

First Tuesday Update...FTU...June 4, 2024

“YOU MAKE ME WANT TO BE A BETTER PERSON!”



This iconic line was based upon the response of Jack Nicholson to Helen Hunt in the academy award winning movie, “As Good As It Gets” from 1997. A very well-orchestrated film concerning an overwhelmingly disturbed man and his “interpersonal” relationship issues. In spite of these poor tendencies, he had a great fondness and interest in Helen...who found these traits hugely troubling. Her feelings of dislike towards these poor habits were shared by everyone who knew Jack. If you saw this movie you would remember towards the end of the movie, when Helen, exasperated by his relentless pursuit of her, asks Jack why he always wants to be with her he utters one of the great lines a person could ever say to another...”YOU MAKE ME WANT TO BE A BETTER MAN.”

I believe many of us, including myself, can relate to this beautiful line in our daily relationship with our Lord, Jesus. Thankfully, Jesus does not react to our own behavioral issues with the troubling and vexing feelings of Helen, yet we certainly can be a difficult soul to embrace and love. Yet, he died for us individually and loves us more than we can fully comprehend.

As we move forward in our lives as Dames and Knights, mothers and fathers, husband-wives-singles...we need to both study and lean into the words of Christ from Mark 2:17...”those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I have not come to the righteous but the sinner.” These words are for each and every one of us in the family of God. He is inviting us to be that better person because of HIM. As we study the earthly life of Jesus, we see a treasure trove of ways and examples to be that person...the Humanity of Jesus gives us all the call to “want to be a better person.”

How significant is it to “TRY to Better and Better?” Look not only to yourself, your family and your friends...but to the entire Kingdom of God, as from the lips of Jesus we hear in Luke 15:7 (a REAL favorite of mine) “I tell you that in the same way there will be MORE rejoicing in Heaven over one sinner who REPENTS, then over 99 righteous persons who do not need to repent!”

After reading and meditating upon those fabulous words I know I am truly a full-fledged...ONE PERCENTER 🙏✝️.

In His Service, Love and JOY...Joe M.



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Connie's Corner

Duty to Hope!

As Roman Catholics and members of the Equestrian Order we have a duty to hope and be an example to others in our hopefulness.

We are living in a time of great challenges. We look at the world and it seems as though the world is on fire. Not only is war an ever-present concern, but the challenges of disregard for our fellow human beings, resulting in lawlessness on our streets and in our communities. I think many of us have rethought our personal safety and have taken steps to give ourselves a level of peace of mind. Around the world people are in the streets not even certain of what they are protesting for or against.

Our church has and is facing challenges of its own. Church stance on many issues is not always clear, which leads to confusion and discord among her people. Homelessness, hunger and immigration is on all of our hearts. Disregard for human life is rampant. The casualness of killing the unborn, we must be vocal about the sanctity of life from conception until natural death. These challenges have always been a part of humanity but we as Catholic Dames and Knights have the responsibility of living our lives knowing that no matter what is happening here, our Lord will always prevail. He is the answer to everything, if we truly believe his promise, we need to be the beacon of hope for those who come into our lives. Living our lives as Christ-like as possible without judgement and division. May the peace and love of Christ be with all of us and the whole world.

In His Service, Connie

ROSARY...SUMMER SPEAKERS SERIES...what a wonderful beginning to our 3-month Summer Speakers Series as we were all blest to have a beautiful Rosary led by our Spiritual leaders and then to hear from Father Camillus Ogaraku, MSP. As pastor of our St. Joseph, Husband of Mary parish, we are always energized to hear his powerful words and gain counsel from his leadership. No one doubts the blessings God has bestowed upon him and his words. Next month join us on July 1 at 6pm at St. Thomas More Church, as we will hear from Father Edmund Nnadozie, MSP. Also, bring family and friends as all are welcome. Father Edmund is a beautiful example of what our world needs in clergy leaders.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT & ENHANCEMENT...SUMMER ROSARY SPEAKER SERIES...JULY 1



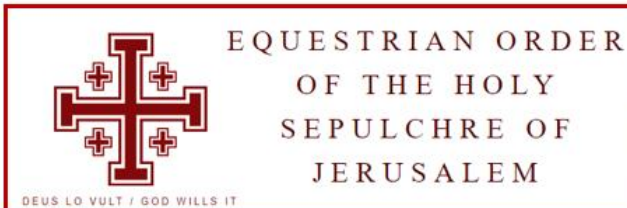
Come meet Fr. Edmund and hear his story...

FR. EDMUND NNADOZIE, MSP

Fr. Edmund was born in Nigeria to a Catholic family – which, he says, “informed my direction...to become a priest.” Following his minor seminary training, he found that he was attracted to the missionary priesthood, which would take him far from home and family. But it was his spirit of adventure that confirmed his decision and he was ordained a priest of the missionaries of St. Paul – MSP - on June 28, 1997.

His journey to the United States was part of a quest for further education, which included earning his Ph.D. in Chicago. He recalled that “coming to Las Vegas was not even on my radar” but “I was ready to minister where needed.” He is now pastor at St. Thomas More parish in Henderson where he established the Knights of Columbus and the Legion of Mary in order to strengthen the spiritual life of his parishioners.

He enjoys working with people and, he says, “it gladdens my heart to see the growth of the parish. It is quite fulfilling doing the work of God.” This is very apparent to all who know Fr. Edmund! Come meet Fr. Edmund at our July Rosary and learn more about him!



YOUR LINKS TO THE HOLY LAND...UPDATE

I am happy to report that the 10-volunteers who joined the LINK To the Holy Land Program, have received their Holy Land counterpart with whom to email!

Thank you to Joe Micatrotto and Debby Barton for reaching out to their Holy Land contacts so that our LINK to the Holy Land program's support can reach additional seminarians, priests, nuns and Holy Land residents.

The program however, needs more EOHSJ volunteers! There are 8 to 10 more Holy Land individuals who have agreed to participate in the LINK program. Please consider volunteering.

These people need our prayers and supportive words. A simple email of encouragement and comradery can go a long way.

Should you like to join the LINK program, please provide your name, email and best phone number. Thank you.

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SPIRITUAL LEADERS...GRATITUDE...The Bible defines Gratitude as an emotion of the heart, a sentiment of kindness, thankfulness, and the result of grace.



If the only prayer you ever say is Thank you, that is all you need to pray!
Thank you, dear God, for all of the blessings you have bestowed upon us on
this great Earth!

Thank you for The Father, our Fathers and Father figures!
Ephesians 5:20... "Giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father."

~Dame Julie McIntosh-Walsh DCHS (702) 596-6861

~Dame Jennifer Mallinger-McCormick DCHS (702) 493-0298

ORDINATION EOHSJ PARTICIPATION BY YOUR COUNCIL...we were blest to have 8 representatives



present and participating at the fabulous Ordination of Fr. Joseph A. Sales and Father Michael Williams at our Guardian Angels Cathedral on Saturday May 25th.

Blessings and Thanks to Sir Robert and Dame Elizabeth Mulroy, KC*HS/DC*HS, Sir Thomas and Dame Yolanda Carroll, KCHS/DCHS, Sir Ronald and Dame Tracey Kral, KCHS/DCHS, and Sir Norman and Dame Temmie Jolicoeur, KHS/DHS.

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

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

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



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FIAT UPDATE...FIAT #1...Below you see 3 pictures...2 from 2019, the birth date of FAITH IN ACTION TODAY. Then the one with your HOGAR children from last month. WHY? We want each of you to know that this initiative is a blessing from our Lord that has been “ambushed” by Covid for over 2 years and then the disaster of October 7th by Hamas terrorists. But we will not be stopped, this January the Micatrotto's along with Deacon Rich Minch, KHS (in October) will be going for a 2-3 week recheck of the project at both HOGAR and ACS. The purpose is to be certain all key factors are ready for a 2025 introduction. PLEASE...if you are interested in a future FIAT, just give us a call or email. There is no obligation and we will be happy to discuss details. More soon...In His Service, J/C



2019 then Archbishop Latin Patriarch, now Cardinal Pizzaballa has on his lap the original FIAT document.

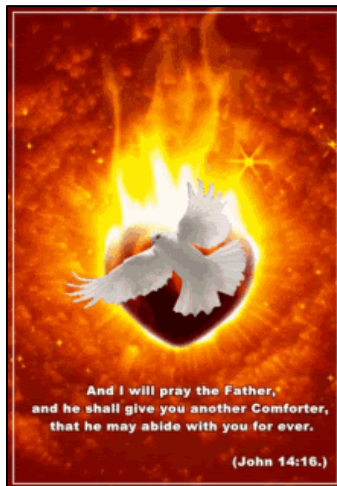


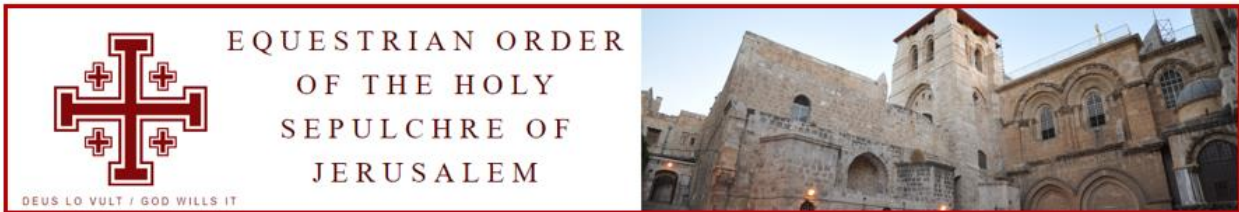
In 2019, the FIAT birth, Sr. Hana Pia led the Team at HOGAR.



Now with Mother Roncevalles, far left, we follow the Holy Spirit to His birth of FIAT.

PENTECOST IN THE HOLY LAND... We share a beautiful photo of Abouna Poggi on Mount Zion and Mass on Pentecost with Franciscans in the Upper Room.





PILGRIMAGES SPONSORED BY THE LV COUNCIL....

HOLY YEAR ALL ITALY...March 17-29, 2025...SOLD OUT...phenomenal time in Rome, Assisi, and Florence, featuring day trips to Orvieto, Lucca, Pisa and Siena. Holy Year Masses at the four major Basilicas of Rome and visit to EOHSJ Headquarters at the Vatican. Blest to be led by three Spiritual Leaders: Bishop Higgins, KC*HS, Fr. Roy Kurian, Deacon James Carabajal, KCHS. Coordinated by Joe/Connie Micatrotto.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE...October 20 - November 1, 2025...get on this list fast as it will get filled quickly. Includes stays in Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. 13 days of spiritual joy and exhilaration. There will be at least 2 Spiritual leaders including Fr. Daniel Rolland, KHS. Look for more info soon. Coordinated by Joe/Connie Micatrotto.

HOLY LAND AND JORDAN / PETRA...March 1-15, 2026...this magnificent pilgrimage will include Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Kerak, Petra and incredible sites throughout. Look for more info soon. Coordinated by Joe/Connie Micatrotto.

FATIMA, SANTIAGO AND LOURDES...15 Days...April 12-26, 2026...this magnificent Pilgrimage includes Lisbon, Porto, Oviedo, San Sebastián, Toulouse and more! Pricing and registration beginning June 1, 2025. Space will be limited and you can put your name on the no commitment list now.

FROM YOUR SEMINARIAN JIRIES ABU KHALIL...Hello Family in Christ I'm sorry I didn't answer you. Nice to hear from you about Easter greetings.

Some updates about me and the Seminary, we had a vacation during Orthodox Easter, I served the Holy Week in Rafidia - Nablus, really it was a beautiful time, then I went to visit my family for many days and before 2 days we returned back to the Seminary.

Now we are in our last week of studying, next week we will begin our final exams, then we have a priesthood ordination for D. Baseil Bransi. I ask you to pray for us, for D. Basel and for Peace in our Land.

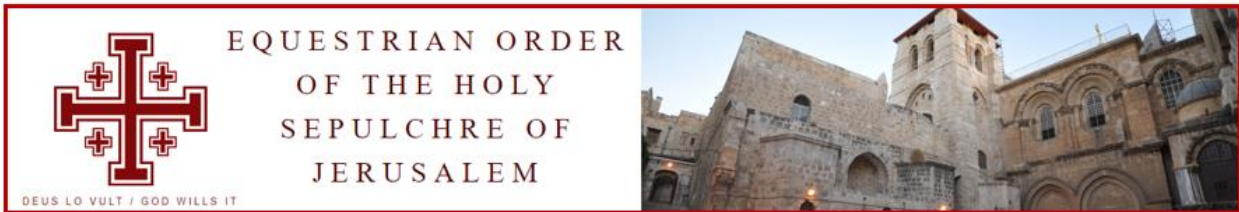
You are always in my prayers. Hope to see you soon.

~Jiries Abu Khalil

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



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



LV COUNCIL BOOK CLUB UPDATE...GRATITUDE TO SIR JEFF FOR HIS DEDICATION... We have finished reading "The Spear", a novel by Louis de Wohl. A fascinating story of the Centurion who thrust a spear into Christ's side at Calvary. Beginning in Rome and then to Jerusalem. We read of his struggles, relationships and engagement with others. The author sets up a narrative between and among all the characters who we know well from the Passion story. They are all there, wondering who Jesus is and what he is about doing, as well as how to deal with him. We read of Caiphas' dealing with Herod and Pilot. Barabbas with 6,000 men planning to rid the country of Romans. Yet he is freed. It's a narrative, made up, a fiction. However, there should be little question that something like this did happen 2,000 years gone by...Good literature makes you think.

Our current book is "To Sanctify the World ... The Legacy of Vatican II" by George Weigel. Best to quote Timothy Cardinal Dolan, from the book jacket ... "Historians tell us the genuine interpretation of an Ecumenical Council's teaching usually at least takes sixty years to settle. This means we are now at the point of serenely and sanely understanding the authentic magisterium of Vatican Council II. And count on Weigel to provide an attractive and compelling synthesis of it." It's a challenging read, but one we all believe worthwhile.

As always, we extend an invitation to join us. The Book Club has been and will continue to be a rich and rewarding experience. Call Jeff Boughrum at 702.523.3270

JUSTICE & PEACE...WHY RAFAH?

Israel told fleeing Palestinians to escape to Rafah, Gaza's southernmost town. They shelter in densely packed tent camps, overflowing U.N. dwellings or crowded apartments. They depend on international aid for food. Their sanitation systems and medical facilities are crippled.

Now, Israel's determined to launch a ground offensive there, claiming Hamas has four battalions inside the city. But the plan has raised global alarm because of the potential harm to 1.4 million refugees.

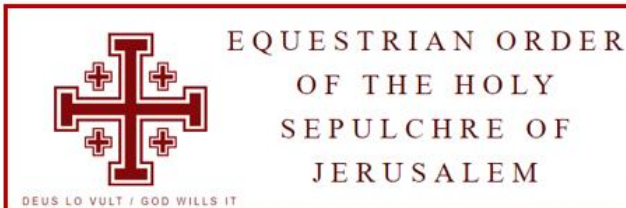
"We will enter Rafah because we have no other choice. We will destroy the Hamas battalions there, we will complete all the objectives of the war, including the return of all our hostages," Netanyahu said.

The U.S. urged Israel not to carry out the operation without a credible plan to evacuate more than 1 million civilians taking refuge in Rafah. Egypt sits just across Gaza's southern border from Rafah, and has said an Israeli military seizure of the border — which is supposed to be demilitarized — or any move to push Palestinians into Egypt would threaten its four-decade-old peace agreement with the Jewish state.

The U.N. Secretary-General renewed his warning that a military offensive in Rafah would be "an unbearable escalation, killing thousands more civilians and forcing hundreds of thousands to flee."

The question of attacking Rafah carries heavy political implications for Netanyahu. His government has been threatened with collapse if he doesn't go through with it...

~Sir Ray Murphy, KHS J&P Leader



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CLOSING WORDS FROM A MAN WE LOVE FROM THE HOLY LAND....

This month's closing is not from Joe/Connie but from one of our Living Stones we have known for over a decade. We asked our dear friend, Maher, to honor us with a few words on his amazing life...please pray for his family and all our living stones...

*Dear Joe,
 Hope you and Connie are doing well.
 I hope that my words are able to convey a short message about the situation in the Holy Land.
 Thank you and blessings for your care.....
 Maher.*



My name is Maher Nahhas. I was born in a little village called Tarshiha in western upper Galilee located five miles from the Lebanese border and about an hour north of the Sea of Galilee. So, I am a Galilean!

I'm married to Rania, an English teacher, we met in high school! We have two grown sons, twins, who are 22 years old, and who are currently studying at a university in Germany.

Here in our village of Tarshiha and throughout the Holy Land, we are facing a very tough and challenging period of time. The situation, after seven months of non-stop fighting, is becoming more complicated and unpredictable each day.

Up here, in the North, where I live, we hear bombing daily from both sides. Thousands of people have been evacuated from the villages and towns near the border. It is not unusual that I would be walking my dog, Bello (a golden retriever), and we would hear sirens and have to run back home to get into a shelter. Still life goes on, and we are able to practice our daily routine, meaning people go to work, schools are open, but everyone is just always living on the edge.

All the pilgrimage groups that I was supposed to guide have been cancelled until the end of 2025, and this is the situation for all of those who work in this ministry of pilgrimage. Our friends in Jerusalem and Bethlehem and the rest of the West Bank are facing an even more difficult reality. Please keep them, and us, in your prayers, as you Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre remain in ours.



In His Love, Grace, Peace, Joy and Service...Joe/Connie   