



## First Tuesday Update...FTU...March 5, 2024



My name is Fr. Miguel Corral. I am the Pastor of St. Anne Catholic Church, as well as the Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, and the Vicar for Hispanic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Las Vegas. On October 12, 2024, I will be invested into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. I consider it a great honor and a privilege to be counted among the ranks of an Order that can be traced to the time of the first crusade.

As a seminarian, my classmates and I lived in Holy Land for six months during our third year in theology. I saw first-hand how the minority Christian population is treated. Many times, they cannot even find a job because of their faith. Many of them shared with us that if it were not for the help that comes from Orders such as the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, they would not be able to survive. It was moving to visit and pray with them in the holy sites, but it was just as moving to hear what Orders like the Equestrian Order of Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem has done for them despite the obstacles.

Joining the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, therefore, has deep meaning for me. I not only consider it, as I mentioned already, a great honor and privilege, but a beautiful opportunity to continue to pray and support the people who treated me so well when I lived among them in the lands our Lord walked.

*Very Rev. Miguel Corral*

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## 🙏 THERE “HE” GOES AGAIN 🙏

During Lent many of us try to draw closer to the humanity of Jesus. The readings during Lent put the “dirt under the fingernails” of our Lord! The true “nitty gritty” of His earthly ministry. Doing ALL for each of us. In reading Mathew 16:16 last week, as well as reflecting upon John 2:5, it occurred to us that while Jesus does ALL for us in so many ways, maybe we need to pray and discern—especially during Lent—

on how God the Father is using us, now, to do His Will.

Truly, we are the humanity of Jesus to all we meet in our daily lives. Think for a moment of how two unsuspecting spiritual giants, were used by God and acted upon the imposition of God’s Will.

As Jesus heard, in Mathew 16:16, Peter responding... “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God”. Jesus knew His Father was directly using Peter to signal His choice as Peter to be made the “ROCK” upon which His Church would be built. Think of this for a moment...the Son and the Father communicating through an unworthy servant...does this sound familiar?

And what of Mother Mary in John 2:5...“do whatever He tells you”! Mary said these words even AFTER Jesus questioned her comment to Him. Again, a signal from His Father to commence His public ministry.

The Triune Godhead, how immense and seemingly unapproachable, save for Jesus’s humanity. But, just think of God, our personal ABBA, using a mere man and immaculate women to signal the key aspects of our salvation history ☩.

So, the next time in prayer you hear that “still small voice” it may be your ABBA asking you to do His Will...there HE goes AGAIN...

*Glory be to the FATHER and the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT....*

Connie/Joe ☩❤️☩

## Connie's Corner

Where are you in your Lenten journey this year? Are you attending Mass more frequently, spending more time in prayer and Lenten devotions, fasting and giving alms? What are you “giving up” for Lent? Every year these are the questions on our minds at the start of Lent. Ask yourself this question, why do we do these things? Lent is a time to grow closer to God. We renew our journey with him revisiting his last earthly days as he fulfilled his purpose. We have sadness recognizing what it must have been like for him and those that love him, to know he would die on a cross, humiliated and alone. The fulfilment of his promise, he did die, was buried and he did rise from the dead and the tomb is still empty!

Our Lenten goal is to be in the presence of God! We must surrender ourselves to him. Only by faith and our willingness to depend on our Father will we find the peace and joy that comes from him. We are so blessed as his children to know he is always there for us. Our God is a patient Father, we are the ones who want to bargain and make promises Let us spend this lent reflecting on how we can grow in our faith and surrender ourselves to God. He is waiting for you. Abba’s arms are always open.

In His Service,

~Connie



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**ROSARY**... another blessed time imploring our Mother Mary and surrendering to our Lord! What a superb fellowship 🙏. Your intentions were lifted up to God...this IS who we are and what we DO ☩.

Next Rosary is **Monday, April 1**...no fooling! **6pm at BGHS.**

**MID YEAR MEETING...MARCH 7, 2024...4:00PM-8:00PM  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI / ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCHOOL**

If in the Order please be robed at the church **before 4:00PM** so we may begin on time. If you have not made a reservation...EMAIL now and you can bring your cash/check for \$65/person at the door. The agenda is packed and will be informative, exciting and a blessing.

The 2025 MYM is on March 13, 2025!! Mark it down 🙏.

**SPIRITUAL LEADERS**... Whenever Julie sees our priests, deacons and altars draped in purple cloth, it reminds her of teaching little children in religious education that purple is for preparation.

Let us look through the eyes of a child this Lenten season.



When you see PURPLE in your church or around you let it inspire you and provoke in you the following thoughts or feelings;

**P**-Preparation  
**U**-Ubiquitous  
**R**-Reverent  
**P**-Passion  
**L**-Love & Litany  
**E**-Eucharist

What are you doing to prepare?

We pray for each of you during this reflective season!

~Dame Julie McIntosh-Walsh DCHS & 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!



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**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. Prayerfully, this can be in early 2025. Please lift the Holy Land and all Living Stones, in your prayers.



**BIRTH OF FIAT OCTOBER 9, 2016**

**FROM YOUR SEMINARIAN JIRIES...**



Hello family in Christ,

I hope this email finds you well. I wish you a blessed season of Lent. Yesterday we began this season of penance and salvation. We will pray and fast this year for the peace in the Holy Land, especially for Gaza because the war began again, and for the Unity of Christians because this year there are 35 days between Catholics and Orthodox and many of our parishes here fast with Orthodox, so we hope next year we may pray together after 1700 years after Nicaea.

Again, I wish you a blessed season.

**"Remember, man, you are dust and to dust you will return"**

You are in my prayers.

Your son in Christ,

*Jiries Abu Khalil*

Seminarian for The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem  
Latin Patriarchal seminary- Beit Jala



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## ENGAGEMENT & ENHANCEMENT...

### ENHANCEMENT

We are thrilled to announce to all that Rosemary and Franklin Mercera have happily agreed to head one of the Enhancement Committee's sub-committees: the celebration of OLQOP Feast Day, which falls on the last Sunday every October. As the name of this committee implies, the Enhancement Committee seeks to enhance awareness of the EOHSJ among the nearly 800,000 Catholics who grace our Las Vegas Archdiocese.

Our Lady, Queen of Palestine, as we all know, is patroness of the EOHSJ. As such, we celebrate her feast day with joy and reverence as members of the EOHSJ. Rosemary and Franklin have been tasked to develop and implement creative ways of celebrating this feast day in our archdiocese. Through its celebration, a greater awareness of the EOHSJ - who we are and what we do - results. This awareness leads to requests for more information from many Catholics from all parishes in Las Vegas, and many new potential members for the EOHSJ.

Thank you, Rosemary and Franklin! The celebration of this special feast day is in your very capable hands!

### ENGAGEMENT

We are equally thrilled to announce that RUTH PALILEO has also graciously accepted our request to head a new activity designed to help our members engage with one another, make new friendships and learn more about their fellow members.

It's called "MINUTE SPOTLIGHT" and this 60-second activity will take place just prior to the beginning of our monthly Rosary on the first Monday of each month. Our very first spotlight featured Tom & Connie Mazelin at February's Rosary.

Each month, Ruth will choose one of our members and will speak to her/him in the weeks before our Rosary. Those chosen will be asked to provide Ruth with some interesting information about themselves: where they are originally from, how long in the Order, which parish they belong to, how long married (if applicable), how many children (if applicable), hobbies, interests, talents, occupation, etc. The member can offer any interesting information which they are comfortable with sharing; nothing more is required and only information that is readily offered will be shared with our members. And of course, any member is free to decline participation in the Minute Spotlight

We feel that, in addition to the reinstatement of name-tags at Rosary, the Minute Spotlight will result in the formation of friendships and a closer, more cohesive membership. All will be invited and encouraged by Julie and Jennifer to personally meet the individual member as refreshments are served following the Rosary.

Thank you, Ruth! We all look forward to meeting and learning more about our members through your "Minute Spotlight" presentations each month!

Name tags will continue to be available on the tables in the foyer of the chapel for the next two months. If you are unable to attend Rosary, please ask a friend to pick up your name tag for you. If you haven't pickup up your name tag by May 1, please give Debby and Dave a call and we'll make arrangements to get it to you.

~Sir Dave and Dame Debby Barton, KCHS/DCHS

**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](http://www.eohsjwesternusa.org)



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**JUSTICE & PEACE...** Freedom of movement is something we take for granted—going from town to town, county to county, or state to state. It's never been a high priority in Israel. After the war, two Israeli ministers say it will probably get worse.

National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir recently stated, "The right to life for Jewish residents in the West Bank is more important than the freedom of movement for residents of the Palestinian Authority. I expect that there will be more and more checkpoints, that there will be restrictions. Our enemies do not look for excuses, our enemies just want to harm us."

Besides checkpoints, Palestinians are not allowed on all of the roads that Israelis travel on. Calls to limit access even further, came from Settlements Minister Orit Strock, who wrote on X. Terrorists take "advantage of the reckless and unjust 'freedom of movement' which also allows terrorists... to travel alongside us on our arterial roads (while they have alternative roads)"—a reference to the use of West Bank roads by both Israelis and Palestinians.

She said the greater number of cars on the shared roads "creates traffic congestion and traffic jams that generate victims for terrorist attacks. It's time to fix this; our blood is no less red."

Ordinary life for Christian Palestinians continually gets harder and harder. Thank goodness they have the strength to persevere 🙏✝️.

~Sir Ray Murphy, KHS J&P Leader

**ENGAGEMENT... MINUTE SPOTLIGHT...** It is my pleasure to introduce you to Sir Tom Mazelin, KGCHS and Dame Connie Mazelin, DGCHS.



Connie is originally from Chicago and Tom is from Indianapolis.

They were brought into the Order by a dear friend, Fr. John Janzie of St. Thomas More Parish, in Irvine California. This was in Fall 1998 so they have been in the Order for 25 years.

Dame Connie and Sir Tom also will be married for 63 years in August. They met in Indianapolis when Dame Connie was studying dietetics in college and have never looked back.

They moved to Vegas 15 years ago for, as Tom puts it, reasons of taxes and traffic.

They have a soft spot for the Orders' work in Hogar des Ninos and Deacon Ryan's Our Lady of Palestine ministry.

They particularly enjoy attending the Annual meetings because, as they say "Every year is inspirational to see your fellow members supporting you, praying for you and supporting and praying for the Mission of the Order."

And so, they have attended every annual meeting since they joined. I think they deserve the Order Perfect Attendance award, if there were such an award.

~Dame Ruth Palileo, DHS

**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! Honored to have Bishop Richard Higgins, KC\*HS, Fr. Roy Kurian, Deacon James Carabajal, KCHS as our 3 Spiritual Leaders.

**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!



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### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO INVITE MEMBERS TO THE FORMATION OF THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM?

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem holds a prestigious place in the Catholic Church, dedicated to the preservation and support of the Christian presence in the Holy Land. As one of the oldest chivalric orders, it boasts a rich history and an esteemed lineage of knights and dames who have dedicated their lives to serving the Church and its mission.

Inviting new members to the formation of this noble order is of utmost importance for several compelling reasons. Firstly, the Order's primary objective is to support the Christian community in the Holy Land. By inviting new members, the Order ensures a continued influx of resources, both financial and human, to carry out its charitable works. These works include providing education, healthcare, and humanitarian aid to Christians and other communities in need, as well as preserving the holy sites and assisting the local clergy in their mission.

Furthermore, by inviting new members to the formation of the Order, it strengthens the bond of solidarity among Catholics worldwide. Becoming a member of this esteemed Order not only grants individuals the opportunity to actively participate in the preservation of the Christian faith but also fosters a sense of belonging to a global community of like-minded individuals. This camaraderie allows members to forge lifelong friendships, share experiences, and support each other in their spiritual journeys.

Moreover, joining the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem provides a unique avenue for personal spiritual growth. By committing to the ideals of the Order, members are encouraged to deepen their faith, live virtuously, and embody the values of chivalry. Through participation in various spiritual activities, such as pilgrimages and liturgical celebrations, members can strengthen their relationship with God and find spiritual inspiration in the Holy Land.

In conclusion, inviting members to the formation of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is vital for the continued success of the Order's mission. By doing so, the Order secures the necessary resources, fosters a sense of solidarity among Catholics, promotes personal spiritual growth, and harnesses the diverse talents of its members. Ultimately, joining this noble Order allows individuals to make a lasting impact on the Christian presence in the Holy Land and uphold the values of faith, charity, and chivalry.

~Dame Queenie Manuel, DCHS





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**DISCERNMENT STORY ABOUT ENTERING THE EOHSJ...** This will be an ongoing series on why each of us wanted to become invested in the Order. Today's story is about Ruth Pe Palileo.

Ruth Pe Palileo was hesitant about joining the Order. Debby and Dave Barton invited Ruth and her sister to come and learn about the Order. Her hesitation was due to her observation that many married couples were retired and, never being married herself, didn't have the time or feel she was the right person.

Ruth did more research online about the Order. She studied in Ireland and got her Doctorate in Theatre history. While researching, she was intrigued by the long history of the Order in Ireland. Even Julie and James, our soon-to-be Counselors, were talking to Ruth about joining the Order.

James stated, "You need to open the door to the Order and walk through." Ruth did say yes and walked through that door. There were 11 in her class, and they even had a theme song, "When the Saints go Marching in". The song was chosen because of the desire to be in that number and among these people in the Order. She was invested in 2019 and is glad she listened to the call.

~Betty Boyd, DHS

**YOUR LINKS TO THE HOLY LAND...** This special program, originated by our LV Council, can be described as a long-distance community outreach of our EOHSJ members to those working at the charitable facilities, seminary and local businesses within the Holy Land. All of these facilities and local business we support and utilize during our pilgrimages and FIAT program visits to the Holy Land.

We have 10 new additions to the Links to the Holy Land Program. We are continuing to accept participants to the program. A sign-up sheet will be available at all rosaries and the "after rosary social".

Here is a re-cap of the program participants. More details to follow.

Active Participating Members	21
To Be Assigned (to Holy Land Individual)	3-5
Newly Signed Up Members (to be assigned)	10

~Madalyn Dornak, DHS

**LVC MEN'S BOOK CLUB...** We've finished discussing "Ethics for Beginners" by Peter Kreeft. 'Ethics' per se opened numerous channels of questioning and areas for discussion. It seems that every next book we read leads to better discussions. Kreeft's introduction caused, in words of all of us "our best discussion to date"

As an example of a discussion starter that came shortly after Kreeft's introduction. A most striking observation was ... "Ethics is an essential dimension of every religion in the world. ... religions ... very different in their theologies, are not very different in their ethics. They ... (all) demand the overcoming of our basic egotism or selfishness." And off we went ... to read the thoughts, views and contrast between some of the greatest philosophical minds of the centuries.

Our next book is "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne published in 1850. In an annotated version "A Guide to Reading & Reflecting" by Karen Swallow Prior. The things we kind of knew about the book (as it was required reading for some in High School)...sin, morality, guilt and social consequences, are just the surface. Dr Prior states ... She'll " not only navigate you (us) through the pitfalls that trap readers today but show you (us) how to read it in light of the gospel, and the glory of God." The book is an 'American Classic' which certainly ranks among the best ever written.

If you can pick up and read the book, join us. Our next meeting will be **March 20 @ 12:00pm**. Call Jeff Boughrum at 702.523.3270 for further information.

~Sir Jeffrey Boughrum, KCHS





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## FINALLY...HOW DO YOU WAVE YOUR WHITE FLAG?

Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa, Mea Maxima Culpa! As an altar boy before Vatican II, I had these words down perfect. Are they the words of surrendering yourself this Lent? Over the past few days, we have been discussing what really is the act of surrender? And we both agree that there are two distinct surrenders. 1) Human surrender and 2) Surrender to Almighty God.

As humans, the act of surrender is depicted by waving the white flag. I GIVE UP, DON'T SHOOT!" Generally followed by imprisonment and punishment...you have been beaten, defeated and humiliated. Maybe this is why surrender gets a bad rap!

Now think of surrendering to the Messiah. Realizing all the hurt, wrongs and pain you have caused yourself and others. Approaching Jesus in your lowest and weakest point...defeated. The white flag of sin you carry is taken from your hands, you ask for forgiveness and like the prodigal son, he places upon you the inheritance of grace, peace, joy and soon eternal life. This is what "Giving Up" in Lent is all about. When surrendering to God you come back to him like a newly baptized child in love and peace. As Jesus, when you surrender like this, says in Mathew 18:2...."unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Raise that flag of surrender.....for FORGIVENESS 🙏

♥ In His Service...Joe/Connie   