



EQUESTRIAN ORDER
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First Tuesday Update...FTU...November 7, 2023



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***“FATHER FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY DO
NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING”
LUKE 23:34***

Could you ever imagine hearing these words coming, post October 7, 2023, from the mouths of an Israeli, Muslim or YOU? By this time, we have all been blitzed and bombarded by the media...“they DID it, no, the OTHER guys did!” Heads, minds and hearts are in a

free fall. And, you now realize as members of this Holy Papal Order, just how close you are to the center of the world by YOUR connection to the Holy Land!

We have had messages daily, sometimes hourly from so many in the Holy Land and the world, Palestinians, Jordanians, Syrians, Israeli and American Jews, most sending photos, videos and testimonials. As we have been reading those for so many days, we could not help but to view again the title above AND remember the ballad from 1966, by the rock group, Buffalo Springfield...For What It's Worth...please listen as soon as you can.....

*There's something happening here
But what it is ain't exactly clear
There's a man with a gun over there
Telling me I got to beware*

*What a field day for the heat
A thousand people in the street
Singing songs and carrying signs
Mostly say “Hooray” for our side*

*There's battle lines being drawn
Nobody's right if everybody's wrong
Young people speaking their minds
Getting so much resistance from behind*

*Paranoia strikes deep
Into your life it will creep
It starts when you are always afraid
Step out of line, the man comes to take you
away*

This song was written in response to the uneasy hearts within the youth of America in the “Vietnam War Era”. Yet, these words signify the FEAR that is in the body and soul of those who cannot grasp what Jesus made clear nearly 2000 years ago...forgiveness can only be bestowed when LOVE is at the roots of humanity. This fact is crystal clear. God told us through His Son...love your God and love your neighbor, regardless of who there are, only then will forgiveness flow like the blood from the Cross. Yes, it is painful at times, yes, it is humbling always and yet it transfigures you to the person closer to the perfection that Jesus seeks for us to emulate.

All that has happened to Jew and Muslim alike is founded in a hatred that is devoid of any love and results in wars that as Pope Francis has stated...“there are NO winners in War!”

Finally, a few days following the outbreak of October 7, a Deacon we had just met at a Franciscan event stated to the gathering...“I got on my knees the other day and prayed to God and asked Him to send someone to mediate and bring peace to the warring sides”...a few minutes after the prayer he stated, that in his heart he felt and heard...“I already sent someone...MY SON, JESUS....

***Our Lady Queen of Palestine,
we pray to you for a deliverance to LOVE from the hated and sorrow of these people.***

May God Bless and Keep All Safe...Joe/Connie 🙏🔥✚✚



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Connie's Corner

Hope!!!!

Life always comes with challenges but with the condition of the world right now these challenges may seem overwhelming. We question how can one human being can do to another the actions we hear about on media constantly. The inhumanity is overwhelming!

We as Christians and especially members of the EOHSJ are even more sensitive to what is happening in our Lord's homeland than many others. This is our calling, to serve his people in the Holy Land. Our hearts ache to see the danger and destruction that is taking place.

I believe that one of the greatest gifts God has given us is the gift of hope! His promises are designed to inspire hope. We don't just think God has a plan. We know God will prevail. This is the basis of what hope is. The stronger we are in our belief the stronger the attack on our ability to have hope. Now more than ever we must stand strong becoming prayer warriors. Our prayers are our swords.

Our Lady Queen of Palestine, pray for your homeland and all of its people.

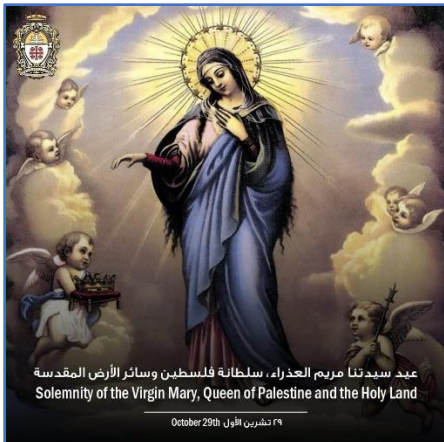
In His Service,
Connie

ROSARY...to say Monday's Rosary was extraordinary would be an understatement. We shared 2 HUGE prayer intentions...1) the Souls of all of our loved ones, 2) the payers for our Living Stones and ALL parties in this horrendous Middle East conflict/war. As believers and followers of Jesus, this is what we do and while at times difficult to do...we remember those word of our Messiah..." Father, forgive them..." Our next Rosary is **Monday, December 4th, 6pm** at BGHS. All are invited 🙏

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PALESTINE ... Our Lady Queen of Palestine Feast Day was celebrated in our archdiocese on October 28-29. Bulletins in all of our parishes published information on the importance of this feast day to the Equestrian Order, as well as the link to the video that is introduced by Bishop Gregory Gordon and followed by information by our Co-Councillors, Joe and Connie Micatrotto. We pray that this information will inform thousands of Catholic parishioners throughout the archdiocese about the Equestrian Order and will encourage them to seek more information.

~Dave/Debbie Barton, KCHS/DCHS

Mass at Our Lady Queen of Palestine in the Holy Land





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SPIRITUAL LEADERS... We hope that the All Souls' Rosary was healing and inspiring for you.

If you attended, you will know that we read the names of all of the deceased Dames and Knights from the Las Vegas Chapter of the Equestrian Order and were surrounded by pictures of loved ones passed at the Bishop Gorman Chapel alter.

If you were unable to attend, we played a song by Paul Cardall, "Israel, Israel, God is calling." It touched our souls! We encourage you to keep praying for all those in the Holy Land and all those affected by war, violence and hatred.

Remember, during these turbulent times on our great Earth, the power of prayer and the power of hope are immeasurable!

Have Faith in God, for he is beside you always. God calls us all in his time. May we all be at the ready.

~Dame Julie McIntosh-Walsh DHS & Dame Jennifer Mallinger-McCormick DCHS

MENTORING INITIATIVE... The Mentoring Initiative falls under the "Engagement" Committee's purview and our goal is to welcome our newly-invested members into our Council. This initiative was begun this year, with twelve of our members serving as mentors to each of the twelve members who were invested last October in Pasadena.

We want to make each of you feel welcomed and appreciated – and integral to our Council because you are integral!

Please make a point to introduce yourself and others to these newest members at our Monthly Rosaries and our upcoming Summer Retreat in August. Answer any questions they may have about the Order and our own Council's projects. Our new members are the future of our Council and we appreciate you!

DISCERNMENT OF STORY ABOUT ENTERING THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER... This will be ongoing series on why each of us wanted to become invested in the Equestrian Order. I will be asking if you would be willing to give your story of discernment and interest in the Order. I look forward to hearing your stories. I will start with my story.

In October 2021, I saw information in the bulletin at St. Francis of Assisi Church, in Henderson, NV. I saw Al Korejwo at the podium speak about what a great opportunity it would be. Upon leaving the mass, I felt the Holy Spirit draw me toward the table with the information about the Order. I talked to Al who nominated me along with Connie. I knew that this was where I was supposed to be in my journey with Jesus Christ. I got invested in September 2022, and this was the best decision I have ever made.

~Betty Boyd, DHS

PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS... Saint Junipero Serra is considered the patron saint of vocations. He was a Spanish Franciscan priest who wanted to be a missionary. Father Serra was an advocate for the poor and other vulnerable people. He founded 9 missions in what is now present-day California. He was canonized on September 23, 2015, by Pope Francis, the first canonization to take place on American soil. Our Seminarians in the Holy Land had to discern what they want to do with their lives. The Seminarians want to spread the Gospel through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us all pray for their continued journey with Jesus, and the Queen of Palestine's protection over them and the people of Israel.

~Seminarian Christmas Card Committee



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JUSTICE & PEACE... Three major religions serve as custodians of the Holy Sepulchre—Roman Catholics, Greek Orthodox and The Armenian Church. It's impossible to go on a pilgrimage and not be taken in by the beauty of Greek Orthodox influence and artwork. On October 22nd memorial services were held at Christian Churches throughout the Holy Land, including The Holy Sepulchre for eighteen people killed at St. Porphyrius, seventeen were Christian.

The Greek Orthodox church in Gaza City serves as a shelter whenever hostilities erupt between Palestinians and Israelis. On October 19th four hundred people were inside when Israel struck a nearby building and damaged the church. They suspected Hamas of using the building as a command center to launch rockets. The IDF states the church was not a target. "I don't think that is an excuse to hit these places near a church where people are hiding," said Rev. Fadi Diab, an Anglican minister in Ramallah.

St. Porphyrius dates to the twelfth century. Churchgoers plowed through heaps of concrete to save those trapped in the rubble. Screaming and wailing pierced the air. "My mother's inside, my son's inside, my sister's inside." A former Congressman from Michigan, Justin Amash, lost several relatives.

Christians still choose to remain at the Orthodox Church and Holy Family, a nearby Catholic Church. Israel has urged everyone to evacuate Gaza City. St. Porphyrius "seems to be the only place that can take us. We Christians have no one in the south," said Kamel Ayyad, a churchgoer. Many fear a journey to nowhere more than a ground assault.

~Sir Ray Murphy, KHS J&P Leader

ENGAGEMENT & ENHANCEMENT... Engaging our members in our Las Vegas projects...

We're happy to announce our new head of our "Link to the Holy Land" project! Madalyn Dornak has graciously offered to take over for Terry and Margo Lamuraglia after their three years of leadership. Madalyn also is in charge of our Annual Christmas Card Project, whereby we send Christmas cards to the seminarians at Beit Jala seminary in Bethlehem. She just mailed them last week and those cards will no doubt mean so much to them this Christmas, being in the midst of the terrible war going on there.

Madalyn will ensure that all of our members who are interested in serving as a link to those in the Holy Land who are involved in any of our projects there will be assigned to one of our contacts there whom they will email on a regular basis, getting to know them, and ensuring them of our prayers. Let Madalyn know if you would like to be part of this important project!

Sympathy cards and requests for prayer cards... Tracy Karl is diligent about sending out sympathy cards to members who have suffered a loss, but also cards to any member who is undergoing a hardship and is asking for prayers. Please contact her when the need arises.

~Dave and Debby Barton, KCHS/DCHS

FIAT/ST. HELENA PILGRIMAGE UPDATE...FIAT #1... FIAT #1 is going to be RESCHEDULED due to the Israel conflict. This is a very sad situation for all especially our 4 eager FP's! But fear not... we are closely watching daily the situation and in constant contact with all Holy Land contacts, especially HND and ACS. Our 3-week initiative will happen in God's time. At this point we hope to have at least one in 2024 and another either late 2024 or very early 2025. Please lift the Holy Land and all Living Stones, in your prayers.



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LVC MEN'S BOOK CLUB... This month we've finished and discussed "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis; a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis's "The Screwtape Letters" is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written. It was quite a read.

Our next read is "The Promise of Paradox" an exploration of the contradictions that vex and enrich our lives. In this probing and heartfelt book, the author examines some of the challenging questions at the core of Christian spirituality. How do we live with the apparent opposition between good and evil, scarcity and abundance, individuality and community, death and new life? We can hold them as paradoxes, not "either/ors," allowing them to open our minds and hearts to new ways of seeing and being.

Join us! Get "The Promise of Paradox", read it, and bring your views and thoughts to our next meeting on November 29th.

~Call Jeff Boughrum at 702.523.3270 for further details.

PILGRIMAGE 2024....March 10-24, 2024. This Pilgrimage DOES remain on and we are still taking backups. This will be rescheduled, if the war is on and it is not safe. If you have questions, please call us personally and we can discuss.

PILGRIMAGE HOLY YEAR ALL ITALY...March 17-29, 2025. Get on the growing list as it is filling FAST! Rome, Florence, Assisi with side trips to Orvieto, Lucca, Siena, Pisa and more. Including Masses at the 4 Rome Basilicas for the Holy Year and a visit to the EOHSJ Headquarters at the Vatican. Demand is huge and Order members always get first shot, but do not wait!

PILGRIMAGE HOLY LAND OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025...October 20-November 1, 2025. DUE TO DEMAND THIS PILGRIMAGE IN 2025 WILL BE QUICKLY FILLED! This Pilgrimage will include stays in Galilee, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem. It will be 13 days of spiritual joy. Look for more info soon!

WESTERN LIEUTENANCY WEB SITE...remember, we do have a really good web site that can keep you up to date on so many aspects of our WL, the ORDER and the events of the other Councils. We do share our FTU with many folks but the larger picture of the Lieutenancy is best captured by staying in tune with our website at www.eohsjwesternusa.org



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FINALLY...we want to leave you with some of the quotes we have received from our LIVING STONES FAMILY in the Holy Land, since the October 7 massacre. Obviously, this is a very small sample, yet it hopefully gives you a glimpse to how they feel and what they pray for...

FR. FERRERO, of Hogar Ninos Dios...*"we will hug the children on your behalf and those of Las Vegas, we pray that nothing happens, it would be difficult to move them"..."Only prayers can stop this, all is in God's hands""People are nervous in Bethlehem, we are asking the Virgin Mary to stop all this suffering"..."thank you Joe/Connie and Diocese LV for all your fasting and prayers, it was a loud day in Heaven!"*

MOTHER RONCEVALLES, of Hogar Ninos Dios...*" Thank you for your prayers, keep us in your Holy Mass"..."Thank you for your prayers...WE NEED THEM."*

FR. LOUIS SALMAN, our First Seminarian now Priest and Vocation Director at Beit Jala Seminary...*" they are telling us that people are still under the rubble. Prayer is our salvation" ..." there is no safe place in Gaza, Christians are being killed, as are many under the rubble."*

FR. BERNARD POGGI, Rector Abouna of the Beit Jala Seminary...*"the situation is definitely getting worse, not better...I do not know how much more people can handle, God help us"..."Joseph/Connie/LV, thank you for your prayers, we see that they are working. I hope that things will continue to move towards peace."*

MAHER NAHAS, finest Pilgrim guide and wonderful Catholic Husband/Father...*"HeIIIIloooo Joe, feels great to hear from you, thanks for all your prayers, it is a big support for us all"..."we love you all Joe, big smile to all, thank you for all the prayers."*



We could fill many, many pages but we think you can sense the anxiety and tension filling every moment of every day...but we leave you with one of our dearest and most loving children for over 10 years...Amir. You may remember that last year at this exact time he was fighting for and we were praying for his life. This is 10 days ago, this 16-year-old child of God smiles as though our Lord is standing in front of him...He is, and He is there for all, please Lord may humanity embrace your arms and love as Amir embraces and smiles at you from his comfortable and safe bed in Bethlehem...

Blessings in His Joy, Oh Mother Mary Queen of Palestine pray for us all....

Connie/Joe 