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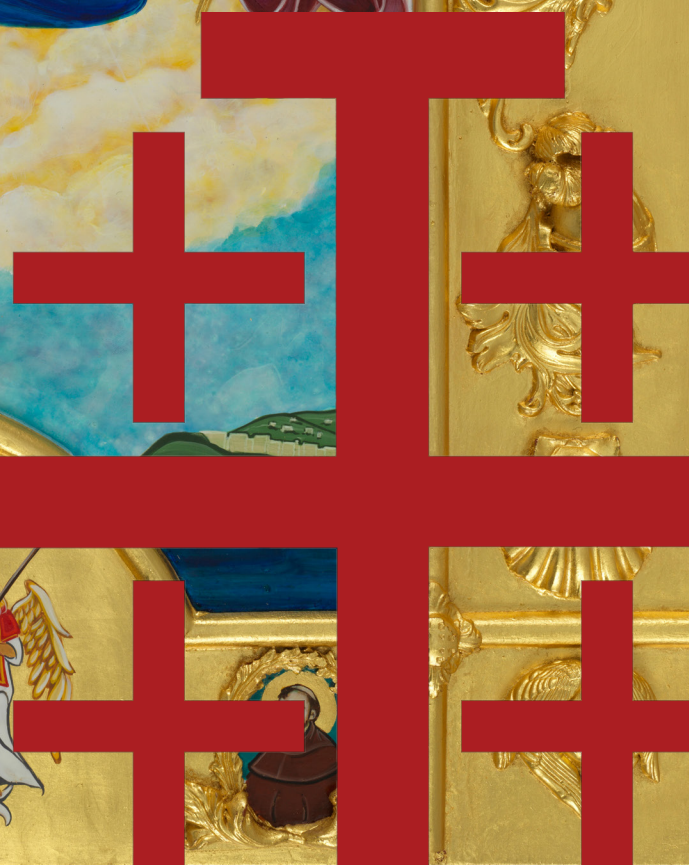
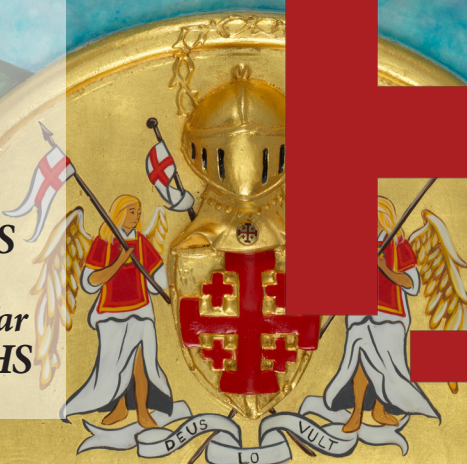
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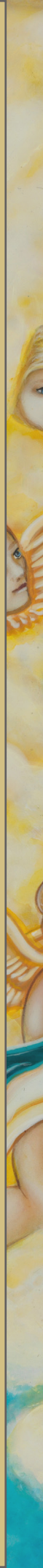
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## Battle of Lepanto Holy War

*by Sir Clay Hoffman, KCHS*



REMEMBER,  
O MOST GRACIOUS VIRGIN MARY,  
THAT NEVER WAS IT KNOWN  
THAT  
ANYONE WHO FLED TO THY PROTECTION,  
IMPLORED THY HELP,  
OR SOUGHT THY INTERCESSION  
WAS LEFT UNAIDED.  
INSPIRED WITH THIS CONFIDENCE,  
I FLY UNTO THEE,  
O VIRGIN OF VIRGINS, MY MOTHER;  
TO THEE DO I COME;  
BEFORE THEE I STAND,  
SINFUL AND SORROWFUL.  
O MOTHER OF THE WORD INCARNATE,  
DESPISE NOT MY PETITIONS,  
BUT IN THY MERCY  
HEAR AND ANSWER ME.  
AMEN.





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# LETTER FROM THE LIEUTENANT

## H.E. Margaret Romano, DGCHS



Dear Fellow Members,

Welcome to The Way Magazine! We're celebrating the 5th edition of our publication! When we started talking about doing a magazine, the focus was easy. Our goal was to bring articles of interest to our members and to highlight those who have been a great support to the Western Lieutenancy. The title came easily too. Jesus is The Way. He brings us hope and leads us to salvation. We hoped that by reading The Way, we could bring focus to those who live their lives in His love.

Little did we realize the inspirational impact The Way would have! We've received messages of thanks and kudos for this beautiful publication. It has been a true labor of love. I'm thankful to our team of writers and editors and especially to Dame Denise Meraz for the countless hours she puts into our amazing magazine.

The magazine to me represents the great people who are members of our great Order! They give from the heart, lending their support in any way they can. In the four years as your Lieutenant, I've been blessed to encounter so many wonderful people, showing me how great God is. You've heard the phrase "ordinary people doing extraordinary things." It's through our Order that He brings people together. They see the need and do what they can to help. I think of this often as I see the great things being done in the Western Lieutenancy.

We journey each day knowing that God is with us. He sends loving, caring people to travel along with us. Through Him we see the love in others. We give thanks to all for your support, continuing in praise to Our God, and His Son as we journey along The Way. We are blessed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Romano". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and elegant.

H.E. Margaret Romano, DGCHS  
Lieutenant, EOHSJ Western Lieutenancy

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# BISHOP'S Corner

Auxiliary Bishop for the  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles since 2018



## *Our Lady Queen of Palestine*

*written by H.E. Marc Trudeau, KC\*HS*

*Think where man's glory most begins and ends,  
And say my glory was I had such friends.*

—W.B. Yeats (1865-1939)

In the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth can be seen images of Our Blessed Mother from around the world. Most of these images reflect an artistic depiction or an apparition of Our Mother, Mary, that is of special devotion to the people from the various nation donors. The ceramic mosaic image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was gifted by the people of Mexico and Our Lady of Montserrat from Spain. The image given by Japan is of Mary dressed in a kimono and that from Indonesia depicts Mary standing amidst the waves. The image from the United States is a sculpture in metal set against a psychedelic background. Each of these images represent the profound devotion of the Faithful to Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church who received the title "Theotokos," God-Bearer, at the Council of Ephesus in 431, and has been accumulating names and titles ever since.

### **Patroness of the Order**

For members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, it is not an artistic image or even an apparition of Our Blessed Mother that has special significance. We invoke Mary under the title Our Lady of Palestine as patroness of our Order. Here, the name "Palestine" is not to be interpreted as the modern political state but as the ancient Roman Province that would find itself

united after almost two thousand years with its old name under the British Mandate from 1920-1948.

Mary, obviously, had a unique relationship with the Province of Palestine, and this appellation of Mary is unique among her many titles. Mary did not simply appear in Palestine, she lived there. She was born in Palestine and was a member of a subject people there. She grew up and married in Palestine. She fell asleep in the Lord in Palestine. But, most importantly, it was in Palestine that Mary played her pivotal role in salvation history by assenting to being mother to our Lord, Jesus. And so we name Mary, Our Lady, Queen of Palestine as the person of our special devotion.

In Deir Rafat, just west of Jerusalem, is the Shrine of our Lady, Queen of Palestine. It is part of a monastery that rests on a hill overlooking the coastal plains where the Philistines once ruled during the days of Samson and King David. It is just outside the village of Beit Shemesh, the ancient biblical town where the Philistines returned the Ark of the Covenant to the Israelites (1 Sam 6). It should be noted that the location of the shrine and the connection to Mary's title as Ark of the Covenant are not accidental. This new and living Ark of the Covenant continues to help guide the People of God in their pilgrimage of faith.

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Sir Greg and Dame Densy Chandra.  
Photo by Tony Amat.

# 2023 *by Dame Denise Meraz, DCHS, all photos - by Tony Amat*

## ANNUAL MEETING

# Western Lieutenancy

God's Love is All We Need! محبة الله هي كل ما نحتاج إليه

**G**od's Love Is All We Need resounded throughout the 2023 Annual Meeting held at the Omni Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage, California! The members of the San Bernardino council welcomed over 600 Order Clergy, Dames, Knights, Investees and guests who journeyed to the Desert for an unforgettable Annual Meeting.



The San Bernardino Diocese worked tirelessly to create a weekend of peace and tranquility and reminded us that "God's Love is All We Need"! Thank you to our Lieutenant H.E. Margaret Romano, Chancellor Sir Viktor Rzeteljski, Western Lieutenancy Executive Director Dame Sarah Knob (who was an Investee), Annual Meeting Chairs Sir Greg and Dame Densy Chandra, and our Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies, Reverend Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis, Greeter



Photo 1: Dame Doris Sayegh, DC\*HS, and Dame Raida Sayegh, DGCHS - San Bernardino, riding the Tram.  
Photo 2: Dame Annette, DGCHS and Sir Edsel Hills, KGCHS - Orange. Photo 3: Sir Jim Seaman, KGCHS, and Dame Madalyn Seaman, DGCHS, Sir Raymond, KC\*HS, and Dame Rolinda Dardano, DC\*HS - Salt Lake City.  
Photo 4: Sir Gary Wintering, KHS - Phoenix, Sir Al Ornelas, KHS, and Dame Teresa Ornelas, DHS - Phoenix, and Sir Nathan Richards, KHS - Las Vegas. Photo 5: Marking his ball for a long put! Photo 6: Sir Jim Stewart, KGCHS, Sir Steve Moloney, and Sir Tom Romano, KGCHS.



Sue Beidle, Publishing Committee, Sir Clay and Dame Anne Hoffman, Dame Denise Meraz, Sr. Dame Lois Paha, Sir Bill Purciello, Dame Emma Stewart, Sir Michael Weinberg, Registration Chairmen Sir Dennis and Dame Susan De Pietro, Special Needs Committee Sir Jim Parish, Sir James and Dame Emma Stewart, Volunteer Coordinators Sir Fred and Dame Pam Strasser, and Conference Event Planner Marcy Hilecher.

Aerial Tramway for some incredible views of the Coachella Valley. Friday Evening was time for retreats. Reverend Sir Dave Heney led the All Member Retreat held at the hotel, and coordinated by Sir David and Dame Maria Fuhrman, while The Promotees

## Thursday

Thursday's pre-Annual Meeting event took place at the Palm Springs Air Museum. Sir Tom, Dame Vivian Imbruglia, Sir Jose and Dame Rebecca Gutierrez, planned a wonderful Salmon dinner among WW II aircraft. Dame Vivian Imbruglia, a world famous Iconographer, spoke about her form of prayer; writing icons. She explained her process and shared her incites into the numerous Saints that she has "written". Sir Stephen and Dame Jennifer Rudnicki conducted an Icon Raffle for the icon that Dame Vivian graciously donated to the Order titled, *Lady Queen of Palestine*. Proceeds were donated to The Holy Child of Bethlehem Building Fund. In addition, she also gifted icons to each member who attended the evening. You can read more about this in the article *Our Lady Queen of Palestine* on page 38.

## Friday

Deacon Sir Tom Imbruglia and Sir Greg Pene coordinated the golfers on Friday morning held at the Desert Willow Resort. It was a fun day for those golfing with Bishop Rojas! For the more adventurous, Sir Greg Chandra, Sir Stephen and Dame Jennifer Rudnicki coordinated the trip ascending the Santa Rosa mountains on the world's largest rotating tram at the Palm Springs

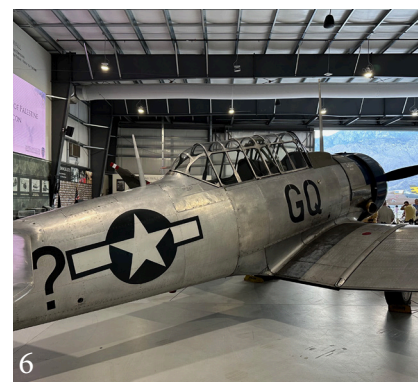


Photo 1: Thursday at the Palm Springs Air Museum. Members engaged in Vivian Imbruglia's presentation on her gift of prayer, writing Icons. Photo 2: H.E. Michael Feeley, KGCHS - Salt Lake City, with his Icon, Photo 3: Sir Jeff Heisel, KHS, and Dame Wilma, Heisel, DHS, - Phoenix, Dame Susie Herbst, DGCHS, and Sir Rich Herbst, KGCHS - San Bernardino, and Dame Rosemary Castellanos, DHS, and Sir Tom Castellanos, KCHS, Area Councillors - Phoenix. Dame Margaret Brady, DHS, and Sir Bryan Brady, KHS - Phoenix. Photo 4: Sir Edward Kaleff Jr., KGCHS - San Bernardino, Dr. Sir Jim Stewart, KGCHS - Los Angeles. Photo 5: Co-Chairman Sir Greg Chandra, KGCHS, and Sir Nicholas Wittner, Society of St. Yves Representative. Photo 6: WW II Airplane. Opposite Page: Photo 7: Dame Magduleen Hattar, DC\*HS - San Bernardino, Dame Christina Ennabe - Los Angeles, DC\*HS, Dame Majida Shehadeh, DC\*HS - Los Angeles, Dame Nora Hishmeh, DHS - Tuscon, Dame Raida Sayegh, DGCHS - San Bernardino and Dame Ingrid Zaknoun, DCHS - San Bernardino. Photo 8: Investee Sir Robert Zoellner, KHS - Las Vegas,



were transported to the beautiful St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in La Quinta where Reverend Steven Porter, Deacon Sir Wil and Dame Muriel Vita prepared and guided Promotees for an evening in prayer and reflection. The Investee Retreat was led by the Very Reverend Fr. Fred Adamson, and prepared by Deacon Sir Ryan and Dame Wynsley Adams along with Sir Bruce and Dame Susan Satzger.

## Saturday



*Dame Bonita DeLangehe, Las Vegas and Promotee David Belz, KC\*HS - Orange. Photo 9: Deacon Sir Ryan Adams, KCHS - Los Angeles, Investee Dame Sarah Knob, (Executive Director of EOHSJ), DHS - Los Angeles and Dame Wynsley Adams, DC\*HS - Los Angeles. Photo 10: Dame Miriam Scholte, DGCHS - Las Vegas, Dame Elizabeth Reyes (Investee), DHS - Orange, Dame Theresa Palencia, DHS - San Bernardino, Dame Sandy Miulli, DHS - San Bernardino, Co-Chairman Densy Chandra, DGCHS - San Bernardino and an Arabic dancer. Photo 11: Front Row: Dame Michelle Souza, DHS, Dame Mandy-Thronas Brown, DHS - Honolulu, Dame Ledy Hess, DC\*HS - San Bernardino, Sir Hiram Fernandez, KCHS - San Bernardino. Back Row: Sir Vince Souza, KHS - Las Vegas, Sir Ryan Brown, KHS - Honolulu, Sir Edward Hess, KC\*HS - San Bernardino, Dame Denise Oliveira, DHS - Honolulu and Sir John Constantino, KCHS - Honolulu. Photo 11: Dame Mandy Thronas-Brown, DHS - Honolulu, playing the drum!*

Saturday, 83 members were promoted in rank during the Conferral of Promotions and Member Memorial Mass held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Palm Desert, with the Very Reverend Bishop Alberto Rojas as the principal celebrant. Returning to the hotel, members listened to our officers' presentation on the Order's contributions to our programs in the Holy Land and conditions Christians in the Holy Land are facing. It was during this weekend that the world was notified that fighting broke out in Israel.

Saturday evening was absolutely delightful as the themed dinner party "Midnight at the Oasis" where members were to dress in Arabian attire! Members enjoyed dancing to traditional Arabian music. Thank you Sir Adel and Dame Doris Sayegh, Sir Nouri and Dame Raida Sayegh, for creating a wonderful evening of fellowship with delicious Arabic food and entertainment!



## Sunday

Sunday began with our Rite of Solemn Investiture Mass held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Palm Desert where 72 new members were welcomed into the Order! Mass was celebrated by our Grand Prior H.E. José H. Gomez. Congratulations to the Investees!



COLD WAR [1986-1988]      COLD WAR [1988-1989]



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[Detailed text from the museum display board, including names and descriptions of military units and events.]





*Pictured: Dame Densy Chandra, DGCHS, Sir Greg Chandra, KGCHS, Co-Chairs of the Annual Meeting, Most Reverend Alberto Rojas, KC\*HS - Bishop of San Bernardino, H.E. Dame Margaret Romano, DGCHS, Lieutenant, EOHSJ - Western Lieutenantcy, Iconographer Dame Vivian Imbruglia DHS, and Sir Tom Imbruglia, KHS - San Bernardino. Photo by Tony Amat.*

Thank you to the Liturgical Committee Sir Richard Herbst, Sir Raymond Nolte, Dame Gabriela Reitzell and Liturgical Music Director Sir James Drollinger, the Robers Coordinators Dame Ann Dickson, Dame Sr. Lois Paha, the Marshalls Coordinators Sir Dennis and Dame Shari London, and Sir Brad Sharp, and finally, to the Usher Coordinators Sir Fred Strasser and Dame Pam Strasser. Your countless hours of preparing are a testament to your talents and treasure that you give so generously. Of course we give thanks to our numerous clergy who make the commitment to participate in the

The fair was exciting and bustling with interest. It is always joyful to see the Nissan Brothers return with their olive wood carvings from the Holy Land. The Order was blessed to have as our guests, the Bellomo Family. Vincenzo Bellomo from the Three Kings Program Ministry brought his beautiful wife Karol and children to participate for the weekend. Karol brought items that were created by Palestinian women to purchase. The proceeds benefited the program to assist women who have been abused. The Ministry Fair is an opportunity for members to be informed of the various ministries the Order supports.



Masses, as Confessors, as Retreat Masters, Exposing the Blessed Sacrament, and celebrating along with us! Most of all we are so blessed to have such wonderful Shepherds not only celebrating our Liturgies but being our guides on the Pilgrimages to the Holy Land! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

After Mass, we were delighted to have a special guest speaker, Fr. Robert Spitzer S.J., Ph.D. of the Spitzer-Magis Institute of Reason and Faith, speak to us about the Shroud of Turin. He dazzled the crowd with his incredible memory of scientific facts as he presented overwhelming evidence that the Shroud of Turin is the actual cloth that covered Jesus' body in the tomb!

Sir Laurin and Dame Sophia Rose Dodd, along with Sir Pieter and Dame Miriam Scholte, organized the most visited Ministry Fair!



*Photo 1: Pianist from Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Sir Jim Drollinger, KC\*HS, Liturgical Music Committee and Promotee.*

*Photo 2: Investees.*

*Photo 3: Investees waiting to be knighted.*

*Photo 4: Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem celebrating the Memorial and Promotional Mass.*



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TERRACE



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It is always a joy looking forward to Sunday evening's events. Members of the Legacy Foundation begin with a Reception then join the rest of the Order for the Grand Ball. It's an evening of celebration in welcoming our new Investees and spending time with members that we sometimes only get to visit with once a year. We rejoice knowing that we are charged with the mission of assisting our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land and feel blessed to do so.

*Photo 5: H.E. Edward Clark, KC\*HS - Los Angeles.*

*Photo 6: Investees: Dame Patricia Johnson, DHS - Los Angeles, Dame Sarah Knob (EOHSJ Executive Director)DHS, Dame Conchita Jolicoeur, DHS - Las Vegas, and Dame Linda McDaniels, DHS - Los Angeles.*

*Photo 7: The gracious Hosts for the Annual Meeting, the San Bernardino Area.*

*Photo 8: H.E. Grand Prior Archbishop José H. Gomez, KC\*HS knighting Investees.*

*Photo 9: Investees Sir Peter Rojas, KHS - San Bernardino and Dame Lisa Rojas, DHS - San Bernardino, Dame Elizabeth Reyes, DHS - Orange, and Dame Nancy Purciello, DHS - Tuscon.*

God's Love Is All We Need!

# ELEVATED TO AUXILIARY BISHOPS

## Member Bishop Nunes *San Gabriel Region*

### BISHOP NUNES

*written by Gabriela E Reitzell, DCHS,  
former Director of Liturgy at the  
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels*

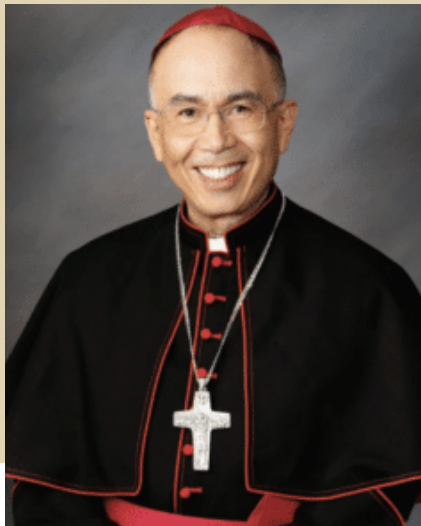
**T**he Most Reverend Brian A. Nunes was born in Inglewood, California. His parents migrated from Hong Kong. He is the oldest of four

siblings. Growing up in a strong Catholic household, his faith was always present in his life. He attended St. Joseph School in Placentia, and then Servite High School in Anaheim. He attended Loyola Marymount University and received his bachelor's degree in communication. He worked in journalism for twelve years.

He always felt his faith was important, but it wasn't until he was getting more involved in Life Teen ministry at Holy Family in Glendale, that he realized his love for the Lord was calling him to priestly ministry. He applied and was accepted to St. John's Seminary in 2002.

My first-time meeting Bishop Nunes was when he came to serve as one of the altar servers for the Dedication of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in September of that same year. I was serving as the Director of Liturgy at the Cathedral at that time. He was ordained with 12 others on May 31, 2008; we called them 'the dozen.' It was a challenging group due to its size, and a most memorable one because of each of the men being ordained that day.

After serving as associate pastor and then pastor, Bishop Nunes was assigned as priest secretary to Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles. Once again, our paths crossed. He was always very professional and a great collaborator in ministry. His love for the Church and those he served was palpable. He was invested into the Order in 2016, and then promoted in 2021.



I was not surprised when he succeeded, the now Bishop Bahhuth as the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. Then, ordained as Bishop in 2023 as well as invested in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre as a Bishop in 2023. He is presently the Bishop for the San Gabriel Region. Bishop Nunes is busy being with God's people and takes his role as shepherd seriously. We are fortunate to have him as a leader in the Church and continue to pray that God gives him the strength, compassion, and presence he needs to fulfill his duties.

### BISHOP BAHHUTH

*written by Dame Elsa Florez DHS*

**B**orn in Beirut, Lebanon, the youngest of seven children, Bishop Albert Bahhuth had the life of a normal child and young adult. He attended Catholic school until the second grade when he received his First Communion. His parents later moved him to a school run by Baptist missionaries to learn English and Arabic. His family wasn't devoutly Catholic, but his parents made sure all their children received their sacraments. They were remarkably hospitable, generous, and taught their children the virtues of honesty, truthfulness, and respect for others. The family shared a meal together each day, Bahhuth believes these values laid the foundation for his sense of belonging when he later returned to the Catholic Church as an adult.

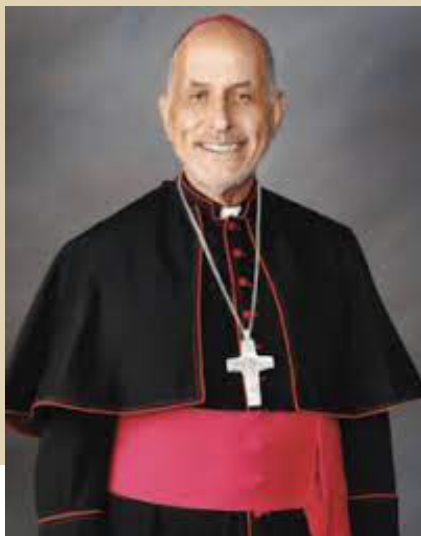
During his summer months growing up, Bahhuth spent his time relaxing, going to the beach, the movies, and visiting cousins. Life was less hectic and not as stressful in general at that time in Lebanon. A student in high school, he had to prioritize his studies leaving little time for hobbies, sports, or other activities.

# Member Bishop Bahhuth *San Fernando Area*

His first year at College in Beirut was very difficult with challenges due to the civil war. The university would intermittently open for a week, only to shut down for a month. Safety concerns made attending classes unpredictable. Consequently, he made the decision to leave Lebanon and move to the United States. Bahhuth began his academic journey at the University of Missouri-Rolla, where he primarily concentrated on acclimating to life in the U.S. while diligently pursuing his studies. He prayed occasionally, which summarizes his relationship with God at that time. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he transitioned to the University of Mississippi, where he attained both Master's and Doctorate degrees in Chemical Engineering. One Spring while still at the University, Bahhuth and a group of friends decided to dress up and attend church followed by brunch. Coincidentally, they ended up at a Catholic Church, marking the first time in 20 years he had attended Mass. Despite the long absence, he felt a profound sense of belonging as if he had never left. Inspired by this experience, he started attending Mass occasionally on his own. During the summer of that year, he met a group of Mormon missionaries who shared with him the story of their founder Joseph Smith. Intrigued, Bahhuth realized he wanted to learn more about his faith and understanding of Catholicism. Motivated by this curiosity, he began attending classes and workshops to learn about his Catholic faith.

After graduating college, he taught for one year at the University of Wyoming but was still on a student visa, so he was not able to find a job in Chemical Engineering. That was when he came to live with his family in Los Angeles.

This was a very difficult time in his life. He prayed that he would find a job, but his prayers were not answered. He felt that God had abandoned him, and he was unsure what to do with his life. He was angry at God. Returning to Lebanon was not an option because of the war.



Eventually, Bahhuth secured a position as a cashier at a convenience store, which led to promotions as store manager, sales, and later marketing management. Throughout this time, he remained dedicated to his faith, attending church both on Sundays and during the week, actively participating in ministry, and nurturing a deep desire to expand his understanding of his beliefs. Seeking a greater balance between his professional and spiritual life, he took a significant step by starting his own business. He invested in a Subway franchise, affording him the flexibility to set his

own hours and allocate more time to his faith and church activities. Despite his achievements, there lingered a sense of incompleteness within him, "this hole in my heart that was not being filled." He decided to take a sabbatical year to work as a lay missionary, hoping to discern his life's purpose. During this period of reflection and service, he experienced a profound revelation: a calling to the priesthood. This realization marked a pivotal turning point in Bahhuth's journey, igniting a newfound sense of purpose and direction in his life.

For his sabbatical year, Bahhuth hoped to be assigned to a homeless shelter. He enjoyed working with the poor and he wanted to learn more about how to help individuals become financially independent. But God had other plans for him. Instead, he found himself at Ascension Church in South Los Angeles. The parish was 80% Latino recent immigrants and 20% African American. Eventually he realized that he could help people become financially independent, "but when we die, we don't take anything with us. God sent me to Ascension church to live among the poor to witness how important it was for these parents that their children receive their Sacraments." If he can lead one person to Jesus Christ, "then that person will receive eternal life."

**Auxiliary Bishop Bahhuth**  
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A PRINCE OF THE CHURCH FOR ITS PERIPHERY:

# The Elevation of His Beatitude

*Pierbattista Cardinal Pizzaballa,  
Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem*

written by Sir Michael Weinberg, KCHS



**The elevation of His Beatitude to the cardinalate  
and the papal exhortation to cardinalitial service**

**I**n the ninth consistory of his pontificate, held on 30 September 2023, His Holiness Pope Francis elevated His Beatitude the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Pierbattista Pizzaballa, OFM, Grand Prior of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, KGCHS, to the rank of cardinal-priest<sup>3</sup> of *Sant'Onofrio al Gianicolo*,<sup>a</sup> which is itself the official church of our Order.<sup>b</sup>

On that day, the Holy Father gave a homily upon a text of the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11) wherein a capital yet potentially inappreciable distinction is presented, which the Holy Father himself called a “surprise”: that is, while it might be natural that a pastor identify himself with the Apostles, who themselves were all Jews, so many now are in fact from all the nations of the earth. Having thereof reminded the cardinals-designate and the faithful, he thus exhorted the new members of the Sacred College:

From this reflection, drawn from a fruitful “surprise”, I would simply like to draw a consequence for you, brother Cardinals, and for your College. I would like to express this with an image, that of the orchestra: the College of Cardinals is called to resemble a symphony orchestra, representing the harmony and synodality of the Church. I also say “synodality”, not only because we are on the eve of the first Assembly of the Synod that has precisely this theme, but also because it seems to me that with the metaphor of the orchestra, we can illuminate the synodal character of the Church.

A symphony thrives on the skillful composition of the timbres of different instruments: each one makes its contribution, sometimes alone, sometimes united with someone else, sometimes with the whole ensemble. Diversity is necessary; it is indispensable. However, each sound must contribute to the common design. This is why mutual listening is essential: each musician must listen to the others. If one listens only to himself, however sublime his sound may be, it will not benefit the symphony; and the same would be the





*photo courtesy of the Latin Patriarchate*

case if one section of the orchestra did not listen to the others, but played as if it were alone, as if it were the whole. In addition, the conductor of the orchestra is at the service of this kind of miracle that is each performance of a symphony. He has to listen more than anyone else, and at the same time his job is to help each person and the whole orchestra develop the greatest creative fidelity: fidelity to the work being performed, but also creative, able to give a soul to the score, to make it resonate in the here and now in a unique way. [...]

I propose this especially to you, members of the College of Cardinals, in the consoling confidence that we have the Holy Spirit – he is the protagonist - as our master: the interior master of each one of us and the master of walking together. He creates variety and unity; He is harmony itself. Saint Basil was looking for a synthesis when he said: “Ipse harmonia est,” he is harmony itself. We entrust ourselves to his gentle and strong guidance, and to the gracious care of the Virgin Mary.<sup>c</sup>

This idea of listening whilst knowing one’s provenance so as to play in harmony with all, here understood as applicable within the context of the Sacred College, coheres nonetheless with the spirit of the Holy Father’s previous exhortations on the same occasions. His Holiness had in fact already similarly enjoined other cardinals-designate explicitly to humility (and implicitly to co-operation) at the first consistory that he had convened almost a decade before in 2014:

The cardinalship does not imply promotion; it is neither an honour nor a decoration; it is simply a service that requires you to broaden your gaze and open your hearts. And, although this may appear paradoxical, the ability to look further and to love more universally with greater intensity may be acquired only by following the same path of the Lord: the path of self-effacement and humility, taking on the role of a servant. Therefore, I ask you, please, to receive this designation with a simple and humble heart. And, while you must do so with pleasure and joy, ensure that this sentiment from any expression of

worldliness or from any form of celebration contrary to the evangelical spirit austerity, sobriety, and poverty.<sup>d</sup>

Following the third consistory of his pontificate in 2016, the Holy Father again elucidated his approach with these comments:

Naming the cardinals, I tried to look at small Churches, those that grow in the peripheries, at the edges. Not to give consolation to those Churches, but to launch a clear message: the small Churches that grow in the periphery and are without ancient Catholic traditions today must speak to the universal Church, to the whole Church. I clearly feel that they have something to teach us.<sup>e</sup>

Therefore, perhaps to unify or put into harmony these papal exhortations and across several years and numerous consistories, no one could say the following. A cardinal, though no less a Prince of the Church in any sense of right, privilege, or dignity, despite contemporary emphases to the contrary, ought to listen well to his peers, to his congregations, and to the Holy Spirit. He should serve all humbly, inspired by the spirit of evangelism and the virtues that it conduces. When he comes from or serves a community historically or at least recently not well represented in the larger dialogue of the Church (one of the periphery in the thinking of the Holy Father), he ought to do so all the more or be of even more apt a character therefor.

Happily indeed, in the case of His Beatitude Cardinal Pizzaballa, (as has been jubilantly maintained of him and demonstrated by him over the years before his elevation), his qualities (and his subsequent deeds and words that have followed in service to the Holy Land communities), that have made him fit in the Holy Father's mind for such an office:

What are the qualities that have propelled Pizzaballa through the Church hierarchy? Msgr. Tino Scotti, a Bergamo priest who served in the Vatican's Secretariat of State, described him as an "excellent person."

"He is not a flashy type, someone who seeks applause, but he is a fine and respectful man, an intellectual who has a great experience of the Middle Eastern world. Especially the Jewish one," Scotti told the newspaper *Prima Bergamo*. "In Israel and Palestine, he is highly appreciated because he has always been up to par, both as Custos and as Patriarch." While others see his ascent as an acknowledgment of his leadership skills, Pizzaballa himself sees his elevation as "a sign of attention from the Church of Rome toward the Mother Church, the Church of Jerusalem."<sup>f</sup>

Concomitantly, then, his Cardinalitial elevation is multifariously significant for the Latin Patriarchate, most patently in its demonstration of the affection that Holy Father and the whole Church have for the Holy Land:<sup>g</sup>

The fact that the Patriarch of Jerusalem is now a cardinal means there will be a stronger relationship between Rome and Jerusalem, and more of a voice for the Church of Jerusalem in both Rome and the global Church. It also signals the Vatican's desire to play a more active role in the Middle East.<sup>h</sup>

This in itself could inspire so many pages of discussion as to exceed the scope of the article. Perhaps instead, along with one final testimony, we may draw inspiration from His Beatitude's own declared intention and direction of action:

As the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem since 24 October 2020, Patriarch Pizzaballa has expressed his astonishment at the “great surprise.” Speaking to Andrea Tornielli, the Editorial Director of Vatican of Vatican Media, the Cardinal-elect said he interprets the Pope’s decision to create him cardinal as “a sign of attention from the Church of Rome towards the Mother Church, the Church of Jerusalem.” He highlighted the vocation of his particular Church to promote dialogue and unity among the Churches. Cardinal-elect Pizzaballa said the Church of Jerusalem bears “a vocation to universality, dialogue, and encounter” and a special mission “to call all Christians and non-Christians to encounter and reconciliation.” He concluded by saying he thinks Pope Francis’ decision represents an “invitation to continue along this path”.<sup>l</sup>

If, perhaps, we wish to draw any inspiration from the cardinalial elevation of His Beatitude, we may mediate on the ideas alluded to just here.

### **Biography and prior service of His Beatitude**

Born in Bergamo, Italy in 1965, Pierbattista Pizzaballa<sup>5</sup> entered the Order of Friars Minor in 1984, made his Solemn Profession in 1989, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1990, all in Italy, after which he immediately transferred to Jerusalem. He exercised various responsibilities, including the publication of the Roman Missal in Hebrew (1995). In 1999 the Reverend Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa formally entered the service of the Custody of the Holy Land, when he fulfilled yet further duties, including

that of Vicar General of the Patriarch of the Holy Land for the pastoral care of Hebrew-speaking Catholics.<sup>6a</sup> In 2004 he was appointed Custos of the Holy Land for an initial term of six years and was twice re-appointed for three years each.<sup>a</sup>

In 2016 His Holiness Pope Francis appointed the Very Reverend Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate sede vacante, following which he received episcopal consecration;<sup>7</sup> amongst the consecrators was His Beatitude the Latin Patriarch emeritus Fouad Twal.<sup>k</sup> Incidentally, this broke a nascent practice of departure from a yet older practice: while eight of the ten previous Patriarchs had been Italian since the re-establishment of the Latin Patriarchate by Pope Pius IX in 1847, his two immediate predecessors, His Beatitude Michel Sabbah<sup>8</sup> (1987-2008) and His Beatitude Fouad Twal (2008-2016) were Palestinian and Jordanian, respectively.<sup>kl</sup> That is, in many cases, those appointed to such offices often come from the same communities whom they are to serve.<sup>9 km</sup> Moreover, as Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate, Archbishop Pizzaballa thereupon became Pro Grand Prior of the Equestrian Order of Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem<sup>n</sup> as well as the local Ordinary of Latin Catholics in Israel, Palestine, Jordan, and Cyprus.<sup>lo</sup>

In October 2020, fittingly coincidental with the Feast of Our Lady Queen of Palestine, His Holiness appointed Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, by virtue of which office, His Beatitude then also became Grand Prior of Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.<sup>l</sup>

Notably now since his elevation, His Beatitude is also the first<sup>10 g</sup> resident cardinal in the history of the Latin Patriarchate and currently the tenth-youngest of the 239 cardinals of the Sacred College.<sup>11</sup>

## The Cardinalitial Title (titular church) of His Beatitude

Given its primordial importance as the church of the Order, it is fitting and natural that the cardinal protector of Sant'Onofrio al Gianicolo (St Onuphrius on the Janiculum Hill) be His Beatitude the Latin Patriarch, yet the evolution of such character is no less worthy of report. For this titular church on the Janiculum has almost a century of administrative links to the Order and more distant historical correspondences. Built in the fifteenth century, it is dedicated to the fourth-century hermit St Onuphrius<sup>12</sup> (c. 320-400), a Desert Father of Upper Egypt, who is venerated in the Roman Catholic,<sup>13</sup> Eastern Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Oriental Orthodox Churches:<sup>p</sup> although the original intention of the dedication was different,<sup>14</sup> the remarkable extension of this saint's veneration could today indeed tangentially yet still fittingly correspond to the comparable ecclesial diversity of the world of the Eastern Mediterranean and beyond, wherein His Beatitude exercises significant responsibility. This thus may also be inferentially interpreted as a sign of the esteem and the importance with which the Holy Father regards our Christian brothers and sisters who there live, especially by the same cardinalitial elevation.<sup>15</sup>

The church is also associated with the sixteenth-century Italian poet Torquato Tasso (1544-1595), author of the epic poem *Gerusalemme liberata* ("Jerusalem Delivered", 1581), which tells a fictional version of the First Crusade (1096-1099) under the leadership of Godfrey of Bouillon (1060-1100). Historians describe as the Advocate of the Holy Sepulchre and to whom are ascribed the earliest foundations of the Order.<sup>16</sup> In this church Tasso died,<sup>t</sup> in a chapel thereof is a monument dedicated to him (1857), and there also is preserved a small collection of his manuscripts.<sup>bu</sup>

Furthermore, the church contains a side chapel dedicated to the Equestrian Order and the tomb of His Eminence Nicola Cardinal Canali,<sup>u</sup>

(1874-1961), who was first Protector of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre (1940-1949) and subsequently Grand Master (1949-1960).<sup>v</sup> Within the same recent period, Pope Pius XII decreed that the seat of the Order be transferred from Jerusalem to Rome, granting to it the use of this church as its Roman chapel "in perpetuity",<sup>w</sup> for which it today remains a centre of spiritual activity of the Order<sup>b</sup> and even recommended destination of personal pilgrimage.<sup>x</sup>

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### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Cardinals customarily receive the address, in the most formal style, "His (or "Your", directly) Most Reverend Eminence", just as archbishops and bishops, "His/Your Most Reverend Excellency", which are shortened ordinarily in less formal written address and in conversation to "His/Your Eminence" and "His/Your Excellency", respectively. A patriarch, however, who is customarily addressed as "His/Your Beatitude", even once created cardinal, nonetheless retains his original style ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eminence\\_\(style\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eminence_(style))). It is further interesting to note, however, that the Italian style, which would also normally follow this rule ([https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beatitudine\\_\(trattamento\)](https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beatitudine_(trattamento))), has just recently appeared to adapt this particular case by substituting *Eminenza* with *Beatitudine eminentissima* (that is, "Most Eminent Beatitude"), as in source b below as well as in the photo printed in "The Participants in the Consulta Signed a Letter to Cardinal Pizzaballa." *The Jerusalem Cross*, no. 71 special (2024): 24. This is merely an observation.

<sup>2</sup> Although not otherwise a common practice or perhaps just seemingly unusual today, the traditional style of stating a cardinal's name is to put his title between the given name(s) and the family name: John Cardinal Doe, which follows from a time when surnames were less common, especially amongst ecclesiastical hierarchs and nobility and royalty. Despite current confusion or inclination, it remains the proper and most formal style, cf. James-Charles Noonan, Jr., *The Church Visible: The Ceremonial Life and Protocol of the Catholic Church* (New York: Sterling Ethos, 2012), 11.

<sup>3</sup> There are three orders of cardinal: cardinal-bishop, cardinal-priest, and cardinal-deacon. The details of the number of each rank, the seniority within each, the selection to each, and the promotion to each have varied throughout the centuries, especially recently, and a full discussion exceeds the scope of this article. For the present, suffice it to say that cardinal-priests are usually chosen from amongst archbishops or bishops of important sees, which criterion certainly and justly applies to His Beatitude's, cf. also

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardinal\\_\(Catholic\\_Church\)#-Cardinal\\_priests](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardinal_(Catholic_Church)#-Cardinal_priests).

<sup>4</sup> This essay, by Massimo Faggioli, professor of theology and religious studies at Villanova University, which is also source *h* below, is highly recommended for those who take interest in current developments within the ecclesiastical world and the theological paradigms that inform it.

<sup>5</sup> For those interested in Italian onomastics, His Beatitude's family name is "decidedly Lombard, specifically Bergamasque" as in referred to in source *f* below.

<sup>6</sup> His Beatitude speaks Italian, Modern Hebrew, and English, although, as he humbly admits of himself, when he first arrived in the Holy Land, he did not speak the languages of the communities (<https://www.catholic-newsagency.com/news/46317/the-holy-land-changed-my-life-archbishop-pizzaballa-on-30-years-in-jerusalem>). That to him was entrusted the Hebrew translation of the Missal is yet all the more indicative of his qualities.

<sup>7</sup> He received the titular archbishopric of Verbe, as in source *k* below.

<sup>8</sup> Of His Beatitude Michel Sabbah, it is noted that "there were constant pleas that he be made cardinal", as in source *o* below.

<sup>9</sup> Both Their Beatitudes the Latin Patriarchs emeriti were of course native speakers of Arabic, another major language of the community, just as, again, His Beatitude the current Latin Patriarch is fluent in Hebrew, cf. source *h* below.

<sup>10</sup> A previous Latin Patriarch and the only other cardinal since the restoration, His Eminence Filippo Cardinal Camassei (1848-1921) resided in the Holy Land during his entire tenure (1907-1919) as an archbishop and traveled to Rome for his elevation in 1919, where he died in 1921, as in source *g* below and also [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filippo\\_Camassei](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filippo_Camassei).

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<sup>12</sup> The Latin name "Onuphrius" is sometimes confusingly translated as "Humphrey", yet the latter is said to be of Germanic origin, while the former appears to have different, Coptic etymology, via Greek, as in source *p* below. Accordingly, this ascetic saint is not to be confused with a supposed (?) St Humphrey (or Hunfrid), a French Benedictine bishop who fled a Norman invasion (d. 871?, whose feast is supposedly held on 18 March, as here: [https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=3818](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=3818), although this is not attested in an available Roman Martyrology), much less with Bl. Laurence Humphreys, an English Catholic convert and martyr (c. 1571-1591), whose feast is on 7 July and was beatified by Pope Pius XI in 1929 ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laurence\\_Humphreys](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laurence_Humphreys)).

<sup>13</sup> The Latin Church celebrates his feast on 12 June.

<sup>14</sup> Bl. Nicola da Forca Palena (1349-1449, whose feast is on 1 October and was beatified by Pope Clement XIV), a Third Order Franciscan, began building the site as a hermitage in 1419 dedicated to the eponymous Desert Father and is there buried. In the sixteenth century, Pope Leo X elevated it to be a cardinalatial see ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicola\\_da\\_Forca\\_Palena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicola_da_Forca_Palena)).

<sup>15</sup> Or, more accurately, all that rather perhaps subsequently so extrapolated, for those who wish to see the goods of the past adapted to the needs of today the paradigm of current papal thought...

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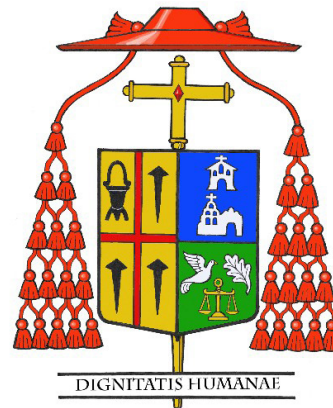
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# BISHOP ROBERT W. **McElroy** KGCHS *APPOINTED TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS*



Written by  
*Dame Betty Boyd, DHS*

(Editors Note: Biography was taken from the San Diego Diocese website)

**O**ur congratulations to Cardinal Robert W, McElroy on being appointed to the College of Cardinals on May 29, 2022, and was officially installed in a consistory on August 27 2022, at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Cardinal McElroy is a member of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.



*Bishop Robert W. McElroy*  
*Photo: CNA - Courtesy of the Archdiocese of San Francisco*

Cardinal McElroy was born in San Francisco, California to Walter and Roberta McElroy. He attended Our Lady of Mercy Elementary and graduated from Our Lady of Angels School.

He had an early calling to the priesthood, and after eighth grade entered Saint Joseph High School in Mountain View, which was the high school seminary of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Still committed to the priesthood, but decided to pursue his vocation outside the seminary system. In 1972 he attended Harvard and received a degree in American history. He received his master's degree from Stanford in American history.

In 1976 Cardinal McElroy reentered the seminary, and attended Saint Patrick Seminary located in Menlo Park, California, and was ordained a priest on April 12, 1980. His first parish assignment was Saint Cecilia Parish in San Francisco. In fact, this the

parish that both of his parents attended grammar school, and the church they were married.

In 1982 Cardinal McElroy was the secretary to the San Francisco Archbishop John Quinn. Archbishop Quinn asked him to do graduate studies in the field of Catholic Social Teaching, and obtained a licentiate in theology, from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. Cardinal McElroy received a doctorate in moral theology from Gregorian University in Rome, and a doctorate in political science from Stanford.

In 1989 served as a parochial vicar at Saint Pius Parish in Redwood City. In 1995 he was appointed vicar general of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Then in 1996 he was made the prelate of honor by Saint John Paul II and became pastor of Saint Gregory Parish, in San Mateo, California. Cardinal McElroy served in this parish for fifteen years.

Pope Benedict XVI appointed Cardinal McElroy as



an auxiliary bishop on July 6, 2010. He became the Archdiocesan Vicar for Parish Life and Development, serving in that role until his appointment as the sixth Bishop of San Diego.

Cardinal McElroy is a scholarly author and his studies resulted in the 1989 book *"The Search for an American Public Theology"*, (Paulist Press). This focused on the American Jesuit Priest and thinker John Courtney Murray. In 1992 he authored another book *"Morality and American Morality,"* that investigates four cases of American policy making.

I was able to ask the Cardinal a few questions about the Order and his experience in his most recent trip to the Holy Land:



*Photo: Cardinal Robert McElroy and Cardinal Roger Mahony in procession for the EOHSJ Investee Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles in Los Angeles. Photo by: Tony Amat.*

The Diocese of San Diego has had a robust and creative relationship with the Order throughout its history, especially since the time of Bishop Leo Maher, who made the Order a focal point of ecclesial life in our diocese. The twin areas of emphasis for the Knights and Dames here in San Diego are the development of their spiritual life in union with the lived mysteries of Christ Crucified and Christ Risen, and the support of the Christian communities in the Holy Land. One enormously important initiative that David and Nancy Schanzlin, our

current diocesan leaders, have begun is a specific outreach to young adults in San Diego and Imperial Counties, bringing to them the mission of the Order and inviting them into membership in a particularly creative way. I am very hopeful that this effort will provide a splendid new dimension of the ministry that the Knights and Dames carry out in our local church.

"Every time I return to the Holy Land, I encounter the palpable grace and presence of Jesus Christ as he walked the earth. This was particularly true on my most recent pilgrimage with the Equestrian Order. The spirit of prayer and awe which suffused our entire group produced a signal time of faith and commitment. I was particularly struck during this trip by the visit to Capernaum and

Magdala. For in this area where Jesus spent so much time in his public ministry, it was possible to see his spirit present in the crowds as we moved through the city, and to imagine Him on the seashore as we sailed on the Sea of Galilee. We also had a particularly rich experience at the Church of the Beatitudes. There was a large crowd surrounding the church, sitting all across the hill. The group using the chapel where we had been assigned had been late and was going overtime, so we were asked to celebrate Mass on the hill. There were people all around us, many with families, talking together. As I began

the Mass, I asked our pilgrims to see this chatter not as a distraction, but as an experience of what it really must have been like when the crowd of thousands listened to Christ. Set within this context, the Mass was a particularly moving moment for us, envisioning the Lord in our midst, with the whole of the hillside filled with people of faith seeking grace and mercy."

# BATTLE OF LEPANTO *a battle for Christianity itself*

## not just a Holy War

written by  
Sir Clay Hoffman, KCHS

As Knights and Dames, we often think of the Crusades as military expeditions during the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth centuries to recover the Holy Land from Arab invaders. But if we recognize the Crusades as holy wars between Christians and Moslems, we can acknowledge that they began long before the eleventh century, and continued in one form or another until the sixteenth century's Battle of Lepanto.

Fought on October 7th, 1571, in a sheltered inlet of the Ionian Sea on the coast of Greece called the Gulf of Lepanto, it was not an expedition to recapture the Holy Land, but a battle for the survival of Christendom itself. Threatening to encircle the Mediterranean Sea, the Turks of the Ottoman Empire had already occupied the whole eastern shore and now—with the help of their allies, the Barbary pirates—were expanding into the Western Mediterranean, with the goal of ultimately conquering Europe.

To defend Christianity, Pope Pius V established a Holy League on May 25, 1571, made up of Catholic men from Spain and its Italian territories, several independent Italian states, and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. First conceived in the fourteenth century, Holy Leagues fought on the side of righteousness in battle, with members being sacramental Catholics, who were devoted to the doctrines of the Church and prayed the Rosary daily.

The Battle of Lepanto would be the last major sea battle fought between galleys, which had been the only warships in the Mediterranean since the time of the Egyptian Pharaohs. Stretching between 120 and 160 feet in length and from 15 to 25 feet across their beam,



*Antwerp - painting of Battle of Lepanto in Saint Paul's Church  
Photo by adobe stock / Renáta Sedmáková*

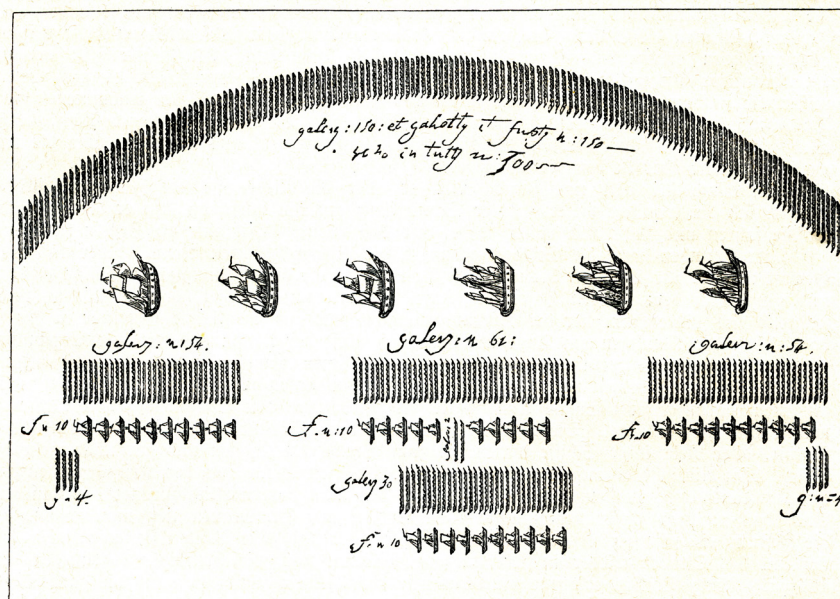
galleys were light, giving them speed and maneuverability. Down the middle of the ship was the gangway, where seamen handled the ship's sails, and overseers supervised rows of men who pulled the huge forty-foot oars. All of the fleet's forces were granted the same special indulgences (remission of punishment for sins) enjoyed by the Holy Land Crusaders centuries earlier.

At the helm of the greatest Christian naval force ever assembled was Don Juan of Austria. In all, there were more than three hundred ships in the Holy League fleet, with over sixty thousand men, made up of seamen and rowers, along with soldiers. Having elements of infantry warfare, men crossed over to enemy ships and engaged in violent hand-to-hand combat.

At the first light of dawn on the morning of October 7, 1571, the fleet had positioned itself for battle. An hour after sunrise, while Chaplains were celebrating Mass on each vessel, lookouts on the vanguard galleys began to shout from aloft that enemy ships had been sighted. With only fifteen miles of open water separating the forces of Islam and those of Christendom, the sacred standard of the Holy League was unfurled from the mainmast of the commander's flagship, as a cannon was fired to signal to each ship to prepare for battle. By four

auxiliary vessels. Between seven and eight thousand Catholic men had given their lives, and about fifteen Holy League ships had been sunk during the battle. Of the Turkish ships, fewer than fifty managed to escape, with most of them not being seaworthy. One hundred and seventeen vessels were captured intact and the rest were sunk or destroyed after they had been run ashore by the fleeing Turks. The majority of the seventy five thousand men who had entered the battle on the Moslem side had been killed, and, for the first time in several centuries, Turkey was without a navy.

Pope Pius V had called upon the faithful to pray the Rosary, Fast, and do almsgiving to defeat the Moslem Navy. Prior to learning of the battle's outcome, he experienced a vision affirming that Christendom had in fact prevailed at Lepanto. The victory marked the end of Turkish naval supremacy and the beginning of the Ottoman Empire's decline on land and sea.



205. Plan der Seeschlacht bei Lepanto 7. Oktober 1571.

Nach einer Skizze des Don Juan d'Austria im Archiv zu Simancas in Spanien.

**Crediting the intercession of the Blessed Mother for the outcome, the Pope created the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, which later became the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated every year on October 7th.**

*Plan of the battle of Lepanto (from Spamers Illustrierte Weltgeschichte, 1894, 5[1], 469). Photo by adobe stock / Juulijis*

o'clock that afternoon, Christendom's victory was complete, as the Holy League had decisively defeated the Turkish fleet, which numbered over two hundred and thirty galleys and one hundred

# Queen of Palestine

## PATRONESS OF THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER

*of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem*

*Written by Reverend Monsignor  
Dennis Mikulanic, KC\*HS*

**W**e know her by many titles: Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Knock, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Palestine — and so many other titles. She has come to the aid of her people since the Archangel Gabriel brought her God's message asking her to be the mother of the Christ. As a very young woman she must certainly have been disturbed by this news, but her faith in the will of God in her life was so deep that she immediately gave her consent and said "yes" to what has to be the most terrifying request in human history. No one who has

ever been asked to do the extraordinary has been faced with such a seemingly impossible task, yet the answer of Mary of Nazareth to the will of God in her life has been the motivation for Christians throughout the centuries to say "yes" to God, regardless of the daunting task they have had to face.

For good reason we look on the Blessed Virgin Mary with such devotion that most images of Our Lady are eventually given a crown to wear as a sign of the deep honor we give her in our lives. However, Mary's title as "Queen" is not something that is merely dynastic or tangible. Her queenship is of such deep significance that no such title ever bestowed on an individual in this world can ever measure up to what she exemplified by her life. As Queen of the Angels,



Queen of the Universe, gloriously depicted in the apse mosaic in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, Mary's faith-filled response to God in her life is an inspiration and soothing balm to all who look on her as an example of God's care for us in a hurting world. High on a pillar in St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, Austria, there is an image of the Blessed Mother enfolding people of every race and nation in the mantle of her love which she has spread open with her arms, so that all who seek the protection and love of their mother can find refuge and comfort.

We members of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem embrace a special devotion to the Blessed Mother under the title of Queen of Palestine. She embodies for us the love and care we must have not only for the sites sacred to our faith but the attention, love and care we must have for the "living stones" of the Holy Land. Our brothers and sisters who live in her homeland and today more than ever need to run to her loving embrace and be enfolded in the mantle of her love, as they seek protection from the attacks of the evil one whose aim is to keep God's children in conflict and at war with one another.

Not only do we Christians venerate and have a deep love for Mary Queen of Palestine. Being Jewish, Mary's heart would naturally go out in love for her own people, and our Muslim brothers and sisters also hold her in great esteem. Several times she is mentioned with great affection and devotion in the Koran and, as such, recognizes the importance she has in the lives of the People of all three Abrahamic Faiths. How Our Blessed Mother's heart must break when she sees her children fight as we do rather than respect the God-given dignity each of us holds as His precious children. A queen cannot focus her attention solely on one part of her realm, but must love and guide everyone with equal care and concern. So it is with Mary the Queen of Palestine.

At this time in history we are witnessing once again the hounds of hell released by the evil one on the people of Israel and Palestine by yet another horrifying war. However, we ought to take comfort in the overshadowing presence of the Queen of Palestine. Her foot crushes the head of the serpent by bringing the Messiah to the world to overcome Satan and restore the world to the beauty intended by God.

In every recognized apparition of the Blessed Mother down through the ages her message, even when unspoken, has been one of peace, protection and comfort. She lets her children know that the mantle of her love is widespread into which we are invited to come. Frequently, Mary's presence is coupled with her motherly instruction to pray with greater fervor for people to entrust themselves to her Immaculate Heart and open their hearts to her Divine Son. Only when we listen to her message and do what she asks will hearts be changed enough to banish the poisonous influence of the evil one and commit the world to Christ so that the perfection of God's creation may be restored.

*Our Lady altarpiece by Domenico Bartolini  
in Chapel of the Miraculous Madonna,  
Basilica di Sant Andrea delle Fratte, Rome, Italy  
photo by adobe stock / zatletic*



Fittingly, we offer up one of the most beloved prayers to our Blessed Mother:

**Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy toward us,  
and after this, our exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.  
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ.**

Our Lady, Queen of Palestine, pray for us and for all of our brothers and sisters of the Holy Land. Amen.

# GRAND CROSS OF HONOR

**Blessed Karl Bailiff** Sovereign Military Order  
of Malta

*Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary*

HEAD OF THE HOUSE OF HABSBURG-LOTHRINGEN

*Reprint of an article published in a prior Souvenir book of the Order.*



© Blessed Karl Bailiff.

**B**orn in 1887 the grandnephew of Emperor Franz-Josef, he was far down the line of succession to the throne. Due to a series of tragedies, in 1916 in the middle of The Great War (World War I), he succeeded to the imperial and royal crowns. He very strongly opposed the war and attempted through secret negotiations to bring about a fair and lasting peace. As a result he was known as “The Peace Emperor.”

In 1919 the socialist government forced him into exile where he and his family lived a quiet, humble, and deeply religious Catholic life. His attempt in 1921 to return to Hungary failed. Emperor Karl

and his family were exiled to the island of Madeira where they lived in poverty, and where he bore a serious illness with great trust in God. He died in Funchal on the island of Madeira on April 1, 1922. The date for his memorial was set as 21 October, the day on which he had married Zita, Princess of the House of Bourbon-Parma.

## DEVOTION OCTOBER 21 PRAYER

Blessed Karl, at great danger to yourself and your family, you worked diligently to end the incredible destruction and bloodshed of The Great War. In spite of losing your crowns, your power, your country, your wealth, and your health, you never lost your profound trust in God. Pray for us and for peace in our world torn by war, strife, and terrorism.

## COLLECT

O God, through the diversities of this world you led Blessed Karl from this earthly realm to the crown reserved for him in heaven. Grant through his intercession that we may so serve your Son and our brothers and sisters that we may become worthy of eternal life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



photo courtesy of Bethlehem University

# Brother Peter Bray, FSC, EdD

## 8TH VICE-CHANCELLOR OF BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY RECEIVES *the Papal Cross of Honour*

Written by Dame Ann S. Dickson, DGCHS

We celebrate and sincerely thank Brother Peter for his leadership and welcoming across his 15 years at the University. The Western USA Lieutenancy, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ), sponsored numerous pilgrimages to the Holy Land and the University, and we have been blessed by the presence of Brother Peter, demonstrating the Lasallian values of service, faith, and community.

**B**rother Peter Bray, FSC, EdD is the 8th Vice-Chancellor of Bethlehem University, the first university established in Palestine and the only Catholic university in the Holy Land. Brother Peter assumed leadership of Bethlehem University in February 2009 and brings more than 30 years of Catholic education experience as a teacher, consultant, administrator, and expert in leadership and educational systems. Brother Peter complements his practical experience with a doctorate in Leadership Studies from the University of San Diego with a focus on leadership approaches that facilitate change in educational institutions.<sup>1</sup> Brother Peter was presented with the *Papal Cross of Honor* - officially the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (“For the Church and the Pope”) - during a visit to Rome in 2023. It is one of the highest honors that the Pope can bestow upon the laity and religious.

Our Super Pilgrimage of 177 Pilgrims must have been a challenge for Brother Peter in his first year as Vice Chancellor! Whenever we arrived on Pilgrimage, and if he was on campus, he would be in the auditorium to welcome us and introduce the student Associates with his beautiful New Zealand accent. We could see his love and respect for all “his” students, both Christian and Muslim, and we, in turn, caught his enthusiasm for their education and future! He would equally engage in conversation about the University and its students with Cardinal Mahony, Archbishop emeritus of Los Angeles, or the newest first time EOHSJ Knight or Dame visitor.

Brother Peter has served as an ex-officio member of the Bethlehem University Foundation Board. With his lived experience, he has helped us Board Members become better advocates for the University and has provided us with a valuable situational awareness of issues in the West Bank and at the University. When I am at a loss for words and/or lack the understanding of an Issue, I am reminded of Brother Peter’s expression, “It is complicated.” Brother Peter, you have helped make all Knights and Dames who have visited the University and met you better citizens of the world, better Christians, and admirers of the Oasis of Peace that is Bethlehem University. THANK YOU.

1. <https://www.bethlehem.edu/aboutbu/admin-offices/vice-chancellors-office/biography/>

# EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

## Consulta *attended and written by H.E. Margaret Romano*

With attendees from Lieutenancies across five continents, the 2023 Consulta was held last November in Rome for the Lieutenants and Grand Magisterium members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.



*The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre's Grand Master, Fernando Cardinal Filoni and the Lieutenant Western Lieutenancy's, H.E. Margaret Romano.*

Janet. In the words of our Governor General, H.E. Leonardo Di Modrone, "The Consulta represents a unique opportunity to be able, at least once in the Lieutenant's term of office, to meet brothers and sisters they would otherwise never meet."

I had received a very detailed outline, the Instrumentum Laboris, giving information on the the different aspects of life in the Order, and what we were going to discuss. Each morning we gathered together for Mass and then gathered

As Lieutenant of the Western Lieutenancy, it was my great honor to travel with my husband, Tom, to Rome for five days of meetings. We were joined there by our former Lieutenant and now Grand Magisterium member Sir Michael Feeley and his wife,

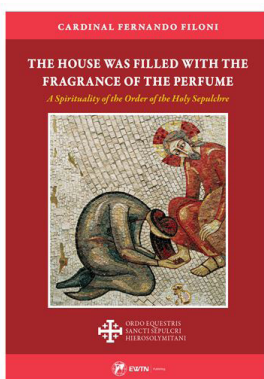
### THE CONSULTA AT A GLANCE

- The Consulta is the advisory body of the Cardinal Grand Master. It is not a deliberative body, but its proposals are part of the decision-making process on the most important issues concerning the Order.
- It usually is held every four years, under the chairmanship of the Cardinal Grand Master. All the highest offices of the Order (including the Grand Magisterium with the Lieutenants and Magistral Delegates) meet to discuss and reflect on common issues concerning the life of the Order.
- Due to COVID-19, five years have passed since the previous Consulta 2018.
- Lieutenants attend from the Order's Lieutenancies from around the world.

in general session. The focus of the meetings was on Formation of Knights and Dames, specifically the formation of candidates, the ongoing formation of members, and the formation of leaders. With a particular desire to increase membership, Cardinal

Fernando Filoni asked that we discuss ways that would help to grow the Order. A few years before, he had given the charge to focus on the Spirituality of membership.

It has been a great blessing to have his book, *The House was Filled with the Fragrance of the Perfume*, as a guide to his directive.



The attendees were asked to listen and give input on what we do to reach out to our fellow Catholics and encourage them to join the Order. Given our mission as members to protect and serve our brothers in the Holy Land, the growth of the Order would allow us to give more help. The timing of the Consulta and topic turned



out to be providential given the issues the Christians are experiencing in the Holy Land. Our help is desperately needed, as we heard from H.E. Cardinal Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa in the Opening Session.

He and Sami El-Yousef, CEO, of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem (LPJ), were to attend the Consulta. We had been hearing about the terrible tragedies in Israel; unfortunately, the two men were not able to leave the country. However, thanks to the technology of Zoom, Cardinal addressed the group. As expected, his message spoke of the great need of the people not only in Gaza, but in the West Bank as well. Settler violence in the West Bank is at an all-time high. Christians working in Israel aren't able to work, and so unemployment is also at an all-time high. As we saw with the pandemic, the economy is destroyed, as the main economy is pilgrimages. Buffer zones around settlements prevent the harvesting of crops in the fields. In Gaza, continued shelling has destroyed the communication network along the blockade, halting the flow of food, water, fuel, and medicines into the area. Before the war, Gazahad been receiving 500 truckloads of supplies on a daily basis! Now, with food scarce, famine is a real possibility. Interestingly, the Gaza strip is a beautiful area on the Mediterranean, and if it were at peace, it could be another Monaco. We all agreed that the Lieutenancies need to increase our support of the region. At dinner on the last night,

each Lieutenant signed a letter of support for our Christian Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land. It was sent to Cardinal Pizzaballa at the Patriarchate.

The days that followed the opening session were busy. In the mornings, we attended general sessions with translators assisting those present. Afternoons were spent in breakout sessions where we were divided into four groups according to our native language. Even though the majority of our group spoke English, we had the Lieutenant from Russia with his son, who translated for him! He spoke of his desire to grow the Order and our Church in Russia. Before Communism, there were over five million Catholics in Russia, now less than 500,000. His desire for the freedoms we take for granted came through in his message.

The groups discussed our goals and challenges, and we shared ideas, recommendations, and how we might put them into practice. The groups also shared their publications. I brought with me copies of *"The Way,"* our magazine of the Western Lieutenancy, along with the *"Called to Formation"* book and several of our tri-folds. There was great interest in our publications!

In the general session, each group reported on their discussions. The breakout sessions brought for me the realization that we really don't have major issues in our Lieutenancy! Each Lieutenancy is very different from the other. Each area offers the chance to grow spiritually, to gather in community, and, most importantly, to uplift our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.



Photo #1, Front Row: Archbishop Joseph Naumann - Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Kansas City Grand Prior Northern Lieutenancy, H.E. Margaret Romano, Sir Tom Romano, Dame Dawn Olejniczak, H.E. Sir Tom Olejniczak - Lieutenant North Central, Dame Julie Cleary, H.E. Shawn Cleary - Lieutenant, Northern Lieutenancy. Back Row: Sir Richard Folger, H.E. Dame Lois Folger, - Lieutenant, South-Western Lieutenancy and H.E. and Yaroslav Ternovskiy, Lieutenant, Russia. Photo #2: Sir Tom and H.E. Margaret Romano at the Vatican. Photo #3: A Swiss Guard.

After the last Consulta, in 2018, the new Constitution and the new Ritual are in force, and a new Regulation is being drafted. These General Regulations are in addition to the Constitution. They will only be put into force after a trial period, during which additions or changes may also be proposed.

In addition to the general and group sessions, each Lieutenant met privately with the Cardinal Grand Master and the Governor General. We discussed the Lieutenancy. Among other things, the Cardinal was very interested in hearing about our special presentations, and he wanted to know how the clergy is involved in the Order. He went over the number of knights, dames, and clergy and what our goals are in focusing on spirituality and growth.

A highlight for Tom and me was attending Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. Sitting behind the main altar with Bernini's Dove of Peace as a backdrop, we experienced the beauty of St. Peter's in a way few have the opportunity to do. A private meeting with Pope Francis followed. As we walked through the quiet halls of the Vatican, we were in awe! Even though he had just come out of the hospital, the Pope was very warm and kind to all. He gave a short address, thanking us for our work and the support to the people in the Holy Land and to our Church. As we approached him, I saw that even though brief, he greeted each person with a handshake, a blessing, and a smile.



Among my many takeaways from the Consulta, I recognized once again that with the leadership of Cardinal Filoni and H.E. Leonardo Di Modrone, the EOHSJ is blessed with a strong, caring leadership who want the Order to grow and its members to deepen their faith. Spending time with my fellow Lieutenants from around the world was a highlight of the Consulta. I heard the desire of Lieutenants to grow their Lieutenancies. Our Western Lieutenancy, one of the larger, more productive Lieutenancies, has much to offer. While many areas worldwide are struggling to bring people back to church, we are fortunate that our church is alive in North

America, and we have many opportunities to talk about the Order. I think about the special programs that are going on here, such as the Eucharistic Revival. We have our Bishops reaching out with support and care. This opportunity to join together brought with it a sense of unity and revealed our common bond: to do the best we can for our members and the Order.

*Photo 1: H.E. Margaret Romano and Tom Romano meet Pope Francis. Photo 2: H.E. Yaroslav Ternovskiy, Lieutenant - Russia with his son and H.E. Margaret Romano at the Vatican. Photo 3: H.E. Margaret Romano at the Vatican. Photo 4: H.E. Margaret Romano, Lieutenant and H.E. Valencia Camp, Lieutenant - Mid Atlantic.*

**“I look forward to seeing where the Lord will lead us and guide us in the years to come”.**

*- H.E. Margaret Romano, DGCHS*

# EOHSJ Annual Report

*What we do matters*

In 2023, thanks to your generosity, the Western Lieutenancy raised almost \$1,400,000! With total membership of 1293, including exempt members, this is truly amazing!

Thank you for your commitment to the Holy Land. It brings hope to our brothers and sisters who strive to live in a community of peace, and love.

## CONTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Contributions	\$ 775,495
Honoraria	\$ 118,000
Special Projects	\$ 429,303
Humanitarian Aid	\$ 52,805
Mass Card Stipends	\$ 5,587

**Total Contributions \$ 1,381,190**

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

Antonian Charitable Society	\$ 10,350
Area Spirituality Programs	\$ 15,000
Bethlehem University - General Support	\$ 15,000
BU - Scholarship Program	\$ 10,000
BU - Kicanas Endowment Fund	\$ 3,350
Caritas Jerusalem	\$ 10,050
Creche - Holy Family Children's Home	\$ 72,551
De La Salle Debate Team	\$ 9,000
Hogar Niño Dios Bethlehem	\$ 62,950
Holy Child Program	\$ 51,772
House of the Three Kings	\$ 9,000
LPJ Parish Support	\$ 1,500
LPJ School Classroom Campaign	\$ 11,790
LPJ Seminary - Adopt a Seminarian	\$ 40,000
LPJ Seminary - General Support	\$ 50,000
Our Lady of Sorrows	\$ 500
St. Vincent's Ain Karem	\$ 12,675
St. Yves Society	\$ 20,565
Zarqa North - Special Projects	\$ 9,450
Zarqa North - Summer School	\$ 7,900
Zarqa South - Summer School	\$ 2,900
Zarqa South - Coats	\$ 5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$431,303</b>



*Photo by Samar Hazborn*

*to support the Holy Land*

# HIS EXCELLENCY

## Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D. of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas

- By Dame Betty Boyd, DHS

**H**is Excellency Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D. was the second of five children born to Mary Cronin Thomas and George Thomas. He was born in Anaconda, Montana, and was raised in Butte. He came from a strong and loving Irish-Catholic family and a community infused with Catholic culture, with the parish as the epicenter of their lives.

Archbishop Thomas notes the wonderful Religious Sisters and the Priests who helped shape his Catholic faith. He attended grade school at St. Anne's parish, taught by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was educated by the Christian Brothers of Ireland and graduated from Christian Brothers High School. From there, he attended Carroll College where he earned a B.A. in literature. Upon graduation from college, Archbishop Thomas entered St. Thomas Seminary in Bothell, Washington, and received a Master of Divinity degree.

Archbishop Thomas discerned priesthood from a very young age. When he was a five-year-old boy, he told his dad that he wanted to be just like their parish priest. At that time, the family lived in Northern Montana where they were served by a marvelous parish priest. All through his grade school and high school years, strong, happy, and holy priests led by example.

On May 22, 1976, Archbishop Thomas was ordained to the priesthood at St. James

Cathedral in Seattle, Washington. After ordination, he was as an associate pastor at Holy Family Parish and St. James Cathedral, both in Seattle. Later, he was appointed parish administrator at Sacred Heart parish in Bellevue and served at the Holy Innocents Mission in Duvall, Washington.

He was the Catholic chaplain to the King County and Seattle City Jail for twelve years. In 1983, Archbishop Thomas received a Master's Degree in Counseling and Community Health from the University of Washington. In 1986, he received a Doctor of Philosophy degree specializing in Pacific Northwest mission history. His dissertation, which

was entitled "Catholics and Missions of the Pacific Northwest," received the University's Gordon C. Lee Award for the distinguished dissertation for 1986.

Archbishop Thomas, in 1987, became the Chancellor and Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Seattle. From 1999

to 2004, he was named Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Seattle. Then, from 2004 until 2018, he served as Bishop of Helena, Montana.

In 2018, he was named Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas. On May 30, 2023, Pope Francis elevated the Diocese of Las Vegas as an Archdiocese. Subsequently, Archbishop Thomas was appointed the first Archbishop of the newly formed Archdiocese of Las Vegas.

His reaction to Las Vegas becoming an Archdiocese was gratitude and humility. Becoming an Archbishop, he feels, is an unmerited honor. In his opinion, this is an acknowledgment of the work of the Priests and the laypeople working together in this Archdiocese, and he attributes everything to



Cardinal Pierre introducing Archbishop Thomas.  
Photo: Courtesy of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas/Robin Jerstad

them. Becoming an Archdiocese gives greater visibility and responsibility nationally and even in the wider community. It provides an opportunity to speak out on important issues of the day. These include the dignity of human life, care of the unborn, seeking legalized immigration, the dreamers, and families that have been here a long time and need a pathway to citizenship. The Archbishop states, "It gives us the opportunity to speak out more forcibly and more clearly."



*Photo: Courtesy of the Diocese of Las Vegas. Above the Guardian Angel Cathedral of Las Vegas with Encore Hotel in the background.*

Las Vegas is the first Archdiocese made in the United States in twenty years. The Archbishop is surprised at the exhilaration of the lay community, along with gratitude and happiness for the honor that has been bestowed on Las Vegas. The most important thing for the future of the Archdiocese is the propagation of the Catholic faith. Awareness of the expansion and exponential growth of Clark County includes: the building of new Parishes, expansion of existing Parishes, and strengthening and the deepening of the Catholic faith in all our parishes.

On June 29, 2023, the Archbishop received the Pallium from Pope Francis. He reflects "that it was a great joy, and the Pope was all smiles. It was a day of joy and happiness, and being in communion with the See of Peter." There were 95 in attendance, including those from the Archdiocese of Las Vegas, family and friends from Seattle, and from the Diocese of Helena.

Another pressing issue is getting more non-practicing Catholics back into the church. This is a shared responsibility between the clergy and the laity. Pope Francis and his predecessors have repeatedly reminded us of that,

**“every baptized person needs to be a 'missionary disciple’”.**  
- Bishop Thomas

Archbishop Thomas states, "Each of us has the responsibility to welcome home those who have lapsed in the faith to include our own families. This is both by example and invitation, calling people back to the flock, and we are all responsible for that."

According to Archbishop Thomas, Vatican II affects the Archdiocese deeply and dramatically. There are many themes from the Second Vatican Council, first, and most importantly, the call to holiness that the laity and clergy share together; it is our common DNA. There must be collaboration between the clergy and the laity, along with the emphasis on the Eucharist as the source and summit and life of the church.

Las Vegas is a thriving faith-based community. Archbishop Thomas acknowledges the growth of the relationship between the laity and Priests. He states, "the Holy Father has talked about synodality, which is



*Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D. processes through the Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer with the Papal Bull announcing Las Vegas as an Archdiocese. Photo by Archdiocese of Las Vegas/Robin Jerstad.*



Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D., poses with all Bishops in attendance at the Mass of Canonical Establishment for the Metropolitan Archdiocese and the Imposition of the Pallium. Photo by Archdiocese of Las Vegas/Robin Jerstad.

the sharing of responsibilities to listen attentively to the needs of our people, to read the signs of the times, and bring the message of the gospel to our community. Also, by transforming culture through the light of the Gospel.”

### **The History of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas**

*(editor's note: Information on the history of the Archdiocese was taken from Archdiocese of Las Vegas website)*

The growth of Las Vegas has been exponential for the Catholic faith community. The Archdiocese of Las Vegas has a rich history. In fact, in 1776, the first Mass was celebrated when Nevada was still a territory near present-day Laughlin, and Fr. Garces, OFM from Mexico, offered up the Mass.

The territory was at one time under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of Mexico. It was under various jurisdictions, including the

Diocese of Monterey, California, and eventually under the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

In 1931, the Diocese of Reno was created, and Bishop Thomas K. Gorman was the first Bishop of Reno, Nevada. In October of 1976, Bishop Norman McFarland (Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese) petition to re-designate the Diocese of Reno to Reno-Las Vegas was made official.

In 1987, Bishop Daniel F. Walsh was the fifth Bishop of Reno-Las Vegas. He established a residence and a Chancery Office in Las Vegas to serve the growing needs of the community and the tourists. Ten new churches were built in nine years to serve the growing population, along with the increase of tourists.

In 1995, immense growth took place in the state of Nevada. The Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas was divided into the Diocese of Reno and the Diocese of Las Vegas. The Diocese, at that time, had a Catholic population of

250,000. Bishop Walsh became the first Bishop of Las Vegas on June 28, 1995. In July of 1998, a full-time Vocations Office was opened in the Diocese of Las Vegas, and Father Tony Vercellone became the Director of Vocations. In December 2000, a residence for seminarians and candidates for the priesthood was named Sierra House. Father Vercellone, the Vocations Director, and eight seminarians moved into this residence.

The Reverend Philip Audet was the first ordained priest in the Diocese of Las Vegas on May 22, 2001, at the Guardian Angel Cathedral by the Most Reverend Richard J. Garcia, Auxiliary Bishop of Sacramento.

To better serve the needs of the parishes and the community in 2004, a Human Resources Office was established. Other offices included the Office of Hispanic Ministry, the Office of Liturgy and Worship, and Diocesan Archives. Additionally, the Office of Faith and Formation expanded its programs.

The second Bishop, the Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe, helped bring about greater involvement of the community and the parishes in evangelization and the gospel's message. In 2018, Pope Francis named Bishop George Leo Thomas the third Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas and Bishop Gregory W. Gordon the Archdiocese's Auxiliary Bishop.

On May 30, 2023, Pope Francis elevated the Diocese of Las Vegas to a metropolitan archdiocese, and this established an ecclesiastical providence of Las Vegas with the Dioceses of Reno and Salt Lake as suffragan dioceses. Bishop George Leo Thomas is the first metropolitan Archbishop of the newly formed Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese of Las Vegas has a total population of 2.3 million people and 620,000 registered Catholics. The Archdiocese comprises Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine counties.



Bishop George Leo Thomas  
Coat-of-Arms

The shield is surmounted by an Archbishop's galero or ecclesiastical hat of this rank with ten tassels for each side in Vert (green) that signifies the rank of an archbishop. The blue cross with the Pascal candle refers to the kindling of the fire during the Easter Vigil Service, as the deacon carries the newly lighted paschal candle into the darkened church, as a symbol of resurrected Christ, he intones, three times, the phrase that Bishop Thomas has selected for the motto of his episcopacy "CHRIST OUR LIGHT." Within the quarters of the shield that are created by The Cross are a green crossed pick and shovel to honor the Irish heritage of The Bishop's mother, Mary Rita (Cronin) Thomas, whose family were miners in County Cork, Ireland and then in Michigan and Montana. There are also two garbs of wheat to signify that the family of the Bishop's father, also George Leo Thomas, were farmers and there are two of them to honor His Excellency's baptismal patron, Thomas, whose name means "twin." The Keltic "M," honors the Blessed Virgin Mary, in her title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This light, as seen throughout the liturgical season of Eastertime and which is given to each newly baptized person, and is also seen during the rituals of Christian burial, is symbolic of the fact that the Light of the salvation of the Risen Christ that is in each Catholic is carried from birth to death as the sustaining beacon on each person's life journey. That is the guiding force for Bishop Thomas in the fullness of the priesthood as a bishop.

# OUR LADY

Blessed by an EOHSJ member!

# Queen of Palestine Icon

*Written by the hand of Dame Vivian Imbruglia, DHS*

**O**ur Lady of Palestine is the fitting star of this Icon, as she offers her protection to the Holy Land. But in this icon, she is surrounded by reminders of the Order of Knights and Dames, who for more than one thousand years have committed to join her in this mission. Within the border are images calling to mind, The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, including individually formed three-dimensional shields, helmets, and even the pilgrim shell, along with smaller images of the select handful of important historical figures. The icon was created on a birch panel in the traditional method, using more than 600 sheets of 24k Italian gold leaf. This truly one-of-a-kind image was created by Iconographer Dame Vivian Imbruglia, DHS, for the 2023 Western Lieutenancy Annual Meeting. All proceeds went to support The Holy Child of Bethlehem Building Fund.



## ABOUT THE ICONOGRAPHER

Vivian Imbruglia was excited at the idea that she would be giving an icon to those members in attendance at the dinner held at the Palm Springs Air Museum, kicking off the first night of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre's

Annual Meeting. In presenting her work, she made it clear that these were not paintings, but icons. Icons are not considered "art" but prayers. In order for the work to be called an icon, it must be blessed. Once blessed, the work becomes a window into heaven and is said to be "written" rather than painted because its purpose is to convey the Word of God. Religious iconography involves symbols, motifs and colors to convey a message. Dame Vivian



# THE ICON

1. EOHSJ Crest
2. Godfrey de Bouillon, “Advocate of the Holy Sepulchre,” leader of the First Crusade, and the first Latin ruler of the Kingdom of Jerusalem.
3. St. Francis of Assisi - The Franciscans have served for centuries as guardians of various pilgrimage sites. They followed their founder by exhibiting simplicity and holiness.
4. Angels- Guardians of the icon.
5. Pilgrim Shell
6. Knight’s helmet
7. St. Helena - another of the patron saints of the Equestrian Order because of her charity, generosity, and support of the poor in the Holy Land.
8. Bl. Bartolo Longo - Provided thousands of abandoned orphan children with a loving home in a complex of buildings at the shrine known as the City of Charity. At the request of Pope Pius XI, Bartolo Longo was invested with the insignia of Knight Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.
9. Dame’s emblem on the shield.
10. Knight’s emblem on the shield.
11. Bl. Alfredo Ildefonso Cardinal Schuster - was ordained a Benedictine priest in 1904. After a career committed to the poor and the common, he eventually was made Cardinal in 1929, and was honored by the Great Cross Knighthood of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.
12. St. Pius X, Pope - is the only canonized member of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of which he was Grand Master.
13. Papal insignia. The icon is not signed, why? God knows who painted it. Instead, the letters AMDG are hidden within the painting. AMDG stands for Ad majoram Dei gloriam: For the Greater Glory of God. This icon was painted for HIS greater glory!

Imbruglia has been writing/painting Icons and Sacred Art for over eighteen years. Through her business, Sacred Image Icons, people from around the world have been commissioning icons/sacred art for their homes, chapels, churches, and shrines, including two pieces which have gone to the Vatican. Dame Vivian’s work is her ministry, as she endeavors to spread the Word through image. She begins each icon with research, reading biographies, studying



devotions and prayer. Imbruglia gifted icons to the members in attendance and said that whomever you receive, it is the Holy Spirit speaking to you. Each icon also included a prayer specific to the icon. She signs her work with M-D-G, Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, “For The Greater Glory of God”!

The interior walls of the shrine contain images of angels carrying scrolls with the words of Gabriel to the young woman of Nazareth, "Hail Mary", in two hundred eighty different languages. The parallel images of the angels bowing over the original Ark and Gabriel bowing before the new Ark are significant. Crowning the chapel is a twenty-



*Deir Rafat, Israel - September 23, 2017: Ceiling and wood-loft painting in the church in the monastery of Deir Rafat (Regina Palestina) with the inscription Ave Maria in 323 different languages. Photo by adobe stock / Gelia*

foot-tall bronze statue of our Blessed Mother looking out over the Land that we call "Holy". Her left hand is over her heart connoting the love she bears for her children. Her right hand is extended in blessing and protection over the plains.

The Feast of Our Lady of Palestine falls on October 25. It was first established in 1927 by Archbishop Luigi Barlasinna, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and approved by the Holy See in 1933. It was at another time of great instability and violence. World War I was over and the Ottoman Empire was crumbling. The British were taking control of the "Mandate" and huge changes in demographics were occurring in a short time. With the accompanying fight for power in the area, the Christian Faithful who had remained in the land of the birth of the Savior for two thousand years turned to Mary as the loving mother, protector and Queen of Palestine.

Sixty years later, the Grand Master of the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre requested that Pope John Paul II name Mary, Queen of Palestine the official Patroness of the Order. That decree was issued in 1994. As the October 7 War between Israel and Hamas continues with its terrible violence and assault on innocent lives



*Deir Rafat  
(Shrine of Our  
Lady Queen of  
Palestine -  
Catholic  
Monastery in  
Central Israel  
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*- Cardinal Pizzaballa*

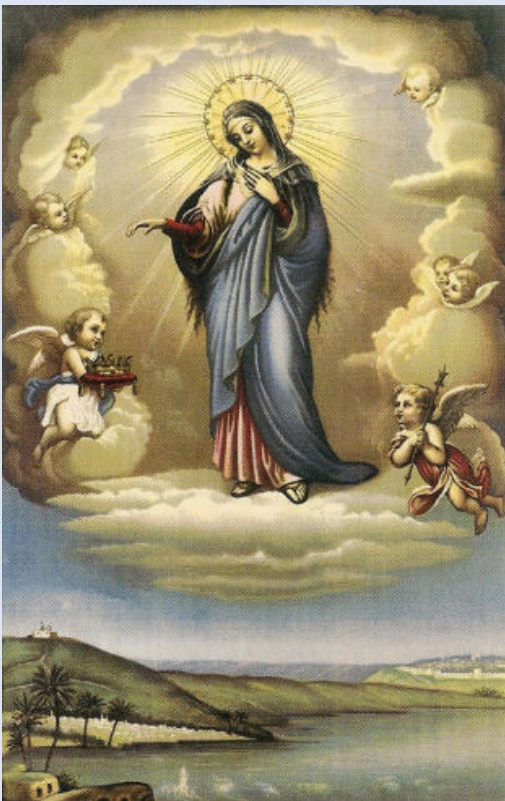
throughout Israel and especially in Gaza, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, presided over a Mass at the shrine in Deir Rafat to reconsecrate the local Church and all of the Holy Land to Our Lady, Queen of Palestine. In his homily, Cardinal Pizzaballa stated,

“Today, we consecrate once again our Church, our diocese, our land to Our Lady, Queen of Palestine. We have done this several times in moments of need for our community, and this is one of the most difficult in

our recent history. It is an act of entrustment and therefore, of trust. In this moment, when everything seems to be overwhelming us, we need to entrust and deliver to God and the Virgin Mary all that we hold in our hearts.”

As Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre, we also turn to Mary, our Mother, our Queen and our Model of Discipleship while we pray for the peace of Jerusalem and of all of the Holy Land whose people are her special children.

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY QUEEN OF PALESTINE



*O Mary Immaculate, gracious Queen of Heaven and of Earth, behold us prostrate before thy exalted throne.*

*Full of confidence in thy goodness and in thy boundless power, we beseech thee to turn a pitying glance upon Palestine, which more than any other country belongs to thee, since thou hast graced it with thy birth, thy virtues and thy sorrows, and from there hast given the Redeemer to the world.*

*Remember that there especially, thou wert constituted our tender Mother, the dispenser of graces.*

*Watch, therefore, with special protection over thy native country, scatter from it the shades of error, for it was there the Sun of Eternal Justice shone.*

*Bring about the speedy fulfillment of the promise, which issued from the lips of Thy Divine Son, that there should be one fold and one Shepherd.*

*Obtain for us all that we may serve the Lord in sanctity and justice during the days of our life, so that, by the merits of Jesus and with thy motherly aid, we may pass at last from this earthly Jerusalem to the splendors of the heavenly one.*  
*Amen.*

**Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa**  
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It was then that Bahhuth decided to become a priest. He was 35 years old when he entered St. John's Seminary. Fr. Albert was ordained in 1996. His first assignment was St. Gregory the Great in Whittier for 4 years. After that, he moved to Holy Family Glendale for 2 years. His first assignment was at St. Finbar in Burbank serving there as pastor for 11 years. From Burbank he went to St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Santa Clarita for 2 years, and later was assigned to the position of Moderator of the Curia, Vicar General for 5 years. After completing his 5 years at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Fr. Albert was called to serve as pastor at Holy Family South Pasadena serving there for 2 years before being called by God once again to be Auxiliary Bishop for the San Fernando area.

Before receiving the call to become Auxiliary Bishop, Fr. Albert was happy to be back in the parish. He planned exciting things for the year like, "how to become a community of missionary disciples sharing the love and mercy of Christ with the world." He was getting ready to go on vacation with his family when he received the call from the Nuncio. "A few minutes changed everything."

Despite encountering a few challenges, Bishop Albert finds joy in his life in the San Fernando Valley. His days are "a walk in the park, with Jesus Christ." Among his top priorities, he aims "to set the hearts of people on fire with love for Jesus." Those who have heard Bishop Albert preach can attest that he is a man whose heart is on fire in love with Jesus Christ! He emphasizes the crucial need to rebuild trust between the faithful and their clergy, while also fostering more vocations to the priesthood. Above all, Bishop Albert reminds us that this is the Church of Jesus Christ, and He is in charge. He is our Shepherd, and we need to follow Him.

*September 26, 2023 - Episcopal Ordination Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. Bishops Albert Bahhuth, Matthew Elshoff, Brian Nunes and Slawomir Szkredka were appointed new auxiliary bishops in the presence of family and friends and over 500 clergy and laypersons.*



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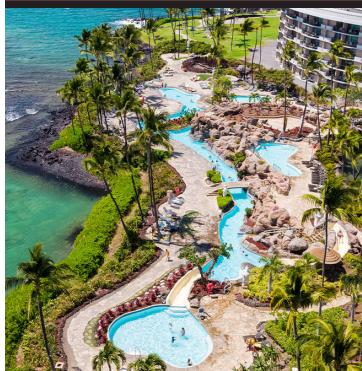


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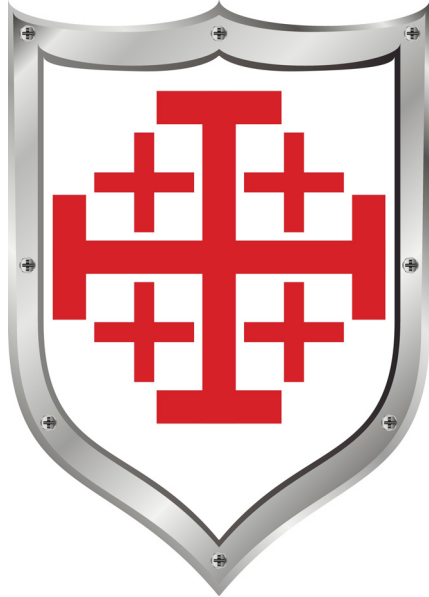
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