active cooperation” with the R.O.A.C.O. (the “Reunion of Aid Agencies for the Oriental Churches”), an institution that the Order serves on, and through which, in addition to the Latin Church, it also helps the other Churches *sui iuris* (Melkite, Maronite, Syrian, Armenian) on the territory of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. In addition he enu-

merated all the nations forming the “eastern territories” entrusted by Supreme Pontiffs to the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, considering the Holy Land “in its widest sense”, including “Lebanon, Egypt, and Syria”. Finally, he urged the Order to remain attentive to both the Conciliar vision on the Christian East through the liturgy, and to the formation of candidates for Holy Orders, the religious and monastic life, and also the formation of lay people.

The Order’s continuing expansion

During his introduction of the *Instrumentum laboris* on the review of the Order’s Constitution, Governor General Agostino Borromeo stressed the real need for this review by recalling the considerable expansion of the Order. The previous Constitution, dating back 50 years, was the expression of the Order when it was composed of eleven Lieutenancies only; today its thirty thousand members assure a strong financial support to the Holy Land. Such a growth would perhaps anticipate a future possibility of extending its charitable action to Christians living in other areas of the region.

Main commitment on behalf of Jerusalem

Three different groups composed of Lieutenants and Magistral Delegates from homogeneous geographical areas and similar languages, over three days, worked on certain proposals to

How to see and order photos of the events

Photos of the CONSULTA (10-12 December) are available on the website www.carlamorselli.com (password: consultation) where they can be ordered.

Photos of the three days of PILGRIMAGE (13-15 September) are available on the Photo Service website of “L’Osservatore Romano” www.photovat.com, where there is a tab available for information and instructions for online ordering and obtaining publication permission.

update the Constitution according to Vatican Council II, to the new Canon Law Code, and to all the challenges that Christianity had to face at the beginning of the Third Millennium. They re-confirmed the Order's main prayerful and financial commitment on behalf of the Church of Jerusalem, the place of Our Lord's Resurrection which is the reason for the Order's existence; especially on behalf of the Latin Patriarchate, its parishes, seminary, schools, social and charity works, though without proving indifferent to the needs of Catholics of other rites and, in its widest sense, all those who live in the Holy Land.

They focused their attention particularly on the formation of

the future members of the Order as a condition for the spiritual growth of all of the members' moral integrity, generous commitment to their Christian testimony and service to the local Churches. They also asked for wider cooperation between the Lieutenants and the Bishops, many of whom are Grand Priors of the various Lieutenancies.

For a renewal of the Constitution

The assistance of some Lieutenants, Magistral Delegates and Grand Magisterium Members, who are illustrious jurists, helped to formulate suggestions in order to change and update the Constitution, with regard to the civil laws in force in many countries

and the persistence of various different traditions, in addition to the necessary financial transparency, ratifying certain practices which were already in place for some time. A common recommendation arose from the debate: to streamline the Constitution, in order to facilitate its update from time to time, whilst remaining faithful to the history and ideals of the chivalric Institution, the vocation of which is founded upon the exercise of charity.

The propositions of the Consulta will be received and evaluated by a committee which will submit the new version of the Constitution to the Grand Master who, after his own review, will submit it to the Sovereign Pontiff for approval.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ORDER IN THE HISTORY OF THE PAPACY

Historical documents have confirmed the existence of the Order since the fourteenth century. Since then, the Popes have gradually and regularly expressed their willingness to give a juridical status to the organization binding it to the Holy See.

Clement VI entrusted the Holy Sepulchre to the care of the Franciscans in 1342: at that time only Knights could confer a knighthood on other members of the Order. Alexander VI declared himself Supreme Moderator of the Order in 1496, and delegated to the Franciscans the power of conferring the knighthood on pilgrims to the Holy Land (the power of conferment). This privilege granted to the Franciscan was renewed verbally or by Papal Bull from Leo X in 1516 to Benedict XIV in 1746, until the re-establishment of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem by Pius IX in 1847. The privilege was then transferred to the Patriarch, and in 1868 Pius IX, by means of Apostolic Letters, made the radical reform of the Order widely known.

The chivalry opened up with the creation of

Dames of the Holy Sepulchre thanks to Pope Leo XIII in 1888. In 1907, Pius X decided that the Pope would from now on hold the title of Grand Master of the Order. In 1932, Pius XI approved the new Constitution and allowed the Knights to be knighted in the place to which they belonged, therefore no longer only in Jerusalem. Pius XII named a Cardinal as Protector of the Order in 1940, then centralized the organisation in Rome under a Grand Magisterium, and named Cardinal Canali as Grand Master.

John XXIII approved the new Constitution presented by Cardinal Tisserant in 1962. With the renewal of Vatican Council II, a new Constitution was published by Paul VI in 1977, then John Paul II granted to the Order the status of a juridical entity of the Vatican. Today the Order hopes to promote greater involvement of its members in local Churches for their sanctification; this is the main and profound reason behind the review of the Constitution during the Consulta of 2013.

CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF SAINT PIUS X, THE FIRST GRAND MASTER OF THE ORDER

The opening of the centenary of the death of Pope Pius X, “parish priest to the world”, took place on 12 June in the diocese of Treviso, in which Riese is located, the birthplace of Joseph Sarto. Cardinal Angelo Comastri, Archbishop of the Basilica of St. Peter, and Vicar General of His Holiness for the Vatican City, presiding over the celebrations, compared the evangelical simplicity of Pope Sarto to that of Pope Bergoglio. In Venice, of which Cardinal Sarto was the patriarch, the Mass marking the opening of the centenary was presided over on 23 November by his successor in this prestigious seat, Archbishop Francesco Moraglia. Ordained in 1858, the year of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Lourdes, Joseph Sarto was a man of prayer, humble, hardworking, “just and righteous to the highest degree”, according to those who knew him. When he became bishop he fought with courage and determination against “the crime of the modern era” which he defined as: “Wanting to substitute Man for God”.

Though he had a return ticket for the conclave of 1903, he did not, in fact, return to Venice but became Pope under the name of Pius X, “because the Popes who have suffered the most in this century have borne the name of Pius”, he explained. His work – along with his young Secretary of State, Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val, appointed at the age of 38 –, allowed the Church to resist the forces that sought to bring it into subjection or under supervision, because he said,

“better sacrifice wealth than freedom”. He died on 20 August 1914, a few days after the start of the First World War. He is currently the only canonized saint who belonged to the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, of which he was Grand Master. To consolidate the position of the Order in the Holy Land, Pius X reserved for himself and his successors the office of Grand Master by the Apostolic Letter *Quam multa* dated 13 October 1908, and gave the Knights a place in the papal chapels, whilst the Latin Patriarch was appointed Rector and Perpetual Administrator of the Order.



Pope Pius X is the only canonized saint who belonged to the Order, he was also the Grand Master. His statue presides over major continental and international meetings organized by the Grand Magisterium, at the palace della Rovere, a few meters from Saint Peter's Square.

INTERVIEW

THE ORDER IS DEVELOPING AND SPREADING EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD

An exclusive interview with the Grand Master of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

Your Eminence, you have made many trips in 2013 to meet members of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre in various countries. Can you briefly tell us about the highlights of these visits and give us your impressions for the readers of the *Annales*?

Great unity and unanimity

among Order's members in their support of the Order's goals and in their zeal to learn of and assist the plight of Christians in the Holy Land. Their allegiance to Rome and our Holy Father is constantly reflected by their enthusiasm in welcoming me and our Governor General.

The Order has a strong pres-

ence in Europe and America. What projects do you have in mind to encourage the development of the Order in the rest of the world – in Asia for example?

The Pacific Area – Philippines, Korea, and Taiwan for primary examples, have strong Catholic communities and have given evidence of support of our





Order – likewise, South America and Eastern Europe. It will take time and planning to spread word and interest in the Order, beginning with the bishops whose support is key for our Order’s establishment and growth.

How has the Order experienced the Year of Faith, and what do you see as the first fruits for this Institution of the universal Church, the mission of which is to help Christians in the Holy Land?

The highlight of the Year of Faith for me was the September Pilgrimage to Rome of some 3,500 members and supporters

Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, introduced the Pope to the thousands of Knights and Dames who came to Rome on pilgrimage for the Year of Faith.

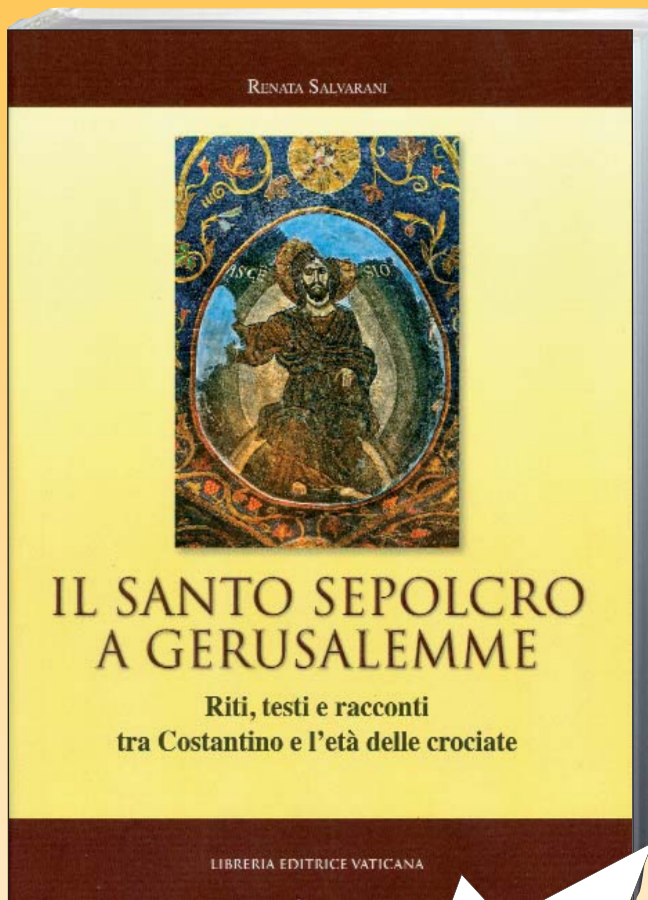
who prayed at the Tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul as well as in the other two Major Basilicas of the Catholic Church. Our members’ public witness to their faith not only made a great impression on Rome and its many visitors but offered a strong renewal of Faith for the individual members of all the Lieutenancies represented.

The Investiture of 25 members of the French Lieutenancy and the establishment of the Lieutenancy of Sao Paulo, Brazil with their 9 Investitures were important milestones for the Order. We are grateful to James Cardinal Harvey and the Order of St. Benedict for hosting us for this Ceremony at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

Grassroots spiritual programs in the various Lieutenancies reflected widespread interest in the Year of Faith. Pilgrimages to the Holy Land increased – with some 400 members and supporters of our German Lieutenancy, a dramatic example.

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GENEROSITY AGAINST THE TREND OF THE CURRENT CRISIS

The spring meeting of the Grand Magisterium

"Going significantly against the trend" is the way Governor General Agostino Borromeo described, the "enormous effort made in 2012 by the Lieutenancies and Magistral Delegations" to address the needs of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, in his remark opening the spring session of the Grand Magisterium on 16 April. This is one of the two main commitments of the Order's members, while the other involves their personal holiness. Indeed, he said, despite the serious international financial crisis, they amassed donations equalling 11,700,000 Euros, a new record. This made it possible to cover the deficit and the greater part of the costs of the institutions of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem for its seminary and schools.

This year, the Governor assured all present, will see "the greatest financial effort in the whole history of the Order" to cover all the costs of the 44 schools of the Patriarchate (attended by approximately 19,000 students, Christians and Muslims) and the expenses related to its institutional activities (63 parishes, the seminary, youth ministry activities) in addition to the financing of new projects (last year's total was almost 4,700,000 Euros), humanitarian aid and the expansion of the University of Madaba (one million for the library), and other Catholic schools and institutions in the Holy Land. The Governor General highlighted the purchase of a large building in Tel Aviv in which the Patriarchate will create a pastoral centre for the faithful of Hebrew expression and the thousands of immigrant workers in Israel, and will also help those who have come seeking political asylum.

A report on the status of projects of the Patriarchate achieved in 2012 and those planned for 2013 was given by Dame Christa von Siemens, President of the Grand Magisterium's Commission for the Holy Land, in the light of her visits there. These projects were also the subject of the address by Patriarch Mgr Fouad Twal. The Patriarch in his capacity as Grand Prior of the Order,

evoked the important events in the life of the Church, the ecumenical and interreligious initiatives, the political situation in the region, and the immense drama of the Syrian refugees in Jordan.

In opening the session the Grand Master recalled the important events related to his office since the last meeting of the Grand Magisterium. These included his taking possession of the Church of San Sebastiano al Palatino in Rome, and the November pilgrimage to the Holy Land with his entrance into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. To Pope Francis he addressed a message in which he expressed the Order's sentiments on his election. In the next address the Governor General, expressing to Cardinal O'Brien the homage of the Grand Magisterium, affirmed that he "has the reins of the Order firmly in hand". He expressed a grateful greeting to the Assessor, Mgr Giuseppe De Andrea, who was ending his term and extended a welcome to Mgr Antonio Franco who succeeds him and, from the outset, profound gratitude for the great availability of his commitment. He also spoke about preparations for the *Consulta* of the Order which will take place in September, dedicated primarily to the revision of the Constitution.

Reports were given by Fr. Humam Khzouz on the financial management of the Latin Patriarchate and the schools in Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Jordan. Eng. Pier Carlo Visconti reported on the financial management of the Grand Magisterium. Dr. Graziano Motta reported on the expansion of communications, including the development of the website and the hiring of a new collaborator, François Vayne, former Communications Director for the Sanctuary of Lourdes. Chancellor, Prof. Ivan Rebernik spoke about recent organizational developments for September's international pilgrimage to Rome for the Year of Faith. Various members of the Grand Magisterium gave reports, including the Lieutenant General Giuseppe Dalla Torre, the Vice Governor General, Patrick D. Powers, the Master of Ceremonies Msgr. Francis D. Kelly, Pierre Blanchard, Alberto Consoli Palermo Navarra, Bartholomew McGettrick and Thomas E. McKiernan.



AMOUNTS PAID TO THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE REACHED A RECORD LEVEL

The winter meeting of the Grand Magisterium

On 3 and 4 December 2013 one of two major annual meetings of the Grand Magisterium of the Order was held. It was presided over by Cardinal Edwin Frederick O'Brien, Grand Master, in the presence of the Grand Prior and Patriarch of Jerusalem, Archbishop Fouad Twal, the Lieutenant General, Giuseppe Dalla Torre del Tempio di Sanguinetto, and the Governor General, Agostino Borromeo. In one of the halls of the Pontifical Council for Culture, via della Conciliazione nearly thirty

people discussed projects, already underway or completed, in the service of the Church in the Holy Land.

Introducing the works, the Grand Master recalled the major events such as the recent five-year Consulta, which was envisaged as a process of revision of the Constitution of the Order, the International Pilgrimage organized for the Year of Faith, and his travels in Australia, New Zealand, and Asia. Cardinal O'Brien also

emphasized the need to rejuvenate the Order in recruitment and openness to women, already well represented in some Lieutenancies. The Patriarch thanked the “great international family” of the Order for the continued assistance it brings Catholics in Palestine, Jordan and Israel. He recalled several events experienced by the Church in the Holy Land. For example he particularly emphasized his participation in the meeting of the Patriarchs and Archbishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches with Pope Francis, late November in Rome.

Financial reports were presented for the Latin Patriarchate and the Order, both in respect of the Final Accounts for 2013 and forecasts for 2014. President of the Commission of the Grand Magisterium to the Holy Land, Christa von Siemens, described and analyzed a report on the projects in 2013, particularly in the light of her travels there. The Governor General, Agostino Borromeo, welcomed the pastoral fruits largely due to the financial efforts of the Order, since the amounts paid to the Patriarchate in 2013 had never reached such sizable proportions in the history of the institution.

The work of members of the Grand Magisterium of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre continued on Wednesday 4 December, especially focused on is-

ues of Catholic education in the Holy Land. Patriarch of Jerusalem, Fouad Twal, said that Jordan is the “lung of the Patriarchate” in many areas, including academic, in the sense that it is a country where it is easily possible to come and study from other Arab countries. The particular case of the American University of Madaba, which is dependent on the Patriarchate, was discussed at this meeting, even though the Order is not currently able to provide substantial assistance to this Jordanian structure of higher education. Regarding schools, from kindergarten through to high school, the Patriarchate coordinates directly 40% of all Catholic schools in Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Jordan; in all 42 school structures. The others are dependent mostly on religious congregations. Nearly 20,000 students (60% Christian and 40% Muslim and Druze) receive an education open to the values of encounter and dialogue, and also respect for women. In Gaza, where there is a permanent state of war, special efforts are made to help students maintain confidence in themselves and in the future, with music and dance workshops, for example. Examination results are excellent throughout the Patriarchate, as evidenced by the very good personal and published grades. The Grand Master and the Governor General welcomed this news on behalf of all members of the Order who contribute to the development of the school system in the Holy Land.

Chancellor Ivan Rebernik reported to the Grand Magisterium on the situation in particular regarding the admissions and promotions in 2013. He also detailed the success of the international pilgrimage to Rome in September, and then specified the decisions taken to strengthen communication activities in the case of internet, the *News Letter*, and the journal *Annales*.

Among other topics discussed at this meeting: the training of members of the Order – highlighted by the intervention of John C. Piunno – which particularly interested the Grand Magisterium, seeking to ensure that all Lieutenancies use the same materials or the same audio-visual media to present, in a consistent and coordinated manner, the history of the order, its organization, charitably work, and especially its spirituality. The experiment conducted in this regard by the Lieutenancy of Central Italy, in the early 2000s, could probably be highlighted and could serve as a worldwide model for new members of the Order (about a thousand per year on average), more numerous than ever, and spread over the five continents in sometimes very distant countries.



APPOINTMENTS AT THE GRAND MAGISTERIUM IN 2013

Nominations

- The Cardinal Grand Master of the Order Edwin F. O'Brien appointed by decree, on 22 February, His Excellency Most Reverend Monsignor **Antonio Franco**, 76 years old, as the new Assessor of the Order. Mgr Franco had been Apostolic Nuncio in Israel and Cyprus since 2006, and Apostolic Delegate for Jerusalem and Palestine. He was born in Puglianello, in the province of Benevento on 24 March 1937, and was ordained to the priesthood on 10 July 1960. After integrating the diplomatic service of the Holy See, Don Franco was appointed Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine and Titular Archbishop of Galesium. In Ukraine, between August 1993 and October 1997, he had special experience as Head of the new Apostolic Administration of Zakarpattia of the Latin Rite, today the diocese of Mukachevo. Between April 1999 and January 2006 he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio in the Philippines. In December 2012, he was elevated to the rank of

Knight Commander with Star by motu proprio of the Grand Master.

Confirmation of mandate

- On 23 March 2013, the appointment of the Knight Grand Cross **Pierre Blanchard** for a second mandate of four years as member of the Grand Magisterium was confirmed.

End of mandate

- His Excellency Most Reverend Monsignor **Giuseppe De Andrea**, 83 years old, was appointed Honorary Assessor on 27 February 2013, for his services rendered within the Order since 2008. As part of his function, he replaced the Grand Master John Patrick Foley during the months of his long illness, and in particular from the time he handed over his resignation until the appointment of his successor, the current Grand Master, Cardinal Edwin O'Brien. The latter elevated him to the rank of Knight Grand Cross of the Order.

AN IMPORTANT LOSS FOR THE ORDER

Homage to Cardinal Julien Ries, a great expert of the Sacred in the History of Humanity

The death of Cardinal Julien Ries, on 23 February 2013, at 92, is an important loss for the Church, and especially for our Order which he had joined as a Knight in 1984, before being elevated to the rank of Knight Commander in 1992, and last year of Knight Grand Cross, by motu proprio of the Grand Master.

His life was a life of study, devoted to "Man and the Sacred" (he is considered to be the founder of "fundamental religious anthropology"), and his life is marked by a huge bibliography, with more than 600 titles, especially on the theme of the Sacred in the history of mankind. From 1960 to 1991, he taught the History of Religions at the Catholic University of Leuven, where he obtained numerous degrees. Julian Ries was born in Belgium, in the commune of Hachy



(today Arlon), in the diocese of Namur. Ordained in 1945, he was a Parish Priest for several years before devoting himself to teaching. On 6 January 2012 he was appointed Titular Archbishop of *Bellicastrum*; and a

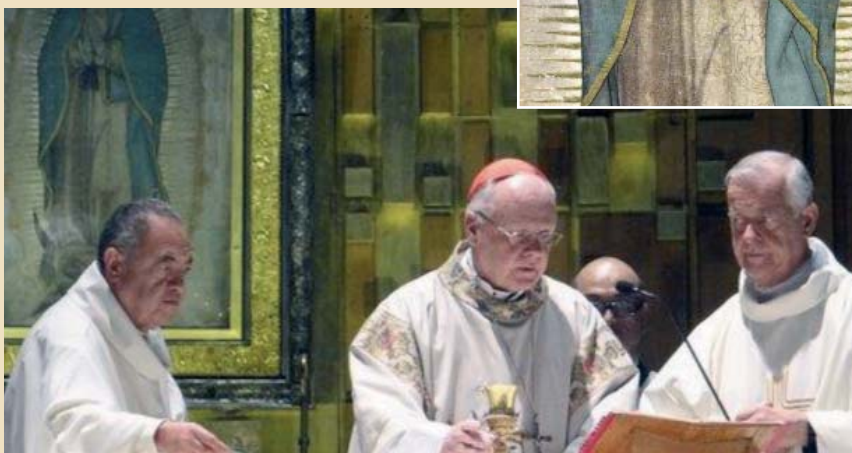
month later, during the consistory of 18 February, he was consecrated Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI, and given the title of Cardinal-Deacon of *Sant'Antonio di Padova*. His funeral was held on 2 March 2013 in the Cathedral of Tournai where the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre was well represented. Let us entrust to the intercession of the Knight Julien Ries, the sanctification of each member of the Order and their commitment to put into effect the testament of Jesus, "That they may be one", especially in French-speaking countries.

NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN LIEUTENANTS MEET ON THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTINENTS

AMERICAN LIEUTENANTS MEET IN MEXICO

The annual meeting of the North American Lieutenants which took place in Mexico from 21 to 25 May was an important event in the life of the Order as it welcomed, for the first time, Lieutenants and Magistral Delegates from Central and South America. This gave the organization special value, offering insights into future expansion on this Continent, as the Grand Master and Governor General pointed out in their presentations, mentioning developments in Brazil and Venezuela. Together with Deputy Governor General Patrick D. Powers, they amply illustrated the activities, budgets and projects planned for the Holy Land, as well as the initiatives of the Order which were at the heart of the spring meeting of the Grand Magisterium in Rome.

The merit for the excellent organization of this meeting must be attributed to the Lieutenant for Mexico José María Carracedo Bolinga, who managed to add to the program a visit-pilgrimage to the famous Marian Shrine of Guadalupe, in honour of to the Patroness of the Americas from Alaska to Tierra de Fuego. Unfortunately, the Lieutenant suffered a heart attack on this occasion, and died accompanied by the prayers of his guests.



Cardinal O'Brien celebrating Mass in Mexico, where Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of all the Americas, is venerated.

EUROPEAN LIEUTENANTS MEET IN ROME

During the important gathering of the European Lieutenants on 18 and 19 June 2013, at the headquarters of the Grand Magisterium, the Governor General Agostino Borromeo highlighted the continuing geographical expansion of the Order, and the increased efforts of the Lieutenancies and Delegations to meet the needs of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land. He spoke, in particular, of the projects undertaken by the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and of those which are entrusted to the Holy See. The Governor also introduced a summary presentation of the 2012 Budget and provisions for 2013. The communication of the Governor General on the proposed amendment of the current Constitution of the Order, which feels the weight of its 50 years, has generated much interest. Thanks to the work of the five-year Consulta in September 2013, the Constitution will have to be adapted to the norms of Vatican II, to be in tune with the universal call to holiness of the faithful and reflect the expectations of service to which the members are called in the local Churches (especially in diocesan and parish life). The Constitution must also consider the extension of the commitments in the Middle East, to which the Order has been regularly invited by the Holy See since 2009.

OUR LADY OF PALESTINE HONOURED BY THE GRAND MAGISTERIUM

In the late-afternoon of 15 October 2013 His Eminence Cardinal Edwin O'Brien – Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem – received his guests in the halls of the Grand Magisterium, the Della Rovere Palace, near St. Peter's Square. The Reception was organised, as every year, during the month of October in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Palestine, Patron of the Order, the mission of which is to support the Christians of the Holy Land through the works of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Among the eminent guests received by Cardinal O'Brien, accompanied by the Governor General Agostino Borromeo, were Cardinal Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo, Assessor of Honour of the Order and Archpriest Emeritus of the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul outside-the-Walls, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for Oriental Churches, Cardinal Antonio Maria Vegliò, President of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, Cardinal Francis Arinze, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, and Cardinal Bernard Law, Archpriest Emeritus of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major. Several Bishops and Archbishops were also present at this annual event, as

well as two representatives of the Secretariat of State - Mgr Peter Brian Wells, Assessor for General Affairs, and Mgr José Avelino Bettencourt, Head of Protocol. Also present were several members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See, dignitaries of the Order, and representatives of organizations such as UNITALSI (which cooperated with the Order in the organization of its recent Pilgrimage to Rome).

This great event always takes place around 25 October, the Feast of Our Lady of Palestine, proclaimed Patron of the Order by Saint John Paul II on 21 January 1994. The Sanctuary of the Patron of the Order is situated at Deir Rafat, to the west of Jerusalem, midway between the Holy City and Tel-Aviv, in the valley of Soreq near the town of Beit Shemesh, which signifies "house of the sun" in Hebrew. Built in 1927 by the then Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Luigi Barlassina, the Sanctuary is today entrusted to the Community of the Little Sisters of Bethlehem. In 1933, 80 years ago, the Liturgical Feast of Our Lady of Palestine was approved by the Holy See, inviting the faithful to implore her to specially protect her native land through a special prayer.



THE VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER TO AUSTRALIA

From 7 to 29 November 2013, His Eminence Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, Grand Master of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, was on an official visit to the vast Australian continent and New Zealand, where there are approximately 450 Knights and Dames of the Order.

Important meetings were scheduled in the five local Lieutenancies of the Order in Australia.

On 7 November in St. Patrick's Cathedral he presided over the investiture of members the Order of New Zealand nationality, this country being attached to the New South Wales Lieutenancy of the Order.

On 10 November in New South Wales, Australia's most populous state, he presided over another investiture ceremony held at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Sydney.

On 13 November he presided over a further investiture ceremony at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane, in Queensland, the second largest State in the whole country.

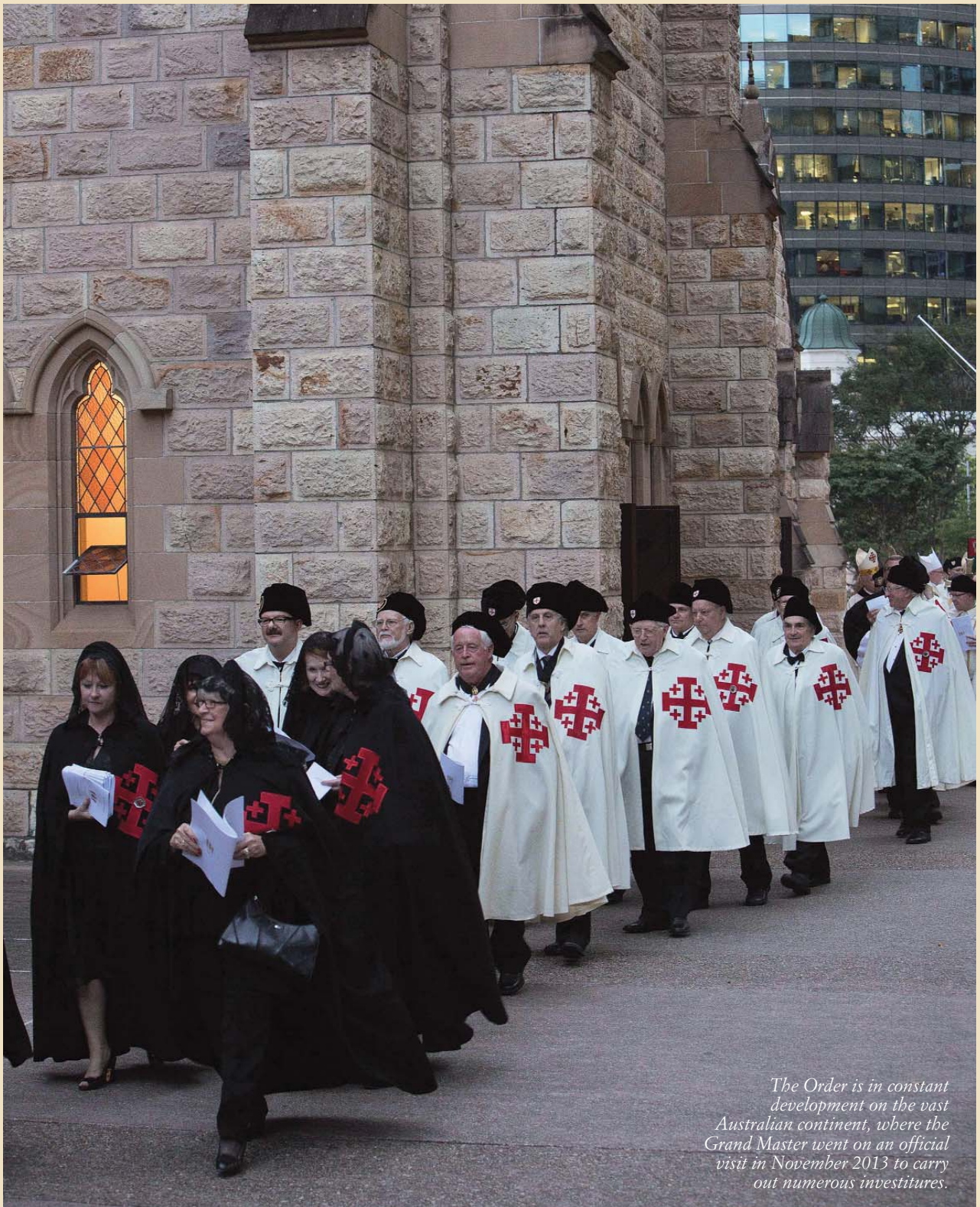
Continuing this important journey, the Grand Master also presided over an investiture ceremony on 16 November in the church of St. Joseph in Subiaco, in Australia's largest State in Western Australia.

On 20 November he presided over a further investiture ceremony at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in the city of Adelaide the most populated city of the State, in the Lieutenancy of Southern Australia. Finally on Sunday 24 November another investiture ceremony took place at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne, Victoria, the smallest State in Australia, which nonetheless covers an area the size of the United Kingdom...



Investiture celebration at Brisbane Cathedral, Queensland.





The Order is in constant development on the vast Australian continent, where the Grand Master went on an official visit in November 2013 to carry out numerous investitures.

PROJECTS OF THE ORDER IN THE HOLY LAND

WORKS IN PROGRESS BASED ON PROPOSALS FROM THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM AND IN STRICT COOPERATION WITH IT

Among the various projects of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, the Grand Magisterium of the Order – with the support of Lieutenancies and Magistral Delegations – finances six of them, five of which are located in Jordan, a country of almost six million people of whom slightly more than 100,000 are Catholics ...

THE BIR ZEIT INFANT SCHOOL IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES OF THE WEST BANK

It accommodates 28 girls and 42 boys, assisted by four teachers. Nearly 80 families collaborate with educators so that children can grow and learn peacefully. It is within the scope of the renovation of the entire school system of the university town – in which the Catholic parish of the Immaculate Conception is thriving – this project provides for the replacement of school furniture and the restoration of outdoor recreation areas.

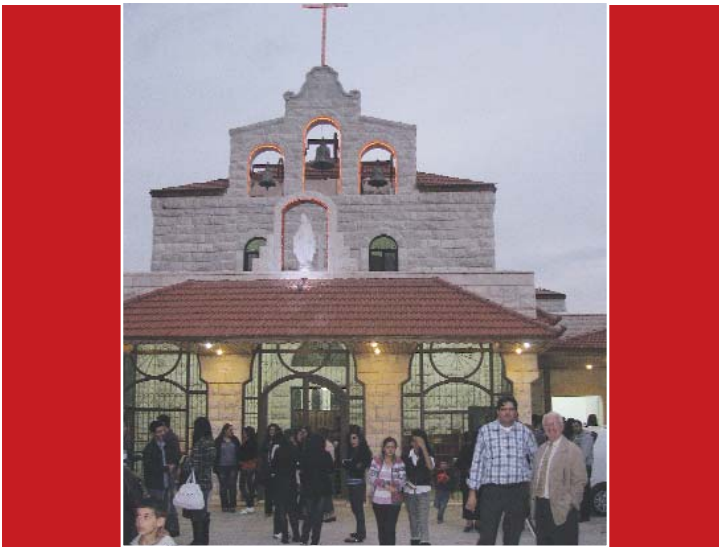


“OUR LADY OF PEACE” CENTRE IN AMMAN IN JORDAN

For the past ten years this Centre has accommodated 120 children and adults with special needs. Within five years the accommodation capacity is expected to double. It now needs to be equipped with facilities for physiotherapy and sport, especially by the redevelopment of the pool and huge garden. The kitchen should also be restructured.

THE PRESBYTERY OF A JORDANIAN PARISH

The parish of the town of Fuheis in the centre of Jordan, about twenty kilometres from Amman, needs to refurbish the sanitary installations in the presbytery, and also the kitchen and dining room.



A CHURCH IN THE NORTH OF JORDAN

In the town of Ajloun in the north of Jordan, known for its XIIth century Arab medieval castle, the parish church needs urgent work: roof insulation, painting, electrical installation...

A CONVENT OF RELIGIOUS SISTERS IN AMMAN

At the Patriarchal Vicariate of Amman, in a convent for Religious Sisters, the kitchen equipment needs to be repaired and the sanitary installations in the bathrooms need renewing.



A RESIDENCE FOR PRIESTS SOUTH OF AMMAN

At Naour, a small town south of Amman, a residence for priests must be fully brought up to standard, with thermal insulation in the interior for example, and also the replacement of solar panels and aerials outside.

The Grand Magisterium of the Order in 2013 also approved funding for eight projects for the Holy Land and Egypt presented by the Meeting of works Aid to Eastern Churches – ROACO – of which it is a member, and which is chaired by Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches (see more details on the Grand Magisterium website).



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THE LIFE OF THE ORDER IN ITS LIEUTENANCIES





AUSTRALIA - NEW SOUTH WALES

The Grand Master visited members of the Order in Auckland and Sydney

The Lieutenancy is centred in Sydney and is responsible for the Order's activities in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, an area about three times the size of Italy. We also have a Section in New Zealand (centred in Auckland) - some three hours away by air.

The highlight of the 2013 year was the visit by the Grand Master, accompanied by his secretary Fr. Cibelli, to Auckland (New Zealand) and Sydney (New South Wales) during which we held Vigils and Investitures in both cities investing 3 Knights and two Dames.

In both countries we held several social and spiritual events and participated in a number of events organized more widely by the Catholic Church in our region, most notably the annual Corpus Christi Walk with Christ Procession in Sydney. During this walk members of the Order provided a robed escort to the Blessed Sacrament as it was carried by Bishop Porteous to the High Altar of

St. Mary's Cathedral for Benediction.

During Holy Week, in Sydney the Lieutenancy participated in the Palm Sunday Mass and procession at Holy Cross, Woolahra, the Capitular Chapel of the Lieutenancy; and in New Zealand in the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at our New Zealand Patronal Church St. John the Baptist, Parnell.

In recognition of the Order's particular devotion to the Holy Sepulchre the Lieutenancy took an active part in the dedication of the new Stations of the Cross at Sydney's historic Woronora. Our Grand Prior Cardinal Pell performed the dedication of the new stations supported by robed members of the Lieutenancy and the reflections at each station were written by our member Fr. Don Richardson, Knight Commander.

The Lieutenancy was well represented at the Year of the Faith pilgrimage in Rome with members from both NSW and the New Zealand section participating.



AUSTRALIA – VICTORIA

Priority is given to the spiritual formation of members of the Order

The visit of the Grand Master in Australia in November 2013 was the highlight in Victoria.

The investiture Mass at St Patricks Cathedral was a great celebration presided by His Eminence and attended by the Lieutenancy's Grand Prior Archbishop Denis Hart and Bishop Peter Elliott as well as Ecclesiastical Knights Fr David Cartwright, Fr Simon Grainger and Fr Brendan Hayes. The Mass was followed by a luncheon in honour of the Grand Master Cardinal O'Brien.

Bishop Peter Elliott conducted a retreat for the Year of Faith at the Basilica of Our Lady of Victories in Camberwell for the spiri-

tual formation of the Knights and Dames. His Lordship expanded on the encyclical letter from His Holiness.

Our Lieutenancy was privileged to have a number of Knights and Dames attend the international pilgrimage to Rome for the Year of Faith in September 2013. This event had much spiritual benefit for those who attended. A number our members followed the International Order pilgrimage with a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Turkey.

Prior to the investiture Mass in November our fellow members attended the Carmelite Monastery in Kew for the vigil and Mass led by our Ecclesiastical Knight, Fr Brendan





Hayes, to continue the spiritual formation of the Lieutenancy. Prior to the vigil a meeting of members discussed the proposed changes to the Constitution of the Order which were discussed at the *Consulta* in Rome.

The member's spiritual formation continued with a Mass and Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary on 7 October 2013 with a very learned paper given by Ecclesiastical Knight Fr Simon Grainger on the history of the Holy Rosary.

AUSTRALIA – WESTERN

25th anniversary of the founding of the Order

At the announcement that a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land would follow-on from the International Pilgrimage to Rome organised by the Order to commemorate the Year of Faith the enthusiasm shown by the general membership of the Lieutenancy at its biannual meeting held in September 2012 was very encouraging. From the forty-two members present over fifty percent, by a show of hands, indicated they would participate in the Pilgrimages to Rome and the Holy Land respectively. This enthusiasm, however soon began to wane as time passed. Many members who originally had registered an interest had to withdraw because of health or economic reasons. There were a total of 24 members and friends who participated in the International Pilgrimage to Rome.

The highlight of the International Pilgrimage to Rome was an audience with His Holiness Pope Francis. His Holiness' address to over three thousand members present was well received. UNITALSI and the staff of the Order who helped to organise the event are to be commended for their efforts.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Nineteen members and friends joined the Lieutenant and his family in the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The highlight of the pilgrimage was the receipt of the Pilgrim Shell by two Dames and two Knights. They were Theresa Mary Margaret Moore DHS, Bridget Mary Stone DHS, Thomas Polich KHS, and Ecclesiastical Knight Rev. Fr. Nicholas

Nweke. We thank Laila Travels and Tours for the success of this pilgrimage.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2013

His Eminence the Cardinal Grand Master was the celebrant at the Investiture Ceremony 2013 held in St Joseph's Church, Subiaco on Saturday 16th November 2013. Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, Knight Commander with Star, concelebrated the Investiture Mass together with Ecclesiastical Knight Master of Ceremonies Rev Fr Patrick Holmes, Knight Grand Cross, Rev Fr Richard Smith, Knight, Rev Fr Nicholas Nweke, Knight, and Rev Fr Angelo (parish priest of one of the candidates)

In his homily the Grand Master mentioned "...that the reception had been hot but the weather hotter!". His Eminence also said "It was the first order duty of all Knights and Ladies and Catholics more broadly to announce to the world that the Holy Sepulchre is empty. In short, our lives must proclaim the message of the living Jesus...The Holy Sepulchre is empty because Jesus Christ is alive in our hearts and our works of love".

Following the homily His Eminence the Grand Master invested Clifford Mitchell and Giovanni Pintabona as Knights of the Order.

Before the final Blessing Lieutenant Robert E Peters, briefly recalled the history of the establishment of the Order in Australia. The Order was inaugurated as a Section of the Lieutenancy of England and



Wales in Perth, Western Australia in September 1985. The Lieutenant highlighted how the inaugural Knights and those invested in 1986 had formed a guard of honour for His Holiness Pope John Paul II during the late Pope's visit to Perth on 30 November 1986. In his speech the Lieutenant praised Honorary Lieutenant Clifford Henry Holloway, Knight Grand Cross, for his efforts in establishing the Order throughout Australia, firstly in Western Australia in 1985, in New South Wales and Victoria in October 1995 respectively and in Queensland in 1997. The Lieutenantcy of Australia-South Australia was established in 2003.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATORY MASS

On Sunday 17th November 2013 His Excellency the Grand Master was the principal celebrant at the 25th Anniversary Celebratory Mass celebrated at St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth. Concelebrants were Rev Monsignor Michael Keating, Dean of the Cathedral, Rev Fr Richard Smith, Knight, and Rev Fr Nicholas Nweke, Knight. Among the congregation were 60 Knights and Ladies in full

regalia. His Eminence presented the Pilgrim Shell to Brendan McGurk, Knight Commander with Star, Raymond Tan, Knight, and Vincent Tan, Knight.

In his homily the Grand Master said "...Brothers and sisters Knights and Dames as we give thanks for the 25th Anniversary of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre here in Australia, let us be aware of the special grace that is available to us" "...But what special graces should we, members of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre presume to receive in abundance if not that of a sure hope and confident trust: that having proclaimed the Empty Tomb and preached the Risen Christ, we will hope, without fear and with all our hearts, to meet Him on the day that he calls: a hopeful and confident trust in being welcomed by the Risen One, face to face should be the grace we experience as members"(...) "Let us pray for an increase in that gift every day: the gift of confidence in the Risen Christ who waits to embrace us".

Robert E. Peters
Knight Commander with Star
Lieutenant of the EOHSJ
for Australia-Western



AUSTRIA

Eleven Local Delegations united in spirit for the Year of Faith

The annual ceremony of investiture is the highlight of the life of the Order. Last September it took place at the local Delegation of the Salzkammergut. His Eminence the Cardinal Grand Master Edwin O'Brien and His Excellency Alois Kothgasser, Doctor of Theology, Archbishop and Grand Prior of our Order, presided together at the ceremony. The solemn Mass was also concelebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio in Austria, His Excellency Peter Zurbriggen, Doctor of Theology, Bishop Ludwig Schwarz, Doctor of Theology, and Bishop of Linz, as well as many other spiritual brothers of the Order. The ceremony took place in the Basilica of Mondsee. It was attended by 470 members of the Or-

der, including the Lieutenant of Canada-Vancouver, His Excellency George J.E. Adam, the Lieutenant of Luxembourg His Excellency Gy Schleder, the Lieutenant of Slovenia Her Excellency Professor Marjana Kos, as well as representatives from Germany, Scotland, Spain, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland and USA South Western (Texas).

In Austria, our Order is growing at a pleasing rate: the intense life of the Order contributes to it in a significant manner. Dames and Knights meet regularly in the eleven local delegations.

The international pilgrimage of the Order to Rome in September 2013 was important for the whole of Austria.





It is also very important to keep contact with local delegations and with delegations of neighbouring countries. For over 25 years, the Delegations of Bregenz, of St. Georg Ravensburg, St. Afra Augsburg and St. Gallen have come together for the annual Gathering of Lake Constance, which is organised in turn by one of the four local delegations. In 2013 this gathering was organized by the Delegation of St. Gallen in Rorschach.

In April 2013, during the one-day gathering of the Delegations of Baden-Wiener Neustadt, Eisenstadt, St. Pölten and Vienna in Frauenkirchen, known as the "Meeting Day", not only did we have the pleasure of

welcoming the Lieutenant of Austria His Excellency Karl Lengheimer and Officials of the Order, but also the Lieutenant of Hungary His Excellency László Tringer with a delegation of the Hungarian Lieutenancy, and also representatives of the Sovereign Order of Malta.

As a religious community, it is important for us to draw everyone's attention to our charitable commitment in the Holy Land. This is the reason behind our public activity, such as writing articles in newspapers and proposing manufactured products from the Holy Land (wood carvings, olive oil etc...) in markets at Christmas or Easter.

BELGIUM

The pilgrimage to Rome was the opportunity to learn more about colleagues worldwide

On 16 March, members of the Lieutenancy of Belgium came together for a Mass for the deceased members of the Order. It was followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Together with the Belgian Foundation for the Holy Land, it is in charge of all the activities related to material assistance to the Holy Land.

Then came the various ceremonies of Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Day). These were celebrated in the Capitular Church of Notre-Dame du Sablon. Members who wished also participated in the two Te Deum celebrated on the National Feast Day on 21 July and on the Feast of Christ the King on 15 November.

Investiture ceremonies were held on 14 June (the vigil) and 15 June (investiture). Six new brothers were knighted during the investiture ceremony, which was both beautiful and very prayerful. A friendly and convivial meal then united all the participants in one of the establishments of the Grand Sablon.

The highlight of 2013 was certainly the meeting in Rome of the EOHSJ from 12 to 16 September. 80 members of the Order were pleased to participate at this great event. Apart from the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with our new Pope, this gathering was also an opportunity to meet colleagues from other countries and to mutually benefit from these fruitful meetings.

The Belgian Lieutenancy always celebrates the Feast of Our Lady Queen of Palestine by a Mass followed by lunch. Speaking on 26 October, Bishop Selim Sayegh, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Ammam, spoke in a very perceptive and emotional manner of the situation of Christians in Jordan and Syria.

Our Grand Prior, Bishop Kockerols, preached the retreat at the Cistercian Abbey of Notre Dame du Mont des Cats from 21 to 24 November. The theme was "Becoming a disciple of Jesus with Simon Peter." This retreat was attended by a large number of members and was greatly appreciated.

In Advent, our Grand Prior also directed a



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retreat on 30 November in the Capitular Church.

At various times throughout the year, members of the Lieutenancy of Belgium took part in conferences held in Brussels. Speakers of quality addressed very keen audiences: on 7 March, Professor E.R. Roger Burggraeve spoke about “the different aspects of suffering”, on 5 December, the former Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mr. Dries Van Agt, addressed the theme of “The Holy Land and the Palestinian issue”.

The activities of the Order at national level and a whole series of spiritual activities on various topics were discussed during conferences and retreats. The following themes were developed: “The liturgical mu-

sic as prescribed by Vatican II”, “Come and follow Me”, “Heritage and spirituality”, “Listen, see and speak in the light of the Bible”, “Mary in Sacred History, a message for today”, “Love and truth meet, justice and peace embrace”.

After a Mass in our Capitular Church of Notre Dame du Sablon attended by a large number of members, two members of the Lieutenancy of Belgium, accompanied by four of their friends began a pilgrimage by bicycle to the Holy Land via Rome. Apart from the spiritual journey, they organized a “sponsorship” for the benefit of the Association “*Creche de Bethlehem*”. After visiting *The Creche*, they visited the Latin Patriarchate.



CANADA – ATLANTIC

Journey, build, and confess...

In April 2013, Dame Trudy Comeau was appointed to the position of Lieutenant of the Canada- Atlantic Lieutenancy and was installed at St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Archbishop Anthony Mancini, Grand Prior of the lieutenancy officiated and Vice Governor General H.E. Patrick Powers was in attendance at the celebrations.

H.E. Trudy Comeau had the pleasure of attending the meetings of the North and South American Lieutenants in Mexico in May, and was honoured to participate in the work of the Consulta and Pilgrimage in Rome in September.

The Lieutenancy was very happy to have four new members invested in October and all the attending members were inspired by the address given by the guest speaker, Knight Rami Qumsieh, who travelled from Florida to be with us for our banquet.

Members of the Lieutenancy had a won-

derful, grace-filled retreat on the second Saturday of Advent. The words that Pope Francis gave to the pilgrims in September were used for the theme of the retreat - journey, build and confess.



H.E Patrick Powers, Archbishop Mancini, H.E. Trudy Comeau, Section Prior Fr James Mallon.



CANADA – QUEBEC

The Lieutenancy of Quebec makes the Order known in Canada

During the January monthly meeting we discussed the Neo-Catechumenate and the role of the laity in the Church with Mgr Denis Grondin, Auxiliary Bishop of Quebec. In February, the members met for the celebration of the liturgy of Ash Wednesday, which was followed by the Annual General Meeting.

A study day in March enabled us to reflect on the future of our Lieutenancy. There was no ceremony of investiture in 2013 since no male nor female candidate was, as yet, fully prepared to become a member:

as a consequence, the determination to make the Order better-known has been revitalized.

We took part in the Palm Sunday liturgy in the Parish Church of Saint Dominic in Québec, then in the ceremony on Good Friday in the Basilica of Our Lady of Quebec.

During the April monthly meeting Mgr Gaétan Proulx, Auxiliary Bishop of Quebec, spoke on the Year of Faith. In May, we had a talk by Father Jean Abud, a priest at the Seminary of Quebec, concerning the Catholic pastoral activity at the University of





Laval. We then enjoyed another discourse by Mrs Denise Ouellet: "The catechumenate and accompanying those who are preparing to receive baptism".

The annual meeting of the Lieutenants from the Americas took place in Mexico from 23 to 25 May.

At the invitation of Mgr Gérald C. Lacroix, Archbishop and Grand Prior, we came together in June for the one-day retreat and country picnic with our spouses in *the Domaine du Petit Cap*, on lands belonging to the Junior Seminary of Quebec at Saint Joachim.

In July there was a meeting at the *Séminaire de Trois-Rivières* of the members of the delegation of the Lieutenancy situated at *Trois-Rivières*, with four members of the administration Council of the Lieutenancy.

Seven members of the Lieutenancy had the great pleasure of participating in the in-

ternational pilgrimage of the Order to Rome as part of the Year of Faith.

A fundraising dinner for the Christian communities of the Holy Land took place in September, with a conference by Mgr. Bertrand Blanchet, Emeritus Bishop of Rimouski. The provincial bill on euthanasia was at the centre of our discussions, as well as the "medical assistance to die".

The monthly October meeting focused on the report of the Lieutenant on the 2013 International Consulta and the testimonies of members who participated in the pilgrimage to Rome as part of the Year of Faith.

In November, Mgr. Pierre Gaudette, former Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at Laval University talked to us about "the elusive secularism".

The year ended with a Mass in the chapel of the Citadel of Quebec, followed by a festive dinner at the officers' mess.

CANADA – VANCOUVER

A new missionary challenge in the Holy Land

The Pilgrimage began with our departure from Vancouver on 9 April. Before the transfer in Toronto for the Flight to Tel Aviv the Grand Prior prayed for our protection and safe arrival in the Holy Land. Our guide Rimon from Guiding Star welcomed us on our arrival and we boarded the bus to Notre Dame Guesthouse.

The solemn entry into the Holy Sepulchre with the Franciscan Friars took place the same evening with Latin chants and Organ music we processed into the sacred place as we entered the tomb where our Saviour was laid to rest and rose from the dead.

The following day we visited our school in Beit Sahour and met Father Iyad Twal the Parish priest and children of the school. We brought them candies and Canadian souvenirs. Bethlehem University was also on our list as well as the church of the Nativity.

During the next 5 days Jerusalem and all

the surrounding shrines were visited, with our Grand Prior celebrating Mass with particular reference to the Gospel story of each location. The heat in Jericho and the climb up the Mount of Temptation was challenging for many of us, and the monks were gracious to open the gates so we could touch the rock where, by historical account, Our Lord stood when the devil tempted him. In the afternoon a dip in the Dead Sea gave us a moment of relaxation and fun.

The visit to the Patriarchate where 10 Knights and Dames received their Pilgrim shell was particular meaningful for our group. Bishop Shomali told us about the challenges the Christian churches face, in particular poor job opportunities. But there are new positive developments, such as many workers from the Philippines who arrive in Israel and thereby increase the Catholic community substantially. It is a new



Visit to the school supported by the Order in Beit Sabour.

missionary challenge.

A special Mass was celebrated by our Grand Prior at the tomb of the Resurrection at 5h30 in the morning, and in the evening we walked the Way of the Cross with the Franciscan Friars and a large procession of faithful Christians, finishing at the Holy Sepulchre.

Yad Vashem is a memorial of the Holocaust in Europe. Very graphic and challenging, but an important history lesson of Anti-Semitism and genocide perpetrated by the Nazi regime.

We also experienced a constant reminder of the division that is taking place with the dividing Wall between the West Bank and Israel. It brings a lot of hardship when families are separated and are unable to live together.

Many other places were visited and will be remembered when we listen to the Gospel here at home.

On the way to Galilee we stopped at the Crusader church in Abu Gosh where we attended Mass and continued to Caesarea, Maritima, and Haifa and the Stella Maris Monastery. The most memorable occasion in Nazareth was our visit to Cana, where Christ

performed his first miracle at the wedding feast, with Mass and seven couples renewing their Wedding vows. We were surprised with rain showers as we exited the church, it felt as though we were being blessed once more from above.

Many important events took place during Our Lord's ministry in this area and we were immensely nourished by the richness and physical beauty around the Sea of Galilee. We also had mass at the Domus Ecclesia Church.

A pilgrimage without a boat ride on the Lake Tiberius would be unthinkable so we crossed from Tabgha to Capernaum where St. Peter's house once stood by the shore. No one tried to jump ship and walk on water!

This ended our pilgrimage on a high note. We departed with a heavy heart and a desire to make this pilgrimage again.

We thank our Grand Prior for his devotion and spiritual enthusiasm. We felt especially blessed by the daily celebrations of Holy Mass and his deep convictions and reflections on the events that took place during the time of Our Lord.



PHILIPPINES

With Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the Order welcomes new members in Asia

On 5 February, 2013, His Eminence Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle conducted a day of recollection for members of the Order as a preparation for the coming investiture of the future members. It was held at the Chapel, Pacific Plaza Towers at 2pm. The event ended with Mass, followed by a social evening.

On 26 April there was a solemn Investiture at the Arzobispado de Manila Chapel of two new Knights, two new Dames and one Archbishop. The decree appointing His Emi-

nence Cardinal Gaudencio B. Rosales as Grand Prior of Honor for the Philippine Lieutenancy was read during the event.

An Advent recollection was held on 10 November, conducted by His Eminence Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, for the members of the Order and those who joined the pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2011 together with their spouses, family members and friends. It was held at the Chapel, Pacific Plaza Towers at 2pm. The event ended with Mass, followed by a get-together of the group.





FRANCE

The Lieutenancy, fully integrated into the local Church, reinforces its links with the French Episcopate

2013 was the first complete year in office of the new Lieutenant, H.E. Pierre Murret Labarthe, after his appointment by the Cardinal Grand Master in October 2012.

During November-December 2012, the Lieutenant proceeded to nominate his Council, which met for the first time at the end of December 2012 in the presence of the new Grand Prior, H.E. Mgr Minnerath.

In a difficult institutional context, the Lieutenancy focused on meeting multiple objectives, corresponding both to traditional activities – Lenten retreat, retreat for the new candidates, their investiture in the special context of the pilgrimage of the Order to Rome, publication of “News of the Lieutenancy”, choice of a theme for spiritual Groups Leaders – as well as more unusual events such as the creation of an Association of Members of the French Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at the instruction of the Grand Magisterium, and also holding an information meeting in the presence of H.E. the Governor General, H.E. the Bishop Assessor of the Cardinal Grand Master, and H.E. the Vice-Governor General.

From 5 to 7 April 2013, the local Delegation of Sainte-Foy, under the responsibility of François Nenert, organised the retreat of the Lieutenancy in Conques.

The perfect engagement and the total availability of François Nenert and of his colleagues should be acknowledged here as it fully contributed to the complete success of this important event for our Order.

The theme of Father Bruno Cabanes Bacou’s retreat was the “Path of Faith”, which he defined in three phrases: “the gift of revelation, the believer before the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the

gift of the Holy Spirit”.

The Canons Regular of the Order of Premonstratensian welcomed the retreatants of the Order with warmth and kindness, and allowed them to discover not only the beauty of the Treasury of Conques, and also the architectural beauty of the abbey and the Liturgy of the Prémontrés, whilst at the same time, looking after pilgrims on their way to Saint James of Compostella.

The Lieutenant also took part in this retreat.

From 21 to 23 March 2013, 37 new candidates attended the traditional retreat preceding their investiture.

Dominique Neckebroek and the Abbé Lawrence Villemin facilitated this session which was held in the Foyer of Charity of La Part Dieu in Poissy.

The Lieutenant was present at this retreat, the themes of which were centred on Judaism and its place in the Holy Land, Islam, Christians in the East, the Organization of the Order, and the spiritual preparation for the investiture.

The promotion for 2013 is under the patronage of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The international pilgrimage of the Order was held in Rome from 13 to 15 September 2013.

It was attended by 3,500 Knights and Dames from 34 different countries. Some one hundred pilgrims of the French Lieutenancy, under the leadership of Jerome Tourtier, had joined this magnificent assembly that embodies the universal dimension of the Order gathered around the Cardinal Grand Master, and without which our missions and commitments lose their original meaning.

The Consulta was taking place at the same time bringing together 62 Lieu-



tenants, including our own Lieutenant.

H.E. Mgr Fisichella, who was present at the ceremonies for the Feast of the Assumption at Notre Dame de Paris to which, by tradition, the Lieutenancy was closely associated, gave a presentation which was substantially covered in the last issue of the “News of the Lieutenancy of France”.

On 13 September, the Pope received the members of the Order in audience. He urged them to live like pilgrims, to build a better world and confess the faith in an ever more profound way.

He particularly welcomed the Cardinal Grand Master, who coordinates the activities of the Lieutenancies for the benefit of the Christians in the Holy Land. He then met members of the Grand Magisterium and the Lieutenants individually, including H.E. Pierre Murret Labarthe.

On 14 September, the pilgrims attended a ceremony in St. Peter’s Basilica presided over by the Cardinal Grand Master.

The Lieutenancy of France, at the invitation of Cardinal Grand Master, was able to take advantage of the international pilgrimage and organize its investitures in Rome,

in an exceptional, almost historic context.

It is appropriate here to thank all those who contributed to the smooth running of the ceremonies which were held in the church of St. Louis des Français – on French territory – and at the Basilica of Saint Paul outside the Walls.

The Equeries enriched the ambiance of the magnificent vigil in the church of Saint Louis des Français particularly well. It was presided over by H.E. Mgr Franco, Assessor of the Order, in the presence of the representative of the Ambassador of France, Mgr Angot, and Mgr Bousquet, Rector of the Basilica.

This moment of prayer and preparation particularly focused on the commitment of the Knights to the Holy Land. Mgr Franco, former Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine emphasized the necessity that “service to the Christians in the Holy Land be rendered in a spirit of charity, free from any expectation of personal benefit in return”.

The ceremony of the investitures, which took place in the extraordinary setting of the closing Mass of the Pilgrimage, enabled



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25 candidates for the Lieutenancy of France to be admitted into the Order by the Cardinal Grand Master in the presence of 3,500 Dames and Knights from all over the world.

The French delegation with representatives of foreign delegations, welcomed its new colleagues most warmly.

The same evening, the Cardinal Grand Master received the new Knights and Dames together with the Equerries at the Palais Della Rovere.

Mgr Minnerath defined the theme of the spiritual formation which was discussed in September 2013 to be on biblical anthropology.

Pierre de Lauzun, who is in charge of the spiritual formation at national level, drafted nine factsheets, each one linking the theme treated with our commitment as Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, especially in favour of the Christians of the Holy Land.

At the end of the first six months the Lieutenancy published an issue of its News (N° 76), dedicated, in particular, to Pope Francis, his predecessor Benedict XVI, the first visit of the Cardinal Grand Master to the Holy Land, an assessment of the situation of Eastern Christians, the youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the retreat in Conques, the retreat of the new candidates, the national retreat of the Equerries, the remarkable exhibition of the Treasury of the Holy Sepulchre in Versailles and at the House of Chateaubriand, and a sizeable article on the Christians of Syria.

A message from the Lieutenancy also referred to the creation of the Association of Members of the French Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, which follows the directions of the Cardinal Grand Master in February and March 2013.

The definition and the drafting of the Guidelines of the Lieutenancy were used to update the previous document written in 2009.

The primacy of spirituality was reaffirmed. This means notably a personal spiritual formation, which, in the French Lieu-

tenancy, is effected by groups of spiritual reflection.

Retreats and pilgrimages also form an essential part of it.

The support to Christians in the Holy Land is both spiritual and material, with the understanding that the funds collected can only be used according to the procedures adopted by the governing body of the Order.

A chapter of these Guidelines evokes the chivalrous and ecclesial commitments of the members of the Lieutenancy, emphasizing the knightly virtues of charity, loyalty, generosity, honesty and courtesy.

Questions related to the admission to the Order were redefined, and special attention was given to Equerries.

Finally, the Guidelines of the Lieutenancy reaffirmed the rules of governance which are enforced within the Order, including "the respect for hierarchies, the rules of the Order and of the protocol that are part of the commitment to obedience subscribed to at the time of investiture.

Finally, it should be acknowledged that notwithstanding his many contributions to the activities of the Order and of the Lieutenancy, H.E. Pierre Labarthe Murret also visited Marseille, where he met Mgr Pontier, Archbishop and new President of the Assembly of the Bishops of France and M. Gaudin, Senator Mayor.

The Lieutenant also visited Lyon, where he had a long talk with Cardinal Barbarin. These visits also enabled him to meet with the Dames, Knights and Equerries of the Provinces and local Delegations concerned.

Whilst travelling in France, H.E. Pierre Labarthe Murret also met His Beatitude Fouad Twal and H.E. Mgr William Shomali, his Auxiliary Bishop.

Finally, he went to Brussels to take part in the investitures of the Belgian Lieutenancy.

Philippe Radal
*Secretary of the Council
of the French Lieutenancy*

**GERMANY**

Between Cologne and Jerusalem: 80 years of the German Lieutenancy

For the German Lieutenancy 2013 was marked by the 80th anniversary of its foundation. During this special year we welcomed a total of 58 new members into our religious community. A ceremony for the investitures took place at the mother house of our community in Cologne in the spring from

24 to 26 May 2013, and also in the autumn at the end of our pilgrimage to Jerusalem from 27 to 29 September 2013.

These two ceremonies were very important for the life of the Order: many members of our Order who had not been able to take part in our pilgrimage to the Holy Land for various





reasons, were able to attend, especially in Cologne. As a consequence, it was important for the 350 members of the Order who went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to be able to pray at the sites of the history of salvation and at the Holy Sepulchre on behalf of the members of the Order who stayed at home. This is the way a community comes together.

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is always an exciting venture. To organise a full investiture ceremony was a unique and historic event that is well worth emulating – I say this to encourage other Lieutenancies to do it – there are many people on site who would willingly give a hand to facilitate such a project. From an organizational perspective, the investiture ceremony took place over three days in Jerusalem. Before and after this date the six Sections started to make their own pilgrimage in the Holy Land: most of them went to Jerusalem at the end of their pilgrimage, some groups started their journey in Jerusalem to walk in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land or in Jordan. At all time the investiture was first and foremost a spiritual event for the participants, because it is precisely there, in the Holy Land, that it conveys our solidarity with the Christians in the Middle East.

As a prelude to the investiture, a welcome party was organised in the evening in the courtyard of the *Schmidtschule* school near the Damascus Gate. The candidates met to prepare themselves spiritually for the investiture during the Vigil ceremony in the chapel of “Our Lady of Peace” in the Notre Dame Centre across the New Gate into the Old part of Jerusalem. Following this preparation, many members of the Order spent a time of recollection in the chapel for adoration of the Eucharist and prayer, which shows that it was truly a spiritual event. The Latin Patriarch and Archbishop of Jerusalem, Mgr Fouad Twal presided at the investiture. The members of the Order and their families crowded into the Co-Cathedral to celebrate the Arab-German liturgy. Patriarch Twal welcomed the community of the Order, saying: “Welcome to the Mother Church of Jerusalem”. He said the German Lieutenan-

cy is one of the most generous when it comes to supporting the Latin Patriarchate. He fears above all for the future of Christians in Syria: “We cannot overcome violence with more violence”. International politics does not put the welfare of Christians throughout the Middle East at the very centre of its agenda.

At the end of the afternoon, the members of the Order gathered in the cloister of the Protestant Church of the Redeemer. From there, they left in an impressive procession towards the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The Franciscans had given their time slot, which is available under the status quo of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, to the Equestrian Order. The 95 pilgrims who participated for the first time, entered directly into the Holy Sepulchre. The following Sunday, the Mass of thanksgiving was held in the Franciscan Church of Saint Saviour. In the special year of our jubilee, our German Lieutenancy was made aware of what is at stake in the Holy Land and in our society: in the words of our spiritual Master of ceremonies in the Holy Land, we need a culture that does not turn away its gaze from the misery of the world. This is how Pope Francis expressed it: “Men and women of faith are mediators of light... The more Christians immerse themselves in the circle of Christ’s light, the more capable they become of understanding and accompanying the path of every man and woman towards God”.

In Jerusalem, the Dames and Knights of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre immersed themselves in Christ – as Pope Francis understands it. According to the Song of Ascents, *Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem and we have prayed for peace*. We returned to our country deeply renewed in our faith, and at the same time we were able to make Christians in the Holy Land feel that they were not alone! Ultimately, it is only in the Holy Land that one can really grasp and understand what the two words “Holy Land” truly mean.

Heinrich Dickmann

*From H. E. Lieutenant
Doctor in political science*



GIBRALTAR

A new Lieutenancy is born on the rock of Gibraltar

The Lieutenancy of Gibraltar has enjoyed several events during 2013 which are worth mentioning, though probably shared by other Lieutenancies and Magistral Delegations around the World, such as:

- The ceremony of Investiture in March.
- Gibraltar became a Lieutenancy, whereas it had previously been a Magistral Delegation.

We participated in the Pilgrimage for the Year of faith in Rome, which was full of events. Like other delegations we attended an Audience with Pope Francis on 13 September, an event which must have been the

highlight for the Order worldwide.

Our Lieutenant attended the Order's European Leaders' gathering in June.

The celebration for the Year of Faith as a Pilgrimage was very impressive as the Order's leaders and members attended the various events in full uniform. Seeing over 3,500 members, Cardinals, Bishops, priests, Knights and Dames gathered to celebrate the Holy Father's call made a huge impact on all who observed it.

Charles J. Sacarello
Lieutenant





IRELAND

The Order is inspired by the example of Saint Oliver Plunkett, a model of practical and courageous faith

To mark Christian Unity Week on Sunday 20 January 2013, the Lieutenancy was, for the first time, invited to Choral Evensong by the Vicar of St Bartholomew's Church of Ireland (Anglican), Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

The format of the service was biblical readings, the recitation of the creed, choral music and prayers. Amongst the prayers read by H.E. Nicholas McKenna was the following: Walking with Christ in the way of the cross, we are conscious of the many places in our world that are torn apart by sorrow and suffering. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for all communities where there is division and distrust. Grant to them O God, your

peace which passes all understanding and prospers the work of those who work to establish your reign of peace.

On 28 May, 2013 in the Convent of Mercy Ardee the admission of H.E. the Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland Charles Brown as a Knight Grand Officer of the Order took place. H.E. Sean Cardinal Brady, Grand Prior, presided at the ceremony with Archbishop Eamonn Martin, coadjutor Archbishop of Armagh, and Bishop Field, Knight Commander with Star, in attendance. Subsequently, H.E. the Apostolic Nuncio accompanied members at the Procession that took place in Drogheda in July in honour of the last Irish Catholic mar-





tyred for the Faith, St. Oliver Plunkett.

In the course of his homily he said: "It is persons of conscience who shape the world; it is they who will triumph in the final analysis. Yes, they may seem for a time to be, as Jesus says in the Gospel today, like "lambs among wolves", but let us never forget that the way of the Lamb is the way of victory, because it is the way of truth. At the very end, "the Lamb will conquer and the Woman clothed with the sun...". But even before that definitive end, human history is marked by those women and men who have the courage to be true to what we as human beings know in our hearts is right. We instinctively recog-

nize such people and we admire them.

We gather here today in Drogheda to remember such a figure. Oliver Plunkett may have been the last in the line of the Catholic martyrs at Tyburn, but he was certainly not the last in the line of courageous Irish women and men who have chosen to follow their consciences in the face of pressure and opposition. Saint Oliver Plunkett is revered and remembered as a patron of peace and reconciliation: peace that is the fruit of truth and reconciliation, which is the fruit of Christian love. His boast, his only boast, was in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ. May his memory be eternal!"

ITALY CENTRAL

Knights and Dames are faithful pilgrims to European Marian Sanctuaries, from Fatima to Czestochowa

In 2013, the Lieutenancy for Central Italy asked all its delegations in the relevant areas to pursue two goals with absolute priority: first to deal with the religious formation of the Knights and Dames on a regular basis, and second to increase the level of awareness and deepen the sense of belonging to the Order by way of closer friendly community meetings.

As far as the first goal is concerned, we organised several pilgrimages to the Holy Land (especially with the help of new candidates), and also to important Marian Sanctuaries such as Lourdes, Fatima, Czestochowa, and Loreto.

Each delegation organised spiritual retreats in accordance with important dates of the liturgical calendar. A serious and prayerful participation from all those who enrolled was noted.

The pious practice of the celebration of the first Friday of the month took place, according to tradition, in the Roman Basilica of Saint Praxedes. Knights and Dames attended

in great numbers, and everyone listened attentively to the in-depth homilies given by the Grand Prior H. E. Bishop Franco Croci.

The Lieutenancy felt it would be useful to collect these homilies and publish them in a second "Book of Spirituality" which, like the previous one, was made available to everyone to facilitate a more intimate personal meditation.

Concerning the second goal, we organized many conferences, often in particularly significant places from a historic and artistic point of view. We also organised visits to various exhibitions under the guidance of experts and specialists. A fraternal meal often concluded these events in the sure knowledge that, even when eating, one can share moments of serene friendship in all simplicity.

This is a detailed summary of the most important events organized by the Lieutenancy of Central Italy:

- Holy Land Pilgrimage of the Abruzzo and Molise Section, under the guidance of the Prior.



- Pilgrimages to the Holy Land of the Delegations of Rieti and Viterbo.
- Pilgrimages of the Delegation of Frosinone, Section of the Lazio to Saint James of Compostela and the Sanctuary of Lourdes.
- Pilgrimage of the Section of Rome to the Holy Land and Jordan.
- Pilgrimage of the Section of Rome to Warsaw in Poland, Cracow and Czestochowa.
- Pilgrimage of the Lieutenancy on the occa-

sion of the closing of the Year of Faith in Rome.

- Participation of the Section of Rome to the celebration of Corpus Christi, presided over by Pope Francis in Saint John Lateran and procession to Saint Mary Major.

The year ended with the Vigil and solemn ceremony of Investiture of over fifty candidates in Saint Mary Major and Saint John Lateran.



ITALY CENTRAL AND THE APENNINES

The Order honoured by the town of Pisa

A ceremony for the dedication to our Order of a large rotunda with a central marble monument representing our emblem – the Cross Potent of Jerusalem and the motto *Deus lo vult* – took place on 4 May in Pisa, in the presence of the Governor General Agostino Borromeo and the highest religious, civil and military authorities of the city, which has maintained, since the Middle Ages, its historic relations with the Holy Land.

The ceremonies took place in the city center, close to the station. They were opened with a Mass in the Church of Saint Anthony Abbot presided over by the Archbishop of Pisa, Mgr Giovanni Paolo Benotto and concelebrated by Mgr Luciano Giovanetti, Grand Prior of the Italian Lieutenancy of Central Apennine, and by Ecclesiastical members of the Order. The Knights and Dames, led by the Delegate Antonio Giampieri, then processed to the rotunda which the Deputy Mayor Paolo Ghezzi dedicated to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and the Archbishop then blessed it. Surrounded by a lawn, the monument is in marble (320 cm x 340 cm) and engraved with the Cross of Jerusalem in red sandstone. The project was designed by architect Marco Malloggi and the work was gifted by the Braccianti Company.





ITALY NORTHERN

Under the protecting and caring gaze of Our Lady of Palestine, the Lieutenancy participates in the life of the universal Church

On 27 October 2013, two major events were celebrated in the Cathedral of Mantua: the Feast of the Patron Saint of the Order, the Blessed Virgin Mary of Palestine, and the Investiture of the Bishop of Mantua, elevated to the rank of Knight Commander with Star. The ceremony was celebrated jointly by the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy H.E. Mgr Oscar Cantoni, Bishop of Crema and Mgr Roberto Busti, Bishop of Mantua, accompanied by the Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies of the Lieutenancy, Mgr Giordano Ronchi, and the Prior of the Delegation of Novara, Mgr Carlo Maria Scaciga.

The participation of the Knights and Dames and their guests was very impressive.

In his brief address to the faithful who came in great number to the ceremony, the Lieutenant gave a summary of the history of

the Order and of its correlated duties.

From 16 to 23 November, a pilgrimage of the Lieutenancy to the Holy Land was held under the leadership of the Knight Mgr Pierantonio Bodini, Prior of the Delegation of Brescia, and Aldo Lonati, Knight Commander with Star and Representative of the Delegation.

From 27 December to 3 January, another Pilgrimage of the Lieutenancy to the Holy Land took place under the leadership of Mgr Claudio Livetti, Prior of the Delegation of Varese and Knight Alessandro Toia, Representative of the Delegation.

The Investiture Ceremonies of the new Knights and Dames was celebrated on 22 June and 19 October in Milan in the Church of Santa Maria della Pace. Both ceremonies were presided over by Mgr Oscar Cantoni, Bishop of Crema and Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy.



ITALY SOUTHERN TYRRHENIAN

Investiture ceremony at Amalfi

On June 8, in the early evening, a solemn ceremony of Investiture of Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, presided over by the Grand Master of the Order, His Eminence Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, took place in the Amalfi Cathedral of St. Andrew.

The liturgical ceremony was concelebrated by H.E.R. Knight Commander with Star Archbishop Orazio Soricelli, Archbishop of Amalfi-Cava de Tirreni, Prior of the delegation of Amalfi-Cava de Tirreni, and H.E.R. Knight Commander with Star Gioacchino Illiano, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Nocera-Sarno, Prior of the delegation of Nocera-Sarno.

Also present at the ceremony were the Lieutenant for Italy Southern Tyrrhenian H.E. Knight Grand Cross Professor Giovanni Napolitano, the Presidents, the Delegates, and a large number of Knights and Dames of the Lieutenancy covering the Campania, Calabria and Basilicata areas.

Civil and military Authorities were also present.

Following the inauguration ceremony, a



gala buffet was offered in the Ancient Arsenals of Amalfi, in honour of the Cardinal Grand Master.

The inauguration was preceded on 7 June by the "Vigil of Arms and Prayer" at the Co-Cathedral of Cava de' Tirreni.

Thirty-two new Knights and Dames of the province of Salerno, Naples, Caserta, Benevento, Avellino and Potenza were admitted into the Order. We also recorded twelve higher rank promotions.





ITALY – SICILY

Returning to the foundations of faith and the source of the Social Doctrine of the Church

In the atmosphere of brotherhood and solidarity, well established in the Lieutenancy, we continued our effort at making the aims and purposes of the Order known by our participation in the life and efforts of the Church and the local communities, during various meetings and roundtables which also enabled the voice of the Catholic world to be heard.

On 4 April, our Lieutenant was invited to take part in the Congress held in Catania on the theme of the Ethics and Politics Subsidiary Law.

The Congress, in the presence of important representatives of various institutions, saw the participation of key regional figures in the field of voluntary associations. At the conclusion representatives of the institutions were invited to submit a legislative proposal on subsidiarity, taking into account the social doctrine of the Church, to pass from “a market economy to a civil economy aimed at the common good”.

Regarding the moral growth of the Lieutenancy and the continuing formation of the Knights and Dames (one of the primary tasks of the Lieutenants), in agreement with the Grand Prior, we asked our Sections and local Delegations for 2012-2013, to review and comment on, with the help of priests, the most important documents of Vatican II (on the occasion of its 50th anniversary) and of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (20 years after its publication).

Each Section and Delegation welcomed the invitation and worked at putting the suggestions into effect: high quality meetings were organized in order to understand better our role and ensure a constant and progressive moral development.

These two topics have inspired the activity of the Lieutenancy of Italy-Sicily led by H.E. Professor Giovanni Russo, and

many training meetings were held in different sections.

From 26 April to 3 May, the pilgrimage of the Lieutenancy to the “The sources of our faith” took place under the direction of H.E. Lieutenant and H.E. Mgr Salvatore Gristina, Archbishop of Catania and Prior of the Local Section.

The many participants, 135 Knights and Dames from all over Sicily, reached Mount Nebo after crossing Aqaba, Wadi Rum, Petra and Amman. After visiting the magnificent ruins of Gerasa, the party arrived at Nazareth and was welcomed by the the Auxiliary Bishop, H.E. Mgr Giacinto Marcuzo. The pilgrims then visited the Shrine of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, the Lake of Galilee, Capernaum, then reached Jerusalem where they were greeted very kindly by His Beatitude Fouad Twal who wanted to present personally the “Pilgrim Shell” to the Knights and Dames who were making the pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre for the first time.

From 12 to 16 September, after attending the Consulta, H.E. Lieutenant guided the Knights and Dames during the international pilgrimage of the Order to Rome on the occasion of the Year of Faith, in the presence of H.E. Cardinal O’Brien and the full Grand Magisterium. The most moving moment of the pilgrimage was the audience with His Holiness Pope Francis. Such an event had been inserted in the official calendar of the Year of Faith by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, chaired by H.E. Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella, a native of Catania.

On 13 October, thanks to the initiative of the Delegation of Patti, for the first time in the history of the Order a Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Agatha Militello on the Feast of Our Lady Queen of Palestine, Patroness of the Order. It was at-



tended by over 150 members from all over Sicily.

The Mass was presided over by H.E. Mgr Ignazio Zambito, Bishop of Patti and Prior of the local Delegation, during which the icon of the Virgin of Palestine was blessed: This icon, painted by Mrs Roccasalva, Professor in Theology of the Icon, was donated by a member of the Section of Catania.

This year also, the Order established an official place in the calendar of the Feasts of the Church of Catania in honour of Saint Agatha; for this occasion, Knights and Dames had taken part in a spiritual retreat in the city of Caltagirone under the direction of H.E. Mgr Calogero Peri, Bishop of the Diocese.

Sergio Sportelli



MALTA

In the heart of the Mediterranean sea, a great island facing the Holy Land

On Friday 13 December and Sunday 15 December, the Lieutenancy of Malta organised two Christmas concerts in aid of the

Holy Land. This venture was made possible through the co-operation of a famous Maltese choir called The New Choral Singers. Every year this choir organises Christmas carol concerts in selected churches in Malta. Each concert is in aid of a charity which benefits from donations given by the congregation. Every concert organised by this choir is extremely well-attended and the Lieutenancy of Malta felt greatly privileged that, this year, this choir generously accepted to dedicate both concerts in aid of the Holy Land.

The first concert was held in the Parish Church of St. Publius (the first bishop of Malta) in Floriana, a small town just outside the capital city of Valletta. The second was organised in the Parish Church of St. John of the Cross in Ta'Xbiex. Both occasions were a resounding success and not only served to collect money for the Holy Land, but also gave the Order much-needed exposure.



NORWAY

The Magistral Delegation raises the profile of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre in Northern Europe

2013 has been a good year for the Magistral Delegation in Norway. The Norwegian Knights and Dame have met regularly each month, celebrating Mass, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a regular meeting. We have invited several guests, mostly well-known Catholics and researchers working in different ways with the Middle East (focusing this year on Cyprus and Egypt), Church History, Spirituality and Biblical Theology. They enriched our meet-

ings, providing our Knights with new information and perspectives.

External guests have been Prof. Paul Murray OP from Angelicum in Rome, Professor Emeritus Kari Vogt, Mrs. Ingela Forseth, Professor Gregory Reichberg, Senior Researcher Dr. Eivor Oftestad, and Oystein Lund, Doctor of Theology, in addition to Kjell I. Maudal.

These guests were not only invited to the meetings where they gave their presenta-



tions, but also invited to come and listen to each other and join the discussions. These meetings have been important for us in making our Order known within the Catholic Church in Norway, and as a way of fulfilling our mission in this country. In June 2013 we celebrated the investiture of a new Knight Kjell I. Maudal.

The highlight of the year was the pilgrimage to Rome in September 2013, where twelve Norwegians were present, eight members and four spouses, making up 70% of the Norwegian members. It was a unique experience of international fraternity within

the Order, being united with members from all over the world in prayer for the Church in the Holy Land. Being present together in the great Basilicas in Rome recalled the history and the mission of the Church and gave us inspiration to continue our work back home. The Norwegian members were especially happy to meet and become friends with members of the Lieutenancy of the Netherlands.

The Norwegian Magistral Delegation also met other members when visiting Ireland and Sweden on the occasion of their investitures.

NETHERLANDS

Several new members were invested

2013 was a noteworthy year for the Lieutenancy of the Netherlands. The nine committees, such as those for spirituality, caritas, investiture and pilgrimage, as well as the eight regions committed themselves to pursuing, strengthening and advancing the goals of the Order: fraternity, caritas, and spirituality. Many members made an active contribution on a voluntary basis to furthering the activities of the Lieutenancy.

SPIRITUALITY

Each year the Dutch Lieutenancy proposes a new theme. To mark the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, the Order decided to study the document *Lumen Gentium* [Dogmatic Constitu-

tion on the Church] during its regional and national meetings in 2013. The theme was also addressed during discussions at grassroots level: gatherings were held in the homes of members of the Order, where the annual theme was examined in a more informal and intimate setting, led by one of the priest members of the Order. These gatherings gave members the opportunity to share and discuss more personal thoughts and questions in private groups. In addition to this wide range of events, spiritual and other workshops were held about a variety of themes.

In 2014, the document *Gaudium es Spes* [Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World] will be studied within the context of the annual theme.



INVESTITURE

New members are prepared for their admission to the Order during a period of one to two years. During this noviciate, the novices come together for informative meetings, national gatherings and celebrations, and for a weekend retreat. After this intensive introductory period, the Lieutenancy was able to admit 27 new members into the Order during the weekend of 11 and 12 October 2013. Our Lieutenancy had the honour and pleasure of welcoming His Eminence Edwin Cardinal O'Brien, the Order's Grand Master, who presided over the investiture service.

The investiture ceremony is one of the highpoints in the life of our Lieutenancy. In addition to its spiritual significance, a great deal of attention is paid to fostering existing ties. Fraternity is of key importance. The basis for our sense of fraternity are the strong ties we have with each other, based not only on friendship but also on a genuine interest and a willingness to help each other. We aim to be a strong group in which we forge new contacts and maintain existing ones with young and old alike, in terms of both age and the length of time we have been members of the Order.

The investiture weekend is opened with the *conveniat* on the Friday afternoon. During this gathering the novices introduce themselves to the members of the Lieutenancy. Many members are present as they do not want to miss this unique opportunity to get to know the new members.

The novices introduce themselves in an atmosphere of fraternity and trust. They often tell highly personal life stories during the ten minutes they have been allocated, and in their own particular way they give their personal reasons for wanting to join the Order. Some already knew about the Order

through family members who are Knights or Dames; others discovered the Order after having been invited to join.

There are many reasons for wanting to become a member of the Order: finding a spiritual home, making a special contribution to the Church, or a commitment to the Holy Land. For many, faith is an important part of their life, a rich religious tradition having been passed on to them by their parents. Others are very active in their parishes or have been touched by an inspiring person or situation. Others again felt the presence of God during a traumatic event in their lives, such as the death of a partner or child. For some, joining the Order means a revival of their commitment to their faith and to the Church. Each person has his or her own vocation, their own journey of faith with all its ups and downs.

Each time, we are amazed by the wealth of talent, the diversity of backgrounds, professions and interests the new members bring with them, thereby enriching and strengthening the Lieutenancy. This year, too, the Lieutenancy is happy to welcome a rich crop of committed Catholics who are eager to devote themselves to the Order, to the Church and to Christians in the Holy Land.

CARITAS

The Lieutenancy's caritas activities were also given fresh impetus in 2013. During the celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we introduced "The week for the other", one of the goals of which is to raise members' participation and commitment to the Lieutenancy's charity work. "The week for the other" enables us to raise funds in addition to those raised by the Christmas charity event and the annual contributions and bequests received.

During this week, the members are invited to deploy their talents on a voluntary basis for the benefit of Christians in the Holy Land. Our feeling of solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land is fundamental to our commitment to charity. It is this solidarity that inspires us to apply our personal qualities and



talents in the service of fellow human beings. Everyone contributes in their own particular way. Some of us ask for a contribution to caritas rather than accepting payment for speeches and presentations; others host a dinner party, invitations to which are auctioned, or decide to help in one of the Institutes in the Holy Land with which the Lieutenancy has contact.

PILGRIMAGE

The Dutch Lieutenancy organises a pilgrimage to the Holy Land every year, led by a priest member of the Order. They visit the places where Jesus Christ lived and suffered. This year, thirty-seven members and their partners took part. Among the places visited were Nazareth, Jericho, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The pilgrimage offers all participants the unique experience

of walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, an experience that deepens their faith and gives them the opportunity to get to know more personally our contacts in the Holy Land, and to visit the projects we support. This gives us a better understanding of the needs and complexity of the situation there. At the same time, the pilgrimage fosters our sense of fraternity, it strengthens the ties between the members of the Order and it brings new friendships.

In September, forty-seven members of the Order and their partners went on a pilgrimage to Rome. High points of the visit were an audience with Pope Francis and the Services in the Basilicas.

The Dutch Lieutenancy is planning to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary on Saturday, 24 May 2014.

Michael Brenninkmeijer
Lieutenant for the Netherlands

PORTUGAL

A large Portuguese delegation for the extraordinary pilgrimage of the Order to Rome

2013 was rich in both national and international events, in addition to the usual spiritual, social, and cultural activities carried out by the Lieutenancy of Portugal, always in keeping with the two constant requirements of the spiritual renewal of its members and the support to the Catholic communities in the Holy Land,

At national level, the Delegations of the North and of the Azores were reorganized, with the admission to the Order as Priors of Their Excellencies Reverend D. Jorge Ortiga, Archbishop of Braga and Primate of All Spain, and D. António de Sousa Braga, Bishop of Angra and Azores Islands. Also in this Lieutenancy, by decree of His Eminence Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, the mandate of Lieutenant Gonçalo Figueiredo de Barros was renewed for a second term, His Eminence D. Manuel Clemente, Patriarch of Lis-

bon, was appointed to the office of Grand Prior and His Eminence Cardinal José Polycarpo, Patriarch Emeritus of Lisbon was





awarded the title of Honorary Grand Prior.

We must also mention two events which aroused great interest at national level, within and outside the Order: the organisation in Lisbon of the 3rd Bazaar for the Holy Land, the profits of which go to the Order for the projects of the Latin Patriarchate. During the closing dinner, Fr Miguel Castro Loureiro, Commissary of the Holy Land in Portugal, gave a very interesting talk. The second event was the solemn ceremony of Investiture of ten new Knights and a Dame in the Azores at the Cathedral of Angra, in the presence of Prof. Aldo Maria Arena, Honorary Member of the Grand Magisterium and some forty members who came especially from the European continent.

This event, widely and favorably reported in the regional press, relied on the keen interest of the population and the local authorities. On the day of the Vigil, a reception was given in honour of the members of the Order and their spouses, at the Town Hall of Angra by the Mayor, Professor Álamo de Menezes. The next day lunch was offered by the Representative of the Republic, H.E. Ambassador Pedro Catarino at his official residence. Among the new Knights was Mgr. José A. Bettencourt, Chief of Protocol of the Holy See.

A notable event was the attribution of a Chapel inside the Cathedral of Angra, the Chapel of *Senhor dos Aflitos*, to the Order. A commemorative plaque of this event was unveiled.

At international level, we wish to underline the importance of the Consulta in September, which, as “Instrumentum Laboris”, discussed the proposed amendment of the Constitution. All the Lieutenants and Magistral Delegates present participated enthusiastically. Three working parties were formed and there was much interaction between the members. This proved to be a very interesting experience of team work. The memorable pilgrimage to Rome was part of the official program of the Year of Faith, with an audience in the Paul VI Hall, and the important message to the members of the Order by His Holiness, Pope Francis, who, at the end, greeted each of the members of the Grand Magisterium and the Lieutenants individually.

About forty Knights and Dames from the Portuguese Lieutenancy took part in this pilgrimage which attracted more than 3,500 members of the Order from the five continents. It was an event of the utmost importance and usefulness. In fact, in addition to several moments of prayer and meditation, and the sheer manifestation of the magnitude of the Order, never until then had an event brought together so many Knights of all nationalities. The diverse and beneficial exchange of knowledge and information which took place between the members will probably prove of great importance in the future in boosting the activities of the Order. This is, without doubt, an event to be renewed.

SPAIN WESTERN

Despite the economic crisis, the Lieutenancy reached its objectives in order to assist Christians in the Holy Land

The Lieutenancy of Western Spain was very active in 2013. We want to bring to your attention the activities which were organized in order to fulfil the most important goals of

our Order: looking after the spirituality of its members and the aid to the Holy Land.

Regarding the first objective, the following activities took place:



- There was a monthly celebration of the Holy Mass in the presence of the Knights and Dames at the headquarters of the Order and in our various Delegations and Sections.

- A retreat with the Spiritual Exercises took place in Leon (Spain), under the chairmanship of our Lieutenant; a large group of Knights and Dames met for three days in the *Real Colegiata de San Isidoro* of the town, to address the different aspects of our Order, especially its spirituality.

- Conferences were organised at our headquarters and in the various Sections in preparation for the various ceremonies of Lent and Holy Week. The central theme of meditation was the "Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI on the Church in the Middle East". ECCLESIA IN MEDIO ORIENTE".

- The ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday took place in the Royal Basilica of Saint Francis-the-Great, the spiritual seat of our Lieutenantcy. These celebrations were held simultaneously in the different Sections and Delegations.

- Knights and Dames represented the Order in the various processions of Holy Week, Corpus Christi, and other major solemn religious ceremonies throughout the territory of our Lieutenantcy.

- The Joint Chapter of the two Spanish Lieutenantcies took place in the *Real Colegiata* of the Holy Sepulchre, in the town of Calatayud, where the Knights, honorary Canons of the Colegiata, take possession of the stalls and receive their obedience.

- The pilgrimage of the Lieutenantcy to the Holy Land took place from 30 April to 6 May under the direction of the Lieutenant.

- There was a series of conferences on the theme: "Dialogue around Jerusalem".

- The pilgrimage of the Knights and Dames of the Lieutenantcy to Rome took place in the context of the International pilgrimage of the whole Order for the Year of Faith, with an Audience with His Holiness Pope Francis.

- H.E. Cardinal Carlos Amigo Vallejo, OFM was appointed as new Grand Prior of the Lieutenantcy.

- On 26 and 27 September, a short introduction course was given to enable the future new Knights and Dames to discover our Order as well as the commitment they will undertake upon admission.

- The Vigil and Investiture ceremony of the new Knights and Dames took place on 15 and 16 November in Valladolid, in the presence of H.E. the Governor General of the Order, Count Agostino Borromeo.

- A solemn remembrance Mass for the souls of the Knights and Dames of the Lieutenantcy who returned to the Father during the year was celebrated in the Royal Basilica of Saint Francis the Great.

- The end of the year was marked by the Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Palestine and the various activities and celebrations around Christmas.

Our Lieutenant was invited to, and attended, the investiture ceremonies of several European Lieutenantcies.

Regarding the second objective of our Order, that is to say, to maintain the presence



of Christians in the Holy Land and help our brothers over there, it must be said that, in general, despite the seriousness of the economic crisis and the unemployment which our country is undergoing, we have achieved our goals thanks to contributions of the Knights and Dames, and other donations we received.

A charity dinner was held with great success on 7 June with about 400 guests. This

helped us greatly. A reasonable sum was collected as a result of the raffle. The Lieutenancy was also present in various charity sales conducted by the Organization *Nuevo Futuro*, in Madrid and Seville, with a stand organised by the Dames of the Order and lady relatives of the Knights, as well as friends who help and support the work we do in the Holy Land. This also has the effect of making our Order better known.

SWEDEN

In the Communion of Saints, with Blessed Cardinal Stepinac who was a member of the Order

H.E. Lieutenant Stefan Abrenstedt, Sweden; Magistral Delegate Helen Lund, Norway; and H.E. Lieutenant Matias Sarimo, before entering Saint Peter's Basilica in procession.

This year we have listened to presentations and held discussions on the subject of conscience and ethics in hospital care; Jesus the Jew; the Christian people in Cappadocia, Turkey; the Croatian, Blessed Cardinal Stepinac, a member of our Order.

We held our Investiture ceremony in October and thereby adding two more Knights to our members. All together the Swedish Lieutenancy consists of six priests and 33 members. We assisted at the ceremonies of investiture in Germany, the Netherlands and Italy, and participated at the International pilgrimage to Rome in September, with about 3,500 brothers and sisters from around the world.



HUNGARY

Interest in the Order continues to grow in the historical Roman Province of Pannonia

SPIRITUAL LIFE

The monthly meetings were held in the spirit of the Year of Faith. We celebrated the Year of Faith with several important lectures, such as "The way of Faith" (Rev. Ferenc Beran),

"The Human dignity and the Catholic Faith" (prof. Géza Kuminetz), "The Faith and the Nervous System" (prof. László Tringer). These presentations were held during the monthly meetings.



On the third Tuesday of the month we pray the evening psalms in our chapel. From this year on we shall be able to sing the vesper, with the help of Father Pius and some pupils of the Premonstratensian College. Once a month we pray the Rosary on the Hungarian Catholic Radio.

Our two retreats were organised as usual in the pilgrimage centre of Máriagyüd (during Lent), and in Vác (during Advent).

Holy Mass is celebrated every Sunday in our chapel of Saint Hermina, with the participation of a considerable number of faithful. We also celebrate the anniversary of the inauguration of this chapel, and the Feasts of our Order (Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Our Lady Queen of Palestine etc.).

The Lieutenant handed over the promotion documents for the Dames and Knights during the meeting of 5 March.

We inaugurated 11 novices on 4 June during the celebration of Holy Mass. We participated, as usual, in the procession in honour of Saint Stephen on 20 August. The Chancellor and the Lieutenant were present at the reception given by Cardinal Peter Erdő after the solemn procession.

A delegation of our Lieutenancy took part in the investitures of the Austrian and the German Lieutenancies.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was solemnly celebrated with choir

music and with the exposition of relics of the Holy Cross.

The Chancellor and the Treasurer visited the Mayor of the district where our chapel is situated, and discussed the state of the Chapel which is a historical monument. The office of the Mayor has already sponsored some small repair works.

Three of our member took part in the Pilgrimage to Rome from 9-16 September. In addition, Lieutenant Professor László Tringer, participated at the Consulta, 10-12 September. Oral and written reports were presented during the ensuing monthly meetings.

ORGANISATIONAL LIFE

Our Lieutenancy founded a Holy Land Commission with the aim of promulgating information on the Holy Land and to keep up to date with news of our main mission. The Holy Land Commission undertook the task of editing our electronic periodical "Resurrexit". The head of the Commission is Máté Hidvégi Knight. (Please find a copy of the periodical Resurrexit" enclosed). The commission meets bi-monthly.

The Lieutenant and the Chancellor continued their series of visits to the diocesan bishops. This year we had a consultation with his Excellency Miklós Beer, Bishop of Vác. The city of Vác is the venue of the next investiture planned for 12-14 September.



Dame Commander Erzsébet Apor (niece of the Blessed Bishop Vilmos Apor, of Győr,) passed away after a cerebral haemorrhage.

NEW MEMBERS, RECRUITMENT

Interest in the Order continues to grow year upon year. A period of postulancy preceding the noviciate was introduced for those invited to join the Order from 2009. The postulancy period lasts at least six months and its aim is to become better acquainted with the candidates before voting for admission.

We have now 12 novices and 3 postulants. The investiture in September 2014 will be celebrated to coincide with the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the Vác Section of our Lieutenancy.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Association of the Hungarian Knights of Malta and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre have an arrangement by which they inform each other about the main events of their respective Orders. We give frequent information about the activities of Order through Press releases, and radio and television interviews and reports. Our website is available by a link from the website of the Catholic Church (www.oessh.katolikus.hu).

We started an Email periodical in 2010, named "Resurrexit", published once a month, containing information of general interest. The periodical has been renewed this year under the responsibility of the Holy Land Commission. A chapter about the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, written by the Lieutenant, appeared this year in a book: Orosz András Lóránt, Ujházi Lóránd (eds), entitled "The Security Situation of the Catholic Church in the 21st Century in Hungary. L'Harmattan, Budapest (pages 41-51).

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

A close relationship is maintained between the Austrian and the Hungarian Lieutenancies.

We took part, with a delegation, in the investiture of the Austrian Lieutenancy in Salzkammergut, and in Cologne Germany. Béla Jungbert (Knight Commander with Star), Ambassador of Hungary in Jordan, represented our Lieutenancy at the German investiture in Jerusalem. Austrian Knights participated at the traditional procession in honour of Saint Stephen in Budapest, on 20 August.

Laszlo Tringer

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USA – NORTHWESTERN

Fruitful exchanges with the University of Bethlehem desired by Pope Paul VI during his trip to the Holy Land

Summer 2013 saw 10 Bethlehem University students (a record high number!) in California, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, Washington DC, Arizona, Kansas, Illinois, and Washington State for a six-week McGuckin Mentoring and Internship Program. Catholic Charities USA and Georgetown University generously and graciously made arrange-

ments for both the work placement sites as well as for the housing accommodations for these 10 students.

Established in 2010 in honour of a former Lieutenant of the USA Northwestern Lieutenancy, this year's program is supported by gifts from the Grand Magisterium in the Vatican, USA Northwestern Lieutenan-

cy, the Canadian Atlantic Lieutenancy, CNEWA-USA, CNEWA-Canada, Pontifical Mission for Palestine, the Italian Ministry for Youth, and a number of private donors, including Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tan of Vancouver, Canada.

The McGuckin student interns shared their experiences this summer through a blog (<http://www.bethlehem-blog.org/>) - posting about their internship experience, sharing photos and stories of their host families, and reflecting on local events and cultural experiences.



Students from the University of Bethlehem enjoy a visit and a meal at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington DC.

USA – MIDDLE ATLANTIC

Farewell to a former Lieutenant who, with his wife, devoted himself selflessly to the service of Holy Land Christians

Ronald George Precup passed away on 18 May after a year-long battle with cancer. Born 11 June, 1942, in Aurora, Illinois, Ron was the son of Emily and George Precup of Aurora. He obtained his secondary education at Marmion Military Academy there, operated by the Benedictine monks of Marmion Abbey. He earned his baccalaureate in Government from the Georgetown University College of Arts and Sciences in Washington, D.C. in 1964 and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Centre in 1967. Ron served on active duty as a captain in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1968 to 1972.

In 1964 Ron married the former Alice-



marie Veronica ("Ronnie") Mauro of New York. They have resided in Arlington, Virginia, since 1967, bringing up three children, and currently have four grandchildren in Virginia and New York.

In 1994, Cardinal James A. Hickey, Archbishop of Washington, invested Ron and his wife into the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. They were promoted to Knight and Lady Commander in 2001, to

Knight and Lady Commander with Star in 2005, and to Knight and Lady Grand Cross in 2011. Ron was appointed Lieutenant of the Middle Atlantic Lieutenancy by His Eminence John P. Foley, Cardinal Grand Master, effective 26 September, 2010, and continued to serve in that role until his death.



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