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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**



God is Good!

Welcome to our latest edition of “The Way” magazine! It’s been a year of returning to “back to normal” with many good things, some not. Through it all we know that God is Good. He is there for us, guiding us, holding us with His love.

Our Bishop’s Corner pays tribute to Bishop David O’Connell, KC\*HS. Bishop Dave was a guiding light to all, bringing peace and love, and instilling his love of Jesus and Mary in everything he did.

From our first Medical Mission to installing young adults into our Associates Program, it’s been exciting to see the growth in the Western Lieutenancy. In this issue, we’ve talked with some of our long time members. They have been a big part of our growth, answering the call to help our “living stones”.

The Annual Meeting in Los Angeles brought us together once again. There were many bright spots. Sir Dennis and Dame Susan DePietro share the highlights with us.

This edition also brings a focus on Eucharistic Revival, spotlighting members who work to strengthen our faith in this year of change.

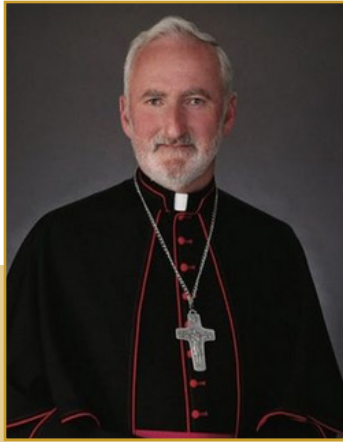
We are ordinary people, knights and dames of a great Order. We are called to do extraordinary things, or are we? Is it more a matter of living our life as God calls us to do? Our Holy Sepulchre members are a family. We bless those in need but in reality we are greatly blessed, if not more! I thank you for your support, the care and giving. We continue our ministry. And so, as we move forward, I ask that you open your hearts to God, walk with us as we continue our life journey in faithfulness and love.

God is Good!

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  
Western USA Lieutenancy

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# BISHOP'S Corner

written by Sir Michael Weinberg, KGCHS



## An Exhortation to Friendship with Our Lord Jesus, with Our Lady, and with all in Their Name:

*In memory of His Excellency,  
the most Reverend David Gerard O'Connell,  
Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles*

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

—W.B. Yeats (1865-1939)

On Friday, 3rd March 2023 was celebrated the Funeral Mass of His Excellency, the Most Reverend David Gerard O'Connell, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, Knight Commander with Star of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, at the archdiocesan Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, California, presided by His Excellency, the Most Reverend José Horacio Gómez Velasco, KC\*HS, Archbishop of Los Angeles, Grand Prior of the Western Lieutenancy, U.S.A. In the liturgy three cardinals concelebrated, Their Eminences Roger Cardinal Mahony, KGCHS, Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles, Blase Cardinal Cupich, KGCHS, Archbishop of Chicago,<sup>1</sup> Grand Prior of the North Central Lieutenancy, U.S.A., and Robert Cardinal McElroy, KGCHS, Bishop of San Diego, along with 34 bishops and around 600 priests, in the presence of almost 5,000 of the faithful,<sup>2</sup> including 50 Knights and Dames of the Order under the leadership of Her Excellency Dame Margaret Romano, DGCHS, current Lieutenant of the Western Lieutenancy, U.S.A., and His Excellency Sir Michael Feeley, KGCHS, seventh Lieutenant and Lieutenant of Honour of the Western Lieutenancy, U.S.A., and Member of the Grand Magisterium of the Order. All had gathered to mourn and to celebrate the life of the late bishop, who had been murdered in his residence in Hacienda Heights, Calif. on 18th February 2023.

The Funeral Mass was the last of three — the first having been a memorial Mass held at St John Vianney Church in Hacienda Heights on 1st March, and the second, a Vigil Mass on 2nd March at the archdiocesan cathedral, before which many Knights and Dames of the Order had stood watch as honour guards throughout the day in alternating shifts with the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Peter Claver, to all of which Orders the late bishop had belonged. His Holiness Pope Francis had sent a message of condolence, which Archbishop Gómez read to the faithful at the beginning of the Funeral Mass. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has posted a complete recording of the livestream of the Funeral Mass to its website, and all Knights and Dames are invited to view it as they should be able.

### Friendship with Bishop Dave

Perhaps this formal report, however, though in one sense appropriate, fails to describe who the late bishop really was in life. In fact, almost all knew him as “Bishop Dave”, and perhaps thus too we might aptly remember him. As those who knew him, aver, furthermore, Bishop Dave possessed so many praiseworthy and imitable qualities in abundance: he was welcoming, humble, humorous, approachable, and devout. To

*Bishop Dave  
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*Sir Dennis and Dame Susan De Pietro. Photo by Tony Amat*

# 2022 by Sir Dennis, KGCHS and Dame Susan De Pietro, DGCHS ANNUAL MEETING Western Lieutenancy

## UBI CARITAS

*Where charity and love are, there God is!*

**G**od, love and charity were all present and overflowing at our 2022 Annual Meeting held in Pasadena, California! It was a joy to welcome over 600 Order Clergy, Dames, Knights, Investees and guests to the “City of Roses”, a meeting filled with spiritual, musical, inspirational and joyful experiences. This Annual Meeting welcomed special VIP’s: H.E. Thomas Pogge, Vice Governor General for North America and his lovely wife, Dame Anne; H.E. Michael Scott Feeley, Delegate of the Grand Magisterium; and

H.E. Patrick Powers, Vice Governor General Emeritus for North America; H.E. José H. Gomez, our Grand Prior; and His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony, Grand Prior Emeritus and His Eminence Sir Robert Cardinal McElroy, twelve Bishops and many additional Monsignors, Priests and Deacons.

This year’s theme, Ubi Caritas, “where charity and love are, there God is” embraced every aspect of the retreats, Liturgies, reconciliations, education session and meetings! It was a time when we gathered together to re-dedicate our lives to our Mission, to worship, to join with friends, to listen, to learn and to experience the hospitality of the “Rose City”. There God is!

It was an honor for the Los Angeles Archdiocese Knights and Dames to provide the local activities that integrated so well with the Lieutenancy Liturgies, events and meetings. Our special thanks to our Lieutenant H.E. Margie Romano, Chancellor Sir Viktor Rzeteljski and the Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis with Sir Richard Herbst, Lay Master of Ceremonies & Liturgical Committee, Sir Raymond Nolte, Quartermaster, Dame Ann Dickson and Dame Sr. Lois Paha, Robers; the Lieutenancy Committee leaders, Sir James Drollinger,



*Music Director Steven Ottományi and ensemble providing music from our California Missions in the beautiful St. Andrews Catholic Church in Pasadena. Photo by Tony Amat.*

Liturgical Music, Sir Fred and Dame Pam Strasser, Volunteers, Dame Carol Page, Registration & Seating, Sir Brad Sharp, Marshalls, Sir Fred Strasser, Ushers, Sirs Drs. Jim and John Stewart and Dames Emma and Susan Stewart, Special Needs, Dame Denise Meraz and her committee, Publications; and our Executive Director Ms. Sarah Knob for an outstanding job!

Members and guests were graciously welcomed upon arrival to the historic Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, California by greeters Dame Laurie and Sir Hector Calderon Jr. and their team

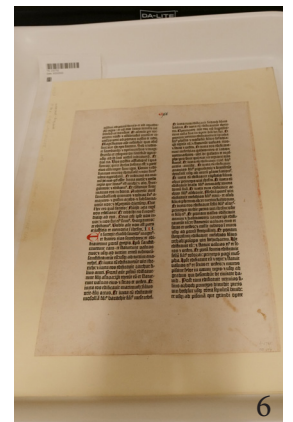
of volunteers who provided guidance, information, and directions to registration, buses, retreats and so much more. As attendees entered the hotel's breathtaking Viennese Room to register they were presented with Ubi Caritas hospitality bags filled with goodies and Order luggage tags prepared and distributed by Sir Peter and Dame Sharyn Godfrey and their team.

Thursday's One Enchanted Evening surpassed all expectations, providing a most memorable evening that began on the moonlit piazza of the historic St. Andrew Church in old Pasadena, with dinner prepared by celebrity chefs from the Border Grill with grace delivered by Parish Pastor, Reverend Marcos Gonzalez. Afterward attendees entered the Church regarded as one of the most beautiful and significant in Southern California. The program of magnificent Mission music was performed by the Chorus Angelorum and the California Mission Schola, an ensemble of singers and musicians under the direction of Music Director Steven Ottományi. Dame Rosa Cumare so expertly coordinated and produced the entire beautiful evening aided by her team, Dame Karen McClintock, Dame Marg Graf and

Dame Cathy Tosetti. Friday morning's Golf Tournament was held at the Brookside Golf Club in the shadow of the famous Rose Bowl. Designed by famed golf architect William P. Bell, the course is one of the oldest in Los Angeles County nestled in the Arroyo Seco just a chip shot from the famed Rose Bowl. Golfers were given special EOHSJ logo goodie bags complete with EOHSJ logo balls, tees and pens, provided breakfast followed by 18 holes of golf and a great lunch and an awards ceremony! Sir Tom Romano coordinated the arrangements, assisted by Sir Gary Fidone, Sir Peter Grange and Sir Pieter Scholte.

Also on Friday morning, over one hundred twenty members and guests enjoyed an excursion to the world-renowned Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens that provided an awe-inspiring experience of mankind's creativity and nature's beauty. The expansive grounds with private docent led tours included the charming Rose, serene Japanese, authentic Chinese, scholarly Shakespeare, and prickly Desert gardens. The handsomely furnished mansion's principal gallery contains

1. Rev. Preston Passos, Dame Maria and Sir Lance King, Sir Jim and Dame Kathy Krause. 2. Sir Jamal and Majida Shehadeh, Sir Jay and Dame Nelly Rabadi. 3. Dame Marg Graf, Dame Rosa Cumare, Dame Karen McClintock and Dame Cathy Tosetti. 4. The California Mission Schola. 5. The Maneen's lead in cheering for Las Vegas at Saturday's dinner. 6. A page from the Gutenberg Bible at the Huntington Library.





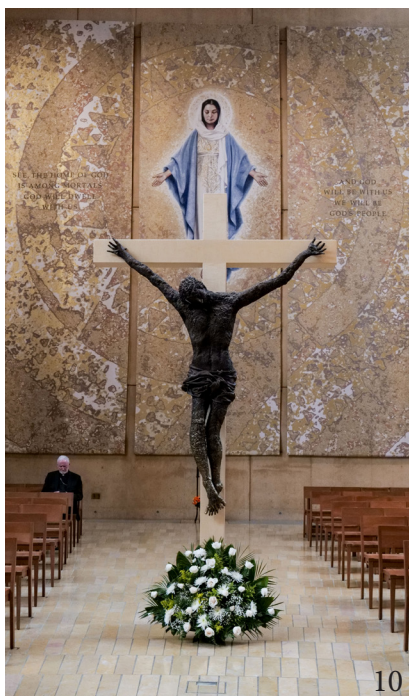
a magnificent collection of late 18th-early 19th century British portraits; and other galleries on the grounds feature excellent European and American paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts from the 15th through the 20th centuries. Included in the extensive Library's collections is a Gutenberg Bible that was introduced in private presentations by a specially arranged librarian. A superb gourmet box lunch followed with beverages to cool everyone on the warm afternoon. Dame Karen McClintock coordinated this lovely visit and tour! In the late afternoon, the Traveler's Mass was celebrated by Most Reverend Sir Kevin Vann, and then followed by a welcome greeting from H.E. Margie Romano to the Investees and Promotees. The Investees included sixteen Clergy, twenty-two men and twenty-nine women who then left for Holy Family Church in South Pasadena for their Investee Retreat lead by Reverend Sir Fred Adamson and Deacon Sir Ryan Adams. They were welcomed by Pastor Reverend Sir Albert Bahhuth and Dames Majida Shehadeh and Nelly Rabadi who coordinated a fabulous Mideastern supper for both the Investee and the Promotee retreats and were assisted by Sir Ben and Dame Fe Varquez and Dame Wynsdey Adams. The Promotee Retreat which included four Clergy Knights, forty-eight Knights and forty-two Dames was held at St. Andrew Church lead by Reverend Sir



7. Tour group at the Huntington Library. 8. Very Rev. Sir Rafael Partida, Sir Michael Rover, Dame Shannon Smith, Dame Shari London, and Sir Dennis London. 9. Sir Stephen and Dame Jennifer Rudnicki. All Photos by Tony Amat



Stephen Porter. They were welcomed by the Pastor Reverend Sir Marcos Gonzalez, and Sir Paul and Dame Nora Urea coordinated the retreat supper with Sir John and Dame Susan Stewart and Sir Jerry and Dame Nell Hackbarth. The All Member Retreat was held at the Langham Huntington Hotel and was led by Reverend Sir Dave Heney and assisted by Sir David and Dame Maria Fuhrman.



10. The altar at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. 11. The LA Marching Band performed Saturday evening. 12. Dame Maria King, Dame Elizabeth and Sir Jim Burgess (LA's new Area-Councillors), and Sir Lance King. 13. The Friday Promotee Retreat team! Dame Susan and Sir John Stewart,



Sir Paul and Dame Nora Urrea, St Andrew School Principal, Jae Kim and Dame Nell Hackbarth.



*Top Row: Most Rev. José H. Gomez, KC\*HS Archbishop of Los Angeles and Grand Prior of the Western Lieutenancy, H.E. Dame Margaret Romano, DGCHS Lieutenant, Western Lieutenancy, Sir Tom Romano, KGCHS, H.E. Thomas Pogge, KGCHS Vice Governor General for North America, and Dame Anne Pogge, DGCHS. Front Row: Sister Regina Marie Gorman, O.C.D., Rev. Sir Gregory Adolf, KCHS, Sister Mary Scholastica, O.C.D., and Dame Kathleen Lund, DCGHS. Photo by Tony Amat.*



Photo 1 & 2: Procession of The EOHSJ priests for the Investiture Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. 3. Top Row: Sir Terry Lamuraglia, Dame Judy Boughrum, Dame Margo Lamuraglia, Dame Van Dubë, Sir Richard Dubë, and Rev. Sir James Jankowski. Bottom Row: Sir Jeff Boughrum, Sir Tom Carroll, Dame Yolanda Carroll, Dame Tammy Rogers and Sir George Rogers. 4. H.E. Sir Tom Pogge, H.E. Dame Margaret Romano presenting the Gold Palm Award to H.E. Archbishop José H. Gomez.



As always, the Adoration Chapel was the special place to be with Our Lord. Dame Denise Meraz provided the local elements and literature aids and reflection materials that contributed to this place of prayer, refuge and meditation and also the adjoining room used as the place for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On Saturday, the Conferral of Promotions and Member Memorial Mass was held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, with Very Reverend Sir Marc Trudeau as the Principal Celebrant as we prayed for the souls of 35 deceased members and honored 94 Promotees. Upon returning to the hotel, members could visit the Ministry Fair, coordinated by Sir Laurin and Dame Sophia Rose Dodd and Sir Pieter Scholte; enjoyed lunch and socializing and attended the All Member meeting that was filled with information about the Order projects, membership, legacy and finances. The highlight was the awarding of the Archangel Awards to members who have made extraordinary contributions to the Order: Dame Jo Anne

Lazar, Los Angeles; Dame Linda and Sir Joseph Maneen, Las Vegas; Rev. Msgr. Theodore Olson, Orange; Dame Teresa Ornelas, Phoenix; Dame Carol Page, Los Angeles; Dame Gabriela Reitzell, Los Angeles; and Dame Kristine VanCleve, Los Angeles. Our congratulations to the awardees for the amazing contributions these members have made to our Order and the Holy Land!

On Saturday evening there was nothing like the excitement of the LA Marching Band to lead us into the International Ballroom decorated with balloon arches, pennants, balloons and pompoms from each area's major college football team and bring the house down with our cities' college team songs with a rousing rally led by head cheerleader, Sir Jim Burgess at Saturday night's Rocking Rosebowl with dance music by the Full Spectrum Band. Thanks to Sir Jim and Dame Elizabeth Burgess and Sir Lance and Dame Maria King for an outstanding evening of entertainment and enjoyment. Team pennants included!

*Right: H.E. Archbishop José H. Gomez invests two members to Knighthood at The Cathedral of Our Lady Queen of the Angels. All photos on this page are by Tony Amat.*

Sunday morning provided members with inspirational reflections “Celebrating Our Faith” by Sister Regina Marie Gorman OCD and Very Reverend Sir Thomas Enneking OSC as guest speakers followed by a delicious brunch at the Langham. On Sunday, the Order of Mass with Rite of Solemn Investiture was held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, with our Grand Prior H.E. Sir José H. Gomez as the Principal Celebrant, as we welcomed an impressive 67 new members to the mission of the Order. Mass was also attended by numerous guests of the Investees along with parishioners from local parishes that were invited to witness a solemn investiture ceremony complete with inspirational music themed to Ubi Caritas. Sunday evening brought the Legacy Reception and All Member Reception followed by the “white tie” Rose City Grand Ball, honoring our newest members.



highpoint of the evening was the awarding of the Gold Palm from Rome to our Grand Prior, H.E. José H. Gomez by H.E. Margie Romano and H.E. Thomas Pogge. An elegant filet mignon dinner was followed by dance music by Norm Roper and Splash. Dame Judy Brooks coordinated a most beautiful evening, assisted by Dames Hilary Crahan and Renee Valdes. Monday morning brought us to the final Traveler’s Mass celebrated by Rev Preston Passos. Prayers were offered for a safe journey home and strength to do the work at hand. After Mass, members prayed the Rosary, lead by Sir Stephen and Dame Kristin Luchetta, Diocese of Orange Area Councillors with Sir Dennis and Dame Susan De Pietro .



*The Most Reverend Sir Timothy Edward Freyer, KC\*HS of Orange followed by the late Most Reverend Sir David O’Connell, KC\*HS, processes into the Cathedral for the Investiture Mass.*

Members and guests entered the Langham’s International Ballroom set with stunning red roses and white orchids in reflective gold vases and began the Ball with the harmonious vocal strains from the St. Monica Academy Schola singing “Ave Maria” and leading us all in the “Star Spangled Banner”. H.E. Margie Romano raised a glass to toast our Pontiff, Pope Francis. The

Our special thanks to Marcy Hilecher and Eunice Yuh at Conference Direct, for their guidance, expertise and coordination with the hotel venue and also with transportation, helping to make sure that everyone got on the bus and brought to their locations. Our deepest gratitude to all the Los Angeles Archdiocese area coordinators, donors, underwriters, and volunteers for so generously giving of themselves for the work of the Order and the success of the 2022 Annual Meeting! We are so appreciative to those who were able to continue the work that was started in 2019 for the 2020 meeting that was postponed by the COVID pandemic. They are the “A team”!

**Where charity and love are,  
there God is.**

# THE WESTERN LIEUTENANCY

## Features beloved longtime members



**SIR GABRIEL FERRUCCI**  
*written by H.E. Margaret Romano*

**W**ith a desire to provide financial and moral support for the Christians in the Holy Land, Sir Gabriel and his late wife Dame Maria Ferrucci joined the Order in 2003. When asked what he likes about the Order today, he responded “I like the Mission of the Order, the organization structure, the dedication and humility of its members”.

Having gone on Pilgrimage twice, Sir Gabriel has also gone once as a guest of the Nuncio spending time in Jerusalem during Holy Week, processing from the Patriarchate to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for Easter Sunday Mass. What a special blessing to experience this!

Sir Gabriel also stated that he applauds the progress the Order is making, especially spiritually. He is appreciative of the Stations of the Cross organized by the Order. While he wishes he was able to be more active, he continues to be a great champion of Holy Sepulchre. Sir Gabriel, we are thankful to you for your support. You are a valued member of our Western Lieutenancy!



**DAME DIANNE WILSON**  
*written by Rosa Cumare*

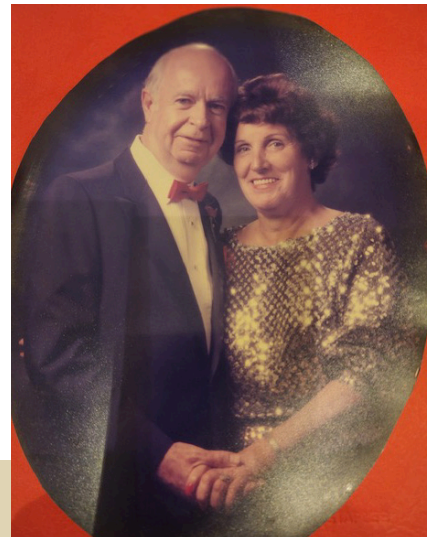
**F**or years, Dame Dianne Wilson has prayed the Stations of the Cross after weekday Holy Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Pasadena. That spiritual exercise connects her to the places she and her late husband, Sir John “Jack” Wilson, M.D. (d. 2003) visited on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land with the Order in the early 1990s. Both Dianne and Jack joined the Order in 1987 at a friend’s invitation, and friendship remains one of the features of Order membership Diane appreciates most. She has faithfully attended mid-year and annual meetings, special Order events, and has graciously hosted the San Gabriel Valley First Monday Rosary group several times in her family home.

Dianne met Jack at St. Louis University Medical School, when she was studying for her R.N. in pediatric nursing. Having experienced divorce in their families, they were both determined to create a stable Catholic household. A mother of six girls, all of whom have married in the Church, Diane is now the proud matriarch of a family of 60, including 3 great-grandchildren. Because life nowadays is so busy, she has not yet encouraged any of her family members to become a Dame or Knight, but she hopes at least one may join someday.

At age 90, Dianne doubts she will return to the Holy Land to visit the projects the Order supports. Therefore, she suggests that for members like herself the Order should consider offering virtual tours. She also proposes that the Order include the Surrender Novena among its prayers. The refrain of that novena beautifully captures Diane’s attitude towards life: “O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!”

**D**ame Margaret (Peg) and Sir Enda (Bob) Coyne met on May 2, 1956 at the United States AirForce Hospital at Keflavik Air Base, Iceland. By October 26, 1957, with Rev. Wm. V. O'Connor, S.J., Army Chaplain officiating, three military chaplains as a choir, four Catholic Boy Scouts as servers and numerous Army, Navy and Air Force military personnel who made the long trek through the lava fields present, they were married. Their family expanded to the adoption of three children: Maureen, Robert and Anna Marie. Today they are blessed with six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and one more boy due in April.

**Why did you join the Order?** “We have always been active in parish ministries everywhere we have lived during our 66 years of marriage, including Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans, Religious Education teachers, and R.C.I.A.” Bob and Peg always sought new ways to grow spiritually and to share their faith with others. They were involved with Cursillo and Marriage Encounter, Adult Faith Formation and Secular Carmelites. When they relocated to Cathedral City, California, they heard about the Order from members who encouraged them to look into it, suggesting they might be qualified candidates. “Finally when Bishop Gerry Barnes asked what we were waiting for, we were convinced to follow through on what sounded like a good offer.” Long time members including Mary Farrell and Virginia Zamboni, Anne and Joe Deluca, Joan and Dan Hauserman were “supporting cast members.” “As we looked into the mission of the Order and its extremely expansive efforts in supporting the



**ENDA AND MARGARET  
“BOB AND PEG” COYNE**  
*written by Ruby Simpson*

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**T**om and Connie Mazelin were invited to join the Order by their pastor, Father John Janze at St. Thomas More in Irvine, CA. No one could say no to Father Janze, who nominated more than 100 members to the Equestrian Order!

**Where is your heart in the Holy Land?** “Our hearts are especially with Hogar Nino Dios ministry in Bethlehem, where the devoted Sisters of the Incarnate Word work 24/7 to heal, educate and care for discarded children who are handicapped, poor, abandoned, often the victims of family abuse. We love the work the Order does with the Twelve Apostles and Pius X Schools in Jarqa, Jordan (Jarqa North and Jarqa South) and the Holy Child Program in Bethlehem.”

**What did you experience in your pilgrimage to the Holy Land?** “I believe the epitome of being Catholic is to visit the Holy Land. As Catholics, we read the Gospels. When we got there, it changed everything. Now reading the Gospels makes me shiver as I recall those places where Jesus ministered. It is especially gratifying to go as members of the Order, since we are invited to special places.”

**What do you envision for the future of the Equestrian Order?** “We are determined to see the Order grow and expand. We have greatly appreciated getting to know members of the Order, all of whom share our Catholic values.

**More about yourselves?** (Tom) “We met on a blind date at my cousin’s tavern in November of 1959. I invited her out several times after that first date, but she always had an excuse, usually that she had to go home to Chicago that weekend. It was January 31 before we got together again and by April we were engaged and have been married since August 19, 1961.”



**TOM & CONNIE MAZELIN**  
*written by Ruby Simpson*

MOST  
REVEREND ALBERTO ROJAS, KC\*HS

# Third Ordinary Bishop *of San Bernardino*



Bishop Rojas was born in Aguascalientes, Mexico, a small state in the central part of the country. He has three sisters and four brothers. His parents (now in Heaven), although very simple and humble, were very faithful Catholics, and thanks to them, he attended Catholic elementary school and high school. He heard the call to the priesthood in his early teens and after a mission experience with seminarians and priests during one Summer, he entered the Diocesan Seminary at the age of 15. Later, after college, he went to visit family members in the United States and decided to complete his seminary formation in Chicago where he entered the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and was able to earn a Master's Degree in Divinity. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago by Francis Cardinal George on May 24, 1997 at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

As a young priest, Bishop Rojas served as Associate Pastor of St. Gregory the Great parish and then St. Ita parish in Chicago. He was involved in many pastoral programs and doing ministry with people of all ages from many cultures was a great learning and joyful experience. In 2002, Cardinal George asked him to join the Faculty of the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary, where he served and taught Pastoral Theology and Human Formation for the next eight years. Then the Cardinal asked him to take a parish as a Pastor, which he enjoyed immensely, because as he says: "Becoming a parish priest was all I wanted to do with my life." However, soon after, Pope Benedict XVI named him an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago and was ordained by Cardinal George on August 10, 2011 at Holy Name Cathedral. Bishop Rojas says that, "becoming an auxiliary Bishop was the greatest shock of my life; I never saw it coming."

As an Auxiliary bishop under Cardinal George and Cardinal Cupich, Bishop Rojas served the Archdiocese of Chicago for eight years in two Vicariates. At the national level he was able to serve as a Spiritual Assessor for the National Catholic Association of Diocesan Directors for Hispanic Ministry (NACDDHM) for 6 years. In addition, he was invited to be the liaison Bishop between the National Catholic Conference of Bishops and the National Catholic Conference for Hispanic Ministry (NCCHM), where he is still serving.

Bishop Rojas has served on six committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops – Catholic Home Missions, Hispanic Affairs, Liturgy, the Church in Latin America, International Peace and Justice, and most recently, he is a member of the Committee on Native Americans. Also, he was the Lead Bishop for Region VII on the Fifth Encuentro National Process. On December 2, 2019, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, announced





Photo courtesy of the Diocese of San Bernardino

that Pope Francis had appointed Bishop Rojas as the Coadjutor Bishop of San Bernardino. Then, on December 28, 2020, Pope Francis announced that He accepted Bishop Gerald Barnes' retirement, and on the same day, Bishop Rojas became the Third Ordinary Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino. "I was surprised to have been sent so far away from Chicago and into a very large and super diverse Diocese such as San Bernardino. At the same time, despite my limitations, I am honored and blessed to be able to serve this beautiful and rich diversity of people from all cultures."

Reflecting on his journey as a Bishop at the time of his appointment as Coadjutor, Bishop Rojas stated, "Becoming a Bishop has been a powerful, humbling, and learning experience because I never thought I would be one. However, in serving the people of God along with my brother priests, religious sisters, parish leaders, other auxiliary bishops, Cardinals, lay ecclesial movements and lay people in general, I have become more aware of who we are as the Catholic Church of Jesus Christ, and I am happy and grateful to be able to serve. There is a beauty and a challenge in becoming a leader and part of the Church Jesus Christ founded once we understand the purpose of His mission which is the salvation of souls. But I also know that Jesus is in charge, that we bishops do not own the Church. Jesus is with us, and has given us the Holy Spirit to lead our steps along the way; because alone, we can do nothing." As his Episcopal Motto, Bishop Rojas chose, "God's Love is all we need" – (Nos basta el Amor de Dios). This was a lesson he learned from his family, especially from his mother who had a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of

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## KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE - INVESTEEES

2022

Sir Jose Acierto	Sir Thomas Grant	Sir Bernardo Ocampo
Most Reverend Ramon Bejarano	Deacon Steven Greco	Most Reverend David O'Connell†
Reverend Francois Beyrouiti	Reverend Monsignor James Halley	Sir John Pack
Reverend Monsignor Peter Bui	Sir Thomas Imbruglia	Reverend Preston Passos
Sir Phillip Caldera	Sir Michael Kenney	Sir Robert Pene
Sir Sergio Cardona	Sir Javier Lopez	Most Reverend Alberto Rojas
Reverend Angel Castro	Reverend Jose Magana	Reverend Daniel Rolland
Sir Rudolph Cavolina	Sir Manuel Mallannao	Sir Daniel Ryan
Reverend Patrick Crino	Reverend Joseph Masar	Sir Arturo Santoyo Medina
Sir David Dornak	Sir George Michalko	Sir Victor Siebeneck
Sir John Dube	Reverend John Muir	Sir Mark Vancleve
Sir Robert Ferrar	Sir Hung Nguyen	Sir Mark Wilson
Reverend William Goldin	Reverend Martin Nguyen	

## DAMES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE - INVESTEEES

2022

Dame Sephanie Barone	Dame Van Dube	Dame Lucila Mallannao
McKenny	Dame Clare Einsmann	Dame Nancy Michalko
Dame Mary Bernard	Dame Mary Ferrara	Dame Michelle Mitchell
Dame Carole Bowen	Dame Elsa Forez	Dame Pamela Ocampo
Dame Betty Boyd	Dame Josefina Frka	Dame Sharon Olson
Dame Darlene Boyd	Dame Mary Anne Greco	Dame Beverly Pack
Dame Celia Bremer	Dame Laura Hall	Dame Debra Pene
Dame Andree Caldera	Dame Vivian Imbruglia	Dame Ruth Robertson
Dame Jacki Curcio - Guinn	Dame Micaela le Blanc	Dame Melita Ryan
Dame Madalyn Dornak	Dame Diana Limon	Dame Angela Siebeneck

*We welcome our newest members!*

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PROMOTEEES!

2021

## PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF KNIGHT COMMANDER

Sir Desmond Armstrong	Sir Giuseppe Calderaro	Sir James Krause	Sir Joseph Page
Reverend John Assalone	Sir Jed Durban	Sir Joseph Maneen	Sir James Parish
Sir Faris Auro	Sir Hiram Fernandez	Sir Thomas McCloskey	Sir Justin Simonds
Sir Douglas Batezel	Sir Scott Fleckenstein	Sir Thomas McCormick	Sir Ronald Stevens
Sir Jeffrey Boughrum	Sir Ken Gallagher	Sir Franklin McKown	Sir Paul Tosetti
Sir Armand Brooks	Sir Louis Gardner	Sir Dennis Mulhaupt	Sir Paul Urrea
Sir Gennaro Buonocore	Sir Henry Korejwo	Reverend Robert Neske, Jr.	Sir Michael Weinberg
			Reverend Ron Zanoni

## PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF KNIGHT COMMANDER *WITH STAR*

Sir Frans Cipta	Sir John Haefer	Sir Mike Marum	Sir Anderson Shaw
Sir Thomas Condon	Sir Edward Hess	Sir Michael Molina	Sir Daniel Torrington
Sir James Garcia II	Sir Mike Kingman	Sir Alejandro Sanguinetti	Sir Robert Webb III

## PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF KNIGHT GRAND CROSS

Sir Philip Bevins	His Eminence Robert Cardinal McElroy
Sir Lauren Dodd	Sir John McMahon
Sir Richard Fuchs	Sir Renato Santos
Sir Daniel Grimm	Sir Henry Sarnoff
	Sir James Seaman

## PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF DAME COMMANDER

Dame Irma Alatorre	Dame Susan Durban	Dame Maria-Cruz Gray	Dame Linda Maneen
Dame Ann Armstrong	Dame Lynn Fernandez	Dame Norma Hidalgo del Rio	Dame Mary Lea O'Neil
Dame Carol Batezel	Dame Nicole Fleckenstein	Dame Kathy Krause	Dame Catherine Tosetti
Dame Judith Boughrum	Dame Leslie Gardner	Dame Jennifer Mallinger-McCormick	Dame Nora Urrea
			Dame Kristine VanCleve

## PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF DAME COMMANDER *WITH STAR*

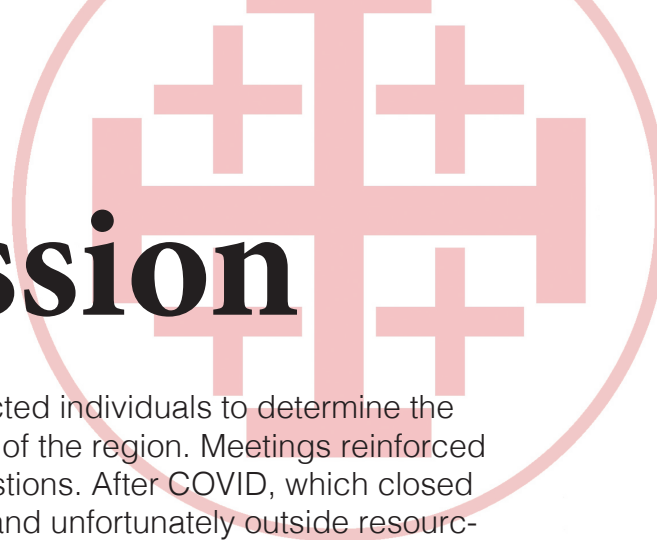
Dame Judith Brooks	Dame Louise Garia	Dame Ledyia Hess	Dame Audrey Shaw
Dame Anne Cipta	Dame Christina Giannantonio	Dame Jo Anne Lazar	Dame Patricia Torrington
Dame Vianney De La Pave-Haefer	Dame Susie Giannantonio	Dame Ana Victoria Sanguinetti	Dame Ivonne Webb
Dame Jeannette Duffield	Dame Rebecca Gutierrez		

## PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF DAME GRAND CROSS

Dame Marie Bevins	Dame Carolyn Leontos
Dame Sophia Rose Dodd	Dame Kathleen McCarthy Kostlan
Dame Miriam Greaney	Dame Vera McMahon
Dame Mary Ellen Griffin	Dame Gloria Santos
Dame Rose Grimm	Dame Maria Sarnoff
	Dame Madalyn Seaman

EOHSJ's *written by Sir Dan Miulli, KC\*HS*

# Medical Mission



Jesus protected the vulnerable, He cured the lame, and He elevated the desperate in the Holy Land. And yet, the place of His birth, the place of His ministry has seen a greater decrease of His followers than any other land, in any other time. An exploratory medical mission was conducted in the Holy Land from January 25, 2020 through February 2, 2020 in order to understand the highly political interaction between one of the most advanced healthcare systems in Israel, and the healthcare available in Bethlehem. In the place of our Lord's birth, the Christians who suffer extremely high unemployment cannot afford public healthcare through the national system and must rely on the charity and resources of the Latin Patriarchate and Franciscans' Custos. Our team from the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ), arranged with the Minister of Health in January 2020, a means to support and aid the well-developed public health, primary care, fee system through charitable care for those in most need, adjunctive specialty care in the medical centers, and wellness teaching in schools and social centers. The medical mission was discussed in person with and advocated by both the Latin Patriarch and Custos of the Holy Land. In addition, the nursing school from Bethlehem University, agreed to send nursing students to partner in the medical mission. We met with care needs. During

December many selected individuals to determine the true healthcare needs of the region. Meetings reinforced or prompted new questions. After COVID, which closed Bethlehem to visitors and unfortunately outside resources we planned to return with a large group of healthcare volunteers, travel to Bethlehem and the surrounding villages, bring primary care, advanced specialty care, and the knowledge of good health practices, but the political situation changed, and our next mission trip was pushed back to December 2022. However, with the assistance of our now great friends, the wonderful people from the Antonio Charitable Society, who worked diligently in 2020 and throughout the 2022 year, they set up further places to explore and determine the health



*Volunteers gather for training to provide medical services to the underserved in the Holy Land.*

2022 we once again partnered with Mariam Samara Awad, RN, EDU MSN, Dean of Nursing, Bethlehem University. There are students from nursing, social work, physical therapy, infectious disease, palliative care which we took along with us to teach wellness at many local schools and work in pop-up local clinics. We administered care to many patients each day and sought knowledge to provide future healthcare and resources. There is a true need for clinical teaching experience for all healthcare providers prior to their graduation from their professional school. The individual schools need more teachers, higher pay, places for research, and of course clinical sites to learn. Bethlehem University is so important because it provides individuals who are passionate to provide wellness and promotion of a healthy lifestyle. We



*Above: Medical Staff reading a CT scan of a child.*

*Left: FIAT (Faith in Action Today), Patriarchate, and Medical Mission Teams get together to finalize the project.*

*All three photos courtesy of Dame Denise Marie Scalzo., DGCHS*



met with Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Apostolic Administrator, Latin Patriarchate to understand his wishes for future healthcare. He believes there may be as much as 40% unemployed in Bethlehem. Due to these lacking resources, he would like us to develop clinics for the poor in Bethlehem and other places throughout Palestine, Lebanon, Cyprus, and Syria. The Latin Patriarchate plays a major role in the healthcare for all people in the Holy Land, they fund

medications for the poor and care of the poor who cannot afford public health, they set up schools and safe places for children and families, and they work with many non-government organizations to further Jesus' ministry. The largest cost is medication which they hope to buy at wholesale price thus reducing the cost to the Latin Patriarchate. There are many needs in which the EOHSJ can assist. Archbishop

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# AN INTERVIEW WITH *Written by Dame Ruby Simpson, DHS* H.E. MARGIE Romano DGCHS

*LIEUTENANT, WESTERN LIEUTENANCY*



*H.E. Margaret Romano, DGCHS.  
Photo by Tony Amat.*

She is Her Excellency Margaret Romano, Lieutenant and Dame Grand Cross of the Holy Sepulchre, but to most of us, she is Margie. Approachable, warm, gracious. She is an ordinary woman doing extraordinary things.

Asked what her Equestrian Order journey has been like, she responded that it was similar to her experience with marriage. “When Tom and I got married, we didn’t have any expectations. We let our marriage evolve. We have made so many great Catholic friends along the way and have always believed that because we have such a wonderful life, we need to give thanks and give back. Our faith has always been the center of our lives.

When we were nominated to the EOHSJ about 20 years ago, we were delighted, but wanted to wait until we could be invested at the Cathedral

of Our Lady of the Angels. We were deeply involved in the development of the Cathedral, especially my husband Tom, and it feels like home to us.” What called you to lead? “My leadership evolved gradually. As in my community involvement that began when my three girls were little, with Girl Scouts, PTO, and being a board member of Sacred Heart School, I have always believed in service. I have consistently prayed that God would guide me and give me wisdom. I want to go where He sends me. Early on, I was struck by the poverty Christians experience in the Holy Land.”

“The contributions the Order makes to the Holy Land have a ripple effect and do enormous good. I’m happy to be a part of that.”

*- Dame H.E. Margaret Romano, DGCHS*

Tell us about the spiritual content you have brought to the Order. “My favorites of the Corporal Works of Mercy are giving food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty, gifts of

hospitality. I have been heavily influenced by Tom’s Aunt Mene and Uncle Joe. Tom’s mom died far too young, at 46, so Mene and Joe were very special to us. Mene had a great devotion to Saint Rita, the patroness of impossible causes. We were members of St. Rita parish for a long time, too, hence my own devotion to her. And St. Michael the Archangel. I pray to him all the time for strength and wisdom. I want others to have the faith I have in my own life, faith given to me by Joe and Mene and my own parents, among many others. I know that strong faith is what makes prayerful people live joyous lives. The Advent and Lenten reflections, along with articles in our publications, written by our members both lay and clergy, help grow and strengthen the faith of our members.”

What makes you want to continue to lead? “More than anything else, it is the gratitude of our members, expressed in many ways and all the time. That gratitude really touches and encourages me. Our members have a great love for the Equestrian Order and its mission. We are all so blessed to be a part of it!”

# MEET OUR CHANCELLOR

# SIR VIKTOR Rzeteljski

Written by Dame Ruby Simpson, DHS

KCHS

**A**ccountants like Viktor, “numbers guys” do not generally spring to mind as being either funny or enthusiastic, but Viktor is both. Get him talking about the Equestrian Order and his enthusiasm is contagious. How have you grown spiritually since you joined the Equestrian Order? “The Equestrian Order is my first international experience with the Church. I have been involved with the Archdiocese, so I have always been aware of the fullness of Catholicism, but when I joined the Order, the experience was not exactly a surprise, but it was eye-opening. Mary Beth and I love to travel, especially in Europe. The great cathedrals first made me conscious of the universality of the Catholic Church. You can feel the history and impact the Church had, even where churches are now tragically empty. When we became members of the Order, we had great support from wonderful Catholic people and made our contributions, but I did not have a great longing to



*Sir Viktor Rzeteljski, KCHS. Photo by Tony Amat.*

visit the Holy Land. When I went on pilgrimage and walked in the footsteps of Jesus, however, the Bible, which I have reveled in since I was 15, came even more alive for me, being able to think about all the gospels, ‘I’ve been to those places!’

“The Holy Land work the Equestrian Order sustains, such as Hogar Nino Dios, which cares for desperately handicapped children and adults, receive our financial and spiritual support. I had heard about this ministry, but visiting the home, seeing the love lavished on these handicapped individuals by the nuns and volunteers brought home to me the imperative of the work we do. And that’s true of every program we support. Which is your favorite Corporal Work of Mercy? “I can’t nail it down to just one! I try to do all of them. Home Boy Industries, for instance, is like visiting the imprisoned, but it happens afterwards. These men have no idea how to adjust. We help them to get a GED, driver’s license and develop work skills. I also work through Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and

clothe the naked. In many of these cases, people keep falling down, going back to their mistakes, their old lives. We have to be patient, keep plowing ahead, not give up.

“As for burying the dead, I never attended many funerals until I became a member of the Order. I always treasure the solemnity and grace, the elegance of the rituals our Order brings to the families of a member who dies.

“Visiting the sick impacts my own life. Mary Beth’s brother and his wife, who have tragic health issues, are cared for by the blessed Sisters of Nazareth. We try to visit weekly, making the drive to San Diego, two hours down, two hours back. Covid made it awful because we could not even get near them.

“Sometimes doing these things feels like a sacrifice. I am forever being made aware, however, that I am getting back exponentially more than I am giving. It’s incredible.”

*- Sir Viktor Rzeteljski*

**Bishop Dave**  
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this end, Her Excellency Lieutenant Dame Margaret Romano and others who had the privilege of knowing him for many years offer us their reflections on friendship with him:

Bishop Dave had a warm smile that brought light to a room. One felt instantly at ease; there was no pretense. Bishop Dave cared deeply for everyone he met, and you knew that as soon as you met him. He was a humble man of great humor. He was noted for his jokes, but most importantly, he was known for his kindness to all and his great devotion to Jesus and Mary our Mother. His love of Jesus brought the desire to know Jesus better. He helped me to grow in my faith. I will always be thankful for the gift of his friendship.

—H.E. Margaret Romano, DGCHS,  
Lieutenant of the Western Lieutenancy, U.S.A.

Bishop Dave was my friend, but if you ever met Bishop Dave, then he was your friend too, for he had this great gift of making you feel like you were the most important person —that everything you said mattered, and it did matter to him. But more than being my friend, I know that I was his friend. I am a better man today because Bishop Dave was in my life, and I thank God for that. I will miss him, I will miss him dearly, but he will live in my heart until the day I die. I will carry the lessons he taught me, not by what he said but by how he was and by how he acted towards others. Bishop Dave, I know that you are in heaven today. Thank you for giving me the gift of your friendship; I only wish that we would have had more time. I pray that God will grant me the gift of seeing you again one day. Rest in peace, my friend. I LOVE YOU.

—Sir Pep Valdes, KC\*HS, Western Lieutenancy, U.S.A.

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*Bishop David O'Connell processes into the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at the Investiture Mass for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre's 2022 Annual Meeting held in Pasadena. Photo courtesy by Tony Amat.*

Bishop Dave was a man of peace, a man of prayer, and a man of God. But his amazing, consistent sense of humor should not be forgotten either. His many stories over the years helped to make our Catholic faith more approachable and accessible to countless people. Every story ended with a memorable line, ranging from “I was talking to the wine” to “What’s a novena?”. To this day, those stories continue to inspire happy memories! Bishop Dave, may you rest in peace.

—Rev. Brian Nunes, KCCHS,  
Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles





**Friendship with Our Lord, with Our Lady, and with all, high and low**

known David O'Connell. Many of you were too, were you not?

The homilist of the Funeral Mass was Bishop Dave's friend, Monsignor Jarlath Cunnane, Pastor of St Cornelius Church in Long Beach, Calif., who had known him since 1971 in seminary in Ireland; by the same approachable spirit, likewise, all know Monsignor as "Father Jay". For those who have not known either Bishop Dave or Father Jay, however, we may give credit to Father Jay's homily and its deeper portrait of Bishop Dave and, additionally, to the consequent action that Bishop-Dave both exemplified in his life and to which he could well have exhorted us now as Knights and Dames of the Order.

Quoting Yeats as in the epigraph herein, whence we also take inspiration, Fr Jay describes to us plainly one of Bishop Dave's greatest virtues, as many have just shared: friendship.

You're blessed if you have a soul-friend, and I was blessed to have had David. [...] But he wasn't just my good friend. Friendship is something he was good at. He was friends with young and old, with [those] far and wide — [...] people in Peru, in South Africa, of course in Ireland. He was friends up and down the social scale, at ease in the corridors of power and with the powerless —as I like to say, at ease with the movers and the shakers and also with the moved and the shaken. He was a friend, too, that was good: I was better for having

Fr Jay repeats, moreover, that Bishop Dave was "gripped by grace" and continues that, following many struggles, "through that awe-filled grace of God, David came to wisdom, no, more, to holiness". Were, therefore, those who knew him, thus following Yeats as Fr Jay's earlier quotation might suggest to us, part of the temporal glory of Bishop Dave —perhaps, dare we say, the visible testament of Bishop Dave's pursuit of holiness, which can be ultimately known only unto God? That is, in another sense, did our friendship with him improve us or him or both? The simple answer, borne of multitudinous experiences with him, whether recounted herein to fellow members of the Order or held in the silence of the hearts of so many countless more whom he knew and who knew him, could well suggest so. No matter who one was, so we derive from Fr Jay's assurances, Bishop Dave freely offered his friendship to all, whence we may also draw copious inspiration.

His friendship, moreover, had the remarkable quality of seeking one of the most important of causes in social life and one of the most important of facets of the human person, as Fr Jay reminds us also (and as should not be now unexpected), "He was a friend of souls. David did soul-work: he spoke to the soul, he healed souls, he brought peace to souls". For of course it is the soul, at once the site of

one's growth in holiness as well as the principal seat of one's individuality or identity, that is the most due destination of the friendship whereby, amongst so many other things, we feel loved, accompanied in our sundry struggles, and inspired to virtuous action. Truly thus, Bishop Dave was a great pastor, exercising and fulfilling well his care of souls, both broadly to many people and deeply to the great centre of inner life of each person as he knew them.

Such strenuous and continual efforts, of course, must have had a place of origin as well as of refreshment, which Fr Jay likewise elucidates:

But more than anything else and as a source of all that friendship, Bishop Dave was a friend of Jesus Christ and of Mary our Blessed Mother. He had a profound sense of prayer. He lived that "Breast-plate" so beautifully sung at the beginning of our liturgy today [...]. He lived that. Some of us live and have what we call a 'prayer life' —we go to prayer. For Dave, life was—, —especially in the recent years—, life *was* prayer. Life *was* in the presence of Christ, and that is what he shared. Yes, he helped the poor; yes, he fought for justice; but most of all, what he wanted to share was that encounter with Jesus Christ, that *relationship* with Jesus Christ.

Succinctly, then, prayer —and the friendship with Our Lord and with Our Lady His Blessed



*Bishop David O'Connell and his close friend Msgr Jarlath "Jay" Cunname during a visit to Glendalough, Ireland, in 2017. (Submitted photo).*

Mother which comes therewith—is, the continuously-flowing source of vigour for all manner of friendship with all around us. If we might draw inspiration from or imitate any example of Bishop Dave, this ought to give us so much therefor. Fr Jay continues by describing the fruit of such friendship with Our Lord and Our Lady:

By grace, always prayerful, he became a mystic, a practical mystic. In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that there are two moments, two ways in which He is always present to us. The Eucharist we know: "Take and eat; this is My Body". The other one, from the Gospel today [Mt 25:31-46]: "I was hungry, and you gave Me to eat." In the one, He is our Host, and we are His guests: "Take and eat; take and drink". In the other, He asks us to be *His* hosts, and He, our Guest: "You give me to eat; you give me to drink". David knew that, again in the words of Kavanagh, "In a crumb of bread the whole mystery is", but he also knew that in the stranger who walked by our side is the presence of Jesus Christ. [...]

[...] The Eucharistic community that Bishop Dave was committed to building up, the Eucharistic spirituality, was living the actions of Jesus, taking from God, giving thanks, breaking and sharing. He lived that way, receiving gratefully and sharing generously. He knew and loved the words of the Scripture but he also listened to the secret scripture of the poor. [...]

Here, then, we perceive **our first call to action** in imitative memory of Bishop Dave, both for the good of our own souls, and for the good of our Order: **prayer**. His Eminence the Grand Master Fernando Cardinal Filoni too, in his book *The House Was Filled with the Fragrance of the Perfume* (2020, 2021) reminds us of the primordial importance thereof:

Praying per se also belongs to the style and nature of our Order. Therefore, every Dame or Knight is well advised to learn to pray and to do so constantly. In fact, faith is expressed in prayer—not *our* faith, but that of Jesus, to which we are attached. Always in prayer we must also ask Him to allow us to unite with Him to address the Father together and obtain the gift of the Holy Spirit... (65, emphasis original)

Our friendship with Our Lord and with Our Lady nourished in a life of prayer, we shall find the **second call to action**, both in likeness to the deeds of our beloved Bishop Dave and in accordance with that to which our Grand Master instructs and exhorts us:

Adherence to the Order allows us to continue the same work of Mary of Bethany—that is, for us also to anoint the Body of Christ, which is the Church, in which Jesus now lives. I refer to the Church in its universal and local reality, but in particular as Members of the Order, to the Mother Church of all churches, that of Jerusalem with its faithful, pilgrims, refugees, and poor whom Jesus left to us—"The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me" [Jn 12:8]—in order to contribute in some way to the good and the religious and social peace that is so necessary in the Holy Land. Every Dame and every Knight, therefore, continues the same work of Mary of Bethany, taking to heart the Person of Jesus living in the Church. Knowing this Body of the Lord and taking care of it in its Members is the high privilege assumed by us in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. (16-17)

<sup>1</sup> His Eminence Cardinal Cupich and His Excellency Archbishop Gómez are two of the three episcopal consecrators of the late bishop (ibid.).

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ncronline.org/news/thousands-gather-funeral-mass-las-bishop-oconnell-recalled-soul-friend-all>.

The great privilege conferred to us Knights and Dames of the Order is, with a life that *is* prayer and the life of virtue that it brings, to serve the Church of Jerusalem particularly and all those who seek refuge with her. Bishop Dave's example ought therefore to be exceedingly instructive and inspirational to us: we need only begin to pray and **to act** howsoever we can in

For any doubt or trepidation that may threaten to dissuade or to distract us as we resolve thus to do, we may likewise take inspiration from Bishop Dave's episcopal, heraldic motto: *Jesus, I trust in You*. Additionally, Her Excellency Margaret Romano, exhorting us to love others, to live humbly, and to help others as we are able especially in remembrance of Bishop Dave, shares with us this prayer, which he wrote:



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Order, for in prayer and in the Eucharist, again, we receive from Christ our Host the nourishment and the strength to serve both the Church, especially of Jerusalem, and the same divine Guest our Lord in every human person made in His image. If only in his memory, therefore, go forth: pray, serve, and love.

*Jesus, I love You.  
 Jesus, come into my heart.  
 Jesus, forgive my sin.  
 Jesus, You are my life, my hope, my joy.  
 Jesus, be with me and guide me.  
 Jesus, help me.  
 I love you, Jesus.  
 Amen.*

Let us then go forth courageously, prayerfully, and with friendship toward all in the name of Our Lord and of Our Lady His Blessed Mother.

*Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine;  
 Et lux perpetua luceat ei. Amen.*

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<sup>3</sup>Patrick Kavanagh (1904-67), "The Great Hunger".

# A PEARL OF UGANDA

## A Story of Holy Innocents Children's Hospital



Author of *A Pearl of Uganda*, Sir Clay Hoffman, KCHS. (Submitted photo).

The Bible presents God as a God of miracles, and a group of faithful parishioners at San Diego's San Rafael Catholic Church witnessed His work first-hand. In 2007, they set the seemingly impossible goal of building the first children's hospital in faraway Uganda. Despite their considerable efforts, the project languished, until they made Saint Therese of Lisieux their patroness and began praying to the French Saint. God heard Saint Therese's prayers and countless donors and volunteers from the United States, Northern Ireland and Africa miraculously stepped forward

enabling the opening of the hospital just a few years later in Mbarara, Uganda. Several supporters of the hospital are Knights and Dames of the Western Lieutenancy, including two longtime members of the Board of Directors: Sir Monsignor Dennis Mikulanic, KCHS---the Pastor of San Rafael Parish---and Dame Patty Garczynski, DGCHS.

The miraculous narrative of the hospital is told in a new book from Tau Publishing, *A Pearl of Uganda: The Story of Holy Innocents Children's Hospital*, written by Sir Clay Hoffman, KCHS, of the Western Lieutenancy. Beginning with an outpatient clinic and three inpatient wards, the hospital has grown over the years to include a full staff of nurses and physicians, along with a wide range of medical services. Several new buildings have been added, including a department making it possible for the hospital to produce oxygen for its patients.

As fundraising continued, a Surgery Center with two modern operating suites was built. Designed by San Diego-based Engineers, it adhered to American building standards, as well as the American Disabilities Act, assuring access for individuals with physical handicaps. To guarantee sterile conditions,

Over 250,000  
children treated



# A PEARL OF UGANDA

*The Story of Holy Innocents Children's Hospital*

Clay T. Hoffman

expensive laminar flow equipment---the first of their kind in sub-Saharan Africa---was installed, with HEPA filters directing purified air from the ceiling onto the surgical field. The Surgery Center's first patients were six children stricken with cancer from a nearby refugee camp.

At its tenth anniversary in 2019, Holy Innocents Children's Hospital achieved the milestone of treating over 250,000 children, while saving the lives of a significant percentage of them. When Covid lockdowns occurred in 2020, and mortality rates skyrocketed across Sub-Saharan Africa, the hospital kept its doors open and continued serving the families of southwestern Uganda.

In these difficult times, *A Pearl of Uganda: The Story of Holy Innocents Children's Hospital* is an inspiring reminder that anything is possible through prayer and reliance on the Holy Spirit, and that God is working quietly in our lives to bring about results He desires. It is also hoped that readers will consider welcoming Saint Therese of Lisieux into their hearts through prayer. Available at [taupublishing.com](http://taupublishing.com), all proceeds from its sale will directly benefit the hospital.

*Above: The Cover of "A Pearl of Uganda, The Story of Holy Innocents Children's Hospital." Photo from Tau Publishing as a courtesy to the author.*

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Christians and the revered places in the Holy Land, we felt drawn to grow further in our faith and to share the basic of message of Jesus, to love as I have loved, to care for the Body of Christ!" They were invested in 2002 in what was the brand new Cathedral of the Angels in Los Angeles.

**What is one of your fondest memory of the Order?** "Joining Cardinal Roger Mahony and other priests on the Super Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November in 2009, where we felt humbled and gratified to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and his disciples. Sharing that journey with Cardinal Mahony, other priests and so many dedicated, serious Catholics, meeting local resident Christians witnessing their joy and outreach of good will and financial support was a most memorable WOW experience."

**What about today?** "We live in Gilbert, Arizona. While we no longer travel, we still participate in the Phoenix area events and continue to support the Order. The Order has enabled us to appreciate how seriously our Church considers the needs of the poor and victims of injustice, especially in the lands where Jesus walked." Bob and Peg are an example of the wonderful, caring people who live their faith in service to our Order!

# A PRIMER by Sir Michael Weinberg, KCHS on the Eucharist

**O**n the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, 2022 — the Feast of Corpus Christi—the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops began its three-year initiative, called the **National Eucharistic Revival**, “to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist” so that US Catholics may be “‘healed, converted, formed, and unified’ by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and...then sent out on mission ‘for the life of the world’”.

The Revival comprises three distinct phases and unites clergy, religious, and laity of every apostolate, movement, and charism, as well as age, location, and condition, that will respond to the call. Its first phase, intended for dioceses, is in fact more than half complete, with many regional conferences and other large gatherings already accomplished or soon to be held in diverse places across the country. The second phase, directed at the renewal of individual parishes, will commence on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 2023 and will promote catechetical study and fellowship groups, processions, and increased opportunities for adoration. A National Eucharistic Congress to be held as a pilgrimage to Indianapolis in July 2024 will inaugurate the final year, which will continue through Pentecost 2025 and culminate coincidentally with the Jubilee Year in 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope*.<sup>2</sup> Many online resources are already available: podcasts, guides for leaders of catechetical and fellowship groups, music for processions, a video library, and an index of

events throughout the country.

The origin and inspiration of this movement is a catechetical response of the USCCB, for in 2019 the Pew Research Center released a report that approximately only two-thirds (63%) of Catholics who attended Mass at least once a week believed in the Church’s teaching of transubstantiation, that is, that the presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and

substantial.<sup>3</sup> These three terms, of course, are understood in theologically and philosophically precise senses. In its Decree on the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Session 13) in 1551, the Council of Trent (1545-63) promulgated:

**Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly His body that He was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God,**

**and this holy council now again declares, that by the consecration of the bread and wine, there takes place a change of the whole substance of bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of wine into the substance of His blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly named transubstantiation. (DS 1642)**

It continues: “the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained” in the Eucharistic species (DS 1651). As His Eminence Avery Cardinal Dulles observes, simply “[r]epeated



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by many popes and official documents since that time, the teaching of Trent remains today as normative as ever. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* [1997] is content to quote it verbatim”.<sup>4</sup> Regarding these terms, briefly, Cardinal Dulles first explains that ‘true’ presence means that the Eucharist is not “a mere symbol or figure pointing from itself to a body that is absent, perhaps somewhere in the heavens”. (That is, the Eucharist is not a mere symbol.) ‘Real’ presence, second, is understood as

**ontological and objective. Ontological, because it takes place in the order of being; objective, because it does not depend on the thoughts or feelings of the minister or the communicants. The body and blood of Christ are present in the sacrament by reason of the promise of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, which are attached to the proper performance of the rite by a duly ordained minister.**

(That is, Christ’s Eucharistic presence exists and for reasons not contingent upon human imagination or perception.) Finally, of ‘substantial’, Cardinal Dulles states that the word “in common-sense usage denotes the basic reality of the thing, i.e., what it is in itself.” He elaborates:

**['Substance'] means what stands under the appearances, which can shift from one moment to the next while leaving the subject intact. Appearances can be deceptive. You might fail to recognize me when I put on a disguise or when I become seriously ill, but I do not cease to be the person that I was; my substance is unchanged. [...]**

**Substance, meaning what a thing is in itself, may be contrasted with function, which has reference to action, Christ is present by His dynamic power and action in all the sacraments, but in the Eucharist His presence is, in addition, substantial.**

The inculcation of this definition, most supposedly, underlies the Revival’s public objectives, which are



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four and cohere in a paradigm of conversion, formation (catechesis), and evangelism: first, “to provide a more profound encounter with Jesus Christ in the Sunday liturgy” as an occasion of unity with fellow Catholics, of personal healing, and of evangelistic courage; second, to bring about “personal conversions through the joyful discovery of a relationship with Christ” in the Eucharist; third, “to elevate the truth and practices of [the] Catholic faith through rediscovery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist”; and, fourth, to form missionary disciples who will go “to the margins of the Church and the world”.<sup>8</sup> Thus, with a deeper comprehension of Christ’s Eucharistic presence and devotion thereto, it is hoped, there will result a greater inward conversion and outward practice of evangelization in individuals and thereby general renewal in the life of the Church in the

#### Is the Eucharistic Revival relevant to the Knights and Dames of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre?

United States. All this presented, a natural question arises: what has this to do particularly with the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, apart from how it might apply personally to individual Knights and Dames and their own interests and pursuits? A consideration of the meditations of His Eminence the Grand

1 <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/mission-vision-and-timeline>.

2 Ibid. <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/faqs>,

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/National%20Eucharistic%20Congress%20November%20Plenary%20Presentation--Final%20with%20video.pdf>.

Master Fernando Cardinal Feloni, as in his recent volume *The House Was Filled with the Fragrance of the Perfume* (2020, 2021), may in fact elucidate this. Primordially, Cardinal Feloni observes the following:

What life projects, conviction, value systems, and choices are proper to a Knight or Dame of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem? [...] [I]t is appropriate to note that it is the Order itself that gives primary importance to the vocation to holiness of its Members and aspires to be an instrument of development and of deepening the spiritual progress of each and every person in the environment in which they live and practice their Faith. (6)

His Eminence continues by quoting Pope Francis's address to the *Consulta* in November 2018, which again directly addresses the value of belonging in the Order:

“[I]t is important not to forget that the principal aim of your Order lies in the spiritual growth of its members. Therefore, any success of your initiatives cannot be separate from appropriate religious formation programmes addressed to every Knight and every Dame, so that they may consolidate their own indispensable relationship with the Lord Jesus, especially...in furthering their knowledge of the doctrine of the Church.” (7)

He then further adds the pungent and stirring address, if only for its eloquence presented here more fully even at the risk of length or repetition, of Pope St Paul VI in 1964 on the public exemplarity that accompanies membership in the Order:

**“An institution like yours attracts the public's gaze and esteem for the two**

**aspects it clearly represents: the exterior, your uniforms, your insignia, your meetings; and the inner one, of your adhesion to the Faith and to Catholic life, indeed to the militia and service of the Church and the cause of Jesus Christ, especially in those Holy Places that were the humble and incomparable scene of the Gospel and are still the framework of facts and religious interests, to which the Holy See, and with it the whole Catholic world, always attach utmost importance. Therefore, one rule can be said to govern your own institution: correspondence, coherence, the mutual reflection of one aspect in the other. What use would the external signs of your Order be if they were not indicative of a sincere and lived profession of Catholic faith, both within the hearts and moral style that should mark the life of a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre? Are these insignia that declare your adherence to an elected and qualified militia of Christ not symbols, stimuli, bonds of your fidelity to his cause, of your exemplarity in the society in which you find yourself, of your rejection of inertia, passivity, fatigue in favor of active, generous, militant adhesion to the Holy Church? This is what it wants to be; this is how your belonging to the Order of the Holy Sepulchre should be.**

**“May your spirits be pervaded by this invigorating awareness, that you have truly realized in yourself the honor of belonging to it, and, by doing so, you also give the Order itself the best confirmation of its reason for existing, its vigorous fullness of discipline and activity, its highest level of merit and glory....” (85-87)**

Such words, especially those of Pope St Paul VI, seem to have no need of commentary or elucidation but rather to answer the question outright and definitively, if however by some general



derivation—that, whether a Knight or Dame or not, yet especially so if one is, a proper catechesis in the doctrine of the Eucharist and a cultivation of some devotion to the same are right and needful personal pursuits as both seed and fruit of striving for holiness. Succinctly and in sum, therefore, Knights and Dames ought to know and to understand to the best of their ability the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and, by their vocation to strive to lead exemplary lives as members of the Order, ought likewise to cultivate such Eucharistic devotions as may be natural and desirable to them.

### Encountering Christ in the Eucharist as on the Road to Emmaus

Nevertheless, prescriptions and exhortations, inasmuch as they are categorical imperatives, may still leave one unsatisfied or otherwise desirous of an unknown fulfillment or movement in the subjective, experiential sense of the spiritual life, which of course may be no less potent an impulse to our commitment to the Order and its charisms (and in fact, it may be the major part). For, after all, because it may be personal encounters that ordinarily move us most, any partial fulfillment that purely intellectual matters bring may be fully fleshed out by the engagement of the whole person in an encounter with Christ in the Eucharist. In this regard, the passage of Scripture often invoked is that of the narration of the two disciples and their encounter with the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus on that very first Easter Sunday, as recorded in St Luke's Gospel (24:13-35). It is replete, moreover, with Eucharistic import, as the following exegeses demonstrate.

In a practical, devotional sense, consider again the words of the Grand Master, which allude to this desired personal encounter:

**But there is yet another commitment that must be dear to the Members of the Order: the Eucharist. It is the most precious gift left by Jesus to His disciples, whom He asked to repeat it: "Do this in remembrance of me." In the**

**Sacrament of the Eucharist, *Mysterium fidei*, He placed Himself at the center, at the heart of the Church. (66)**

Just further on he states directly, "A Dame and a Knight should never neglect to participate in the Eucharist. There is no more perfect and elevated act of worship than this, and it is always an act of blessing and thanksgiving." (67) That is, the one whom we seek is indeed present in the Eucharist, as the Church faithfully teaches, and, as presented above, perhaps we need consider only the practical steps that we ought to take in order to bring ourselves thither and, therefore, to Him. For those, moreover, for whom frequent communion is already an established personal devotion, the Grand Master adduces Eucharistic adoration through the lens of the very charitable assistance that constitutes the other part of our vocation in the Order:

**We also like to think that in the adoration of the Eucharist, the gesture of Mary of Bethany, who, in humility and great affection, anointed the feet of the Lord, is prolonged, so to speak. This gesture was appreciated by the Lord in view of His death, just as a similar gesture, that of the woman forgiven in the house of Simon the Pharisee, had been appreciated. As gestures of love, they can no longer dissipate, and, indeed, they continue to perpetuate themselves in Eucharistic adoration, together with charity toward the poor, children, refugees, prisoners, marginalized people, suffering people: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me." The Eucharist and charity have become inseparable. (67-68)**

But, plainly, we might justly argue, what about those for whom these devotions are not customary, convenient, or perhaps even likely? What about, moreover, those of us Knights and

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# EOHSJ Annual Report

*What we do matters*

In 2022, thanks to your generosity, the Western Lieutenancy raised over \$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.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

Bethlehem University Foundation	
BU - Bishop Barnes Project	\$ 7,633
BU - Kicanas Endowment Fund	\$ 750
BU - Scholarship Program	\$ 6,000
Caritas Jerusalem	\$ 17,556
Carmel of the Holy Child	\$ 10,083
Creche	\$ 5,949
Davidson	\$ 200
Hogar Nino Dios Bethlehem	\$ 22,750
Holy Child Program	\$ 9,050
House of the Three Kings	\$ 71,410
LPJ Seminararians	\$ 72,500
Our Lady of Sorrows	\$ 6,050
Pro Terra Santa	\$ 860
Seminarian Pilgrimages	\$ 5,500
St. Vincent's Ain Karem	\$ 47,296
St. Yves Society, Catholic	\$ 1,000
To Be Designated by the Order	\$ 1,463
Zarqa Schools	\$ 14,203
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$300,253</b>

## CONTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Contributions	\$ 829,010
Special Projects	\$ 300,253
Promotee Honorarium	\$ 56,500
Investee Honorarium	\$ 89,500
Mass Card Stipends	\$ 5,275
Legacy Bequests	\$ 200,000
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,480,538</b>



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*to support the Holy Land*

**Bishop Alberto Rojas**  
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*On Sunday, Sept. 25, 2020, Bishop Rojas was invested into the EOHSJ during a Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles. He now carries the title Knight Commaner with a Star and, as clergy, is now a chaplain to the organization.*

Jesus and the Blessed Mother Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe. He shared, “My mother was a holy woman who kept a strong relationship with Christ Jesus every day. She remained in God’s love and shared it with everyone around her until she died. So, through my years of Seminary formation and my pastoral service as a priest, and now as a Bishop, I have become more convinced that there is nothing greater in this world than living in God’s Love.” For Bishop Rojas, this Love of God was obvious in the lives of saints he admires such as the Blessed Mother Mary and her husband St Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul the Apostle, St. John Chrysostom, St. John Paul II, Mother St. Theresa of Calcutta, St. Pedro Esqueda, San Juan Diego, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Albert the Great, Blessed Father Miguel Pro, St Oscar Romero, Cardinal Francis George, Bishop David O’Connell, Blessed Carlo Acutis, and many more.

Finally, as a new member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Bishop Rojas said, “I am humbled and grateful to be in a group of generous people who recognize God’s blessings for them and look for their spiritual growth by putting their faith into action through the practice of corporal works of mercy, especially through their generosity in supporting the sacred places in the Holy Land.” He is also grateful to them for all they do for the Diocese of San Bernardino. As he closed, he said:

“May God continue to pour  
his blessings upon you,  
and let us keep our prayers  
for one another.”

- Bishop Rojas

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN: *by Sir J Scott Scherer, KGCHS  
and Deacon Sir Ryan Adams, KCHS*

## – How Our Lady Queen of Palestine Mission CAME TO SUPPORT THE CRECHE

Outside the entrance to the Holy Family Children's Home in Bethlehem (aka, The Creche), I stopped to notice a lone olive tree, its branches forming a natural canopy over an engraved limestone marker, offering the tan toned stone leafy refuge from the elements on this rainy March afternoon.

"In Gratitude to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre Jerusalem." *Looks like the Knights and Dames from some other Lieutenancy already know about Holy Family,* I thought.



I'd come here to learn more about this home for abandoned children which, like the olive tree outside, offered its own canopy of refuge to infants and children who'd been abandoned along the West Bank's back alleyways. While our Lieutenancy did not currently support the Home, in the back of my mind I knew Deacon Sir Ryan and Dame Wynsdey Adams were drawn to supporting children's causes, so I had come to find out more.

The young Palestinian woman who opened the oversized wooden door showed me to a sitting area with a colorful woven rug lying beneath a glass coffee table displaying French language religious magazines. I studied the carpet's complex pattern through the glass top, then looked up to notice the posters hanging on the

walls were also in French. I remained standing while the Sister in charge was summoned.

Sister Elisabeth Noirot, a Daughter of Charity and then Director at The Creche, soon came into the room. My eyes met her soft gaze, a demure smile barely turning up the corners of her mouth. Her small hands gestured toward the sofa, showing me to sit.

Sister sat forward on the sofa cushion. Dressed in a blue and white habit and wearing an apron, she spoke only Arabic and French. Unfortunately, my French was limited to the vocabulary I'd picked up in Berlitz tapes in my early 20s while courting a woman in Paris. That was forty years ago. Since it was a holiday in the Holy Land today, the English-speaking staff was not around. Oh well.

Still, through my limited Italian and Spanish and French, abetted by hand gestures, we connected. Sister explained that adoption was not accepted in the Moslem community, so for this reason and others, children born into "difficult situations" were often left and abandoned. The Sisters offered these young ones a home, caring for them throughout their childhood. I conveyed to Sister Elisabeth how our Lieutenancy wanted to know more about her



work, to understand how we could help. After our introductory exchange, Sister came to her feet. Enough talk, time for my tour.

Infants and children at The Creche are housed in different rooms according to their age. As we entered the nursery, parallel rows of cribs greeted me, little balls of life curled up napping under the safe gaze of the staff. I started to count the cribs, then abruptly stopped. Why was I counting? To aggregate these tender souls into a sum for future reference just seemed wrong. So, I paused and breathed the warm air in this womb of care, wondering what the stories were sleeping inside each tiny dozing body: How did you get here? Who left you? Are they missing you? Do you miss them?

We moved to the next room housing napping toddlers on pint sized beds. I met the gaze of the tender eyed staff as I entered, local Palestinian women who devote their lives to the unwanted.

You know when you know in your bones something is right, and I knew before leaving the toddler's haven that I wanted our Lieutenancy to do something here. I knew in a couple of days, I would be seeing Deacon Ryan and Dame Wynsdey in Jericho, and I could not wait to tell them.

### **Deacon Ryan Adams picks up the Story from here**

This past March, my lovely wife Dame Wynsdey and I had the blessing of leading a pilgrimage with eighty wonderful pilgrims. The day we were in Jericho, we were all gathered together on the patio of an amazing Christian family-owned restaurant, and Sir Scott Scherer walked in to join us for lunch. He had just come from visiting Creche a couple of days before and he very excitedly told Wynsdey and me all about this wonderful orphanage for abandoned children. Wynsdey and I sat there listening to everything Scott shared with us, and at the same moment,

turned to each other and said,

**“This has to be our next beneficiary for Our Lady Queen of Palestine Mission.”**

*- Deacon Ryan and Dame Wynsdey Adams*



*Opposite page: The olive tree welcoming pilgrims into the home of the Holy Family Children's Home. The two photos of the "Creche" are by Samir Hazborn with permission from the Holy Family Children's Home in Bethlehem.*

As soon as we got back home, we started traveling to parishes in the Western Lieutenancy to raise awareness of this amazing orphanage and children's home. And as I type this, we are so excited to lead our next pilgrimage, in just a few months from now, where we will go and visit all these beautiful children of God.

Dames who are ourselves suffering, doubtful, or simply tired? There, precisely and for our hope, again with due recourse and reference to St Luke's Gospel, we find these meditations:

Nonetheless, [this Gospel passage] applies to every Dame and Knight who, in the journey of faith in Jesus, sometimes suffers moments of crisis and spiritual winter.

The Emmaus passage, therefore, is a distinctly catechetical one, seen "from the side" of the disciples and of every man and woman who intends to follow Christ. Thus, in this sense, it is an icon of our lives: the two disciples are we, and the road to the village (Emmaus) is our lives. The conversations represent our dialogue about the meaning of events, about our existence, and about our knowledge of and relationship with God. Their hopes are ours, their perplexities and human and spiritual expectations are ours, and the drama (the death of Christ) and the unpredictable (the Resurrection) are part of our experience. (46-47) [...]

[Jesus] is alive and accompanies us travelers. He makes Himself known in the signs of the spirit; He "warms" the heart, giving meaning to our questions; He "sits" at the table with us; He "takes" and "breaks" the bread of faith; He "pronounces" the blessing; He "gives us" the food of the sacraments, of forgiveness, and grace; and He allows our eyes slowly to "open." But we will not be able to recognize Him except in the humility and obedience of faith itself, in the footsteps of the poor, in the footprints of the marginalized and the victims of abuse and violence. (47-48)

This perhaps begins to approach our very human needs too—no different from those of whom we serve, of course—which we might be otherwise somewhat reluctant to acknowledge beyond an intimate circle of relationships and especially so in view of the (nonetheless justly) exalted descriptions and adurations incumbent upon our Order. If that be so, consider therefore also the traditionally esteemed commentary of Fr. Cornelius à Lapide, SJ (1567-1637), specifically on v.16:

Now there are several reasons why Christ appeared in another [unrecognizable] form to these disciples. [...]

3. "That the disciples might lay bare their sores (of their doubt and sadness) and receive a cure," says Theophylact. For if He had at once said that He was Christ, the disciples would not have dared to tell Him that they had been doubtful of His resurrection. (722-23)

Fr à Lapide continues, regarding v. 30:

And listen to S. Augustine (*serm. 140 de Temp.*). "Where did the Lord will to make Himself known? In the breaking of the bread. We are assured, then, in the breaking of bread that we, too, recognise the Lord. He did not will to be known except there, on account of us, who were not to see Him in the flesh, and who nevertheless are to eat His flesh."(729)

In that our Lord chose to make this one of His considerably few yet precious post-Resurrection appearances—one wherein he counseled those who were at once doubtful or simply confused about Him yet had known Him in the flesh, by patiently, mercifully, and generously explaining anew what they could perhaps have understood better than we today, and then broke bread with them, that is, graciously more than they might have thought to ask of Him, revealed Himself in the newly-instituted Eucharist—we can find

consolation that in His Eucharistic presence both then and now our felt needs can receive a remedy that at once heals us personally and, we believe as Knights and Dames, empowers us freshly to engage in our vocations in the Order. Once more, in Fr à Lapide's commentary (v. 31), we read:

See here the power and effect of the Eucharist. It opens and illumines the eyes of the mind to know Jesus and to enter into heavenly and divine mysteries. "For the Lord's flesh possesses a great and ineffable power," says Theophylact. Hence S. Augustine (*serm. 140 de Temp.*) says, "Whoever thou art, O thou believer, the breaking of bread consoles thee, the absence of the Lord is no absence. Have faith, and He whom thou seest not is with thee." (729)

So, yes, in a word, the Eucharistic Revival bears great relevance and import for the Knights and

Dames of the Order, for, beyond knowing (and by no means forgoing!) essential foundations in the doctrine of the Real Presence, the more we encounter Christ where He maximally has desired that we encounter Him—that is, in the Eucharist—the more we are healed, inspired, and empowered not only generally to lead exemplary lives as befits members of the Order but also to engage with the specific vocations to charity and service, especially to those in the Holy Land, as we have all solemnly undertaken.

What then shall we do? The practical steps of participation in the Eucharistic Revival, for its own sake, for personal devotion, and for greater fidelity to the Order, are, remarkably, coincidental. Inspired by the recommendations of Fr Juan Ochoa, Director of the Office for Divine Worship in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and Deacon Steve Greco, Founder and President of Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry, both of whom are much engaged in the work of the Eucharistic Revival, we may consider these as plenitudinous points of departure:



*Bishop Mark Trudeau celebrates Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles.  
Photo by Tony Amat.*

## Means of Participating in the Revival

Be faithful to attend Sunday Mass;  
Be faithful to go to confession when necessary;  
Add or increase personal and familial prayers;  
Attend daily Mass;  
Go to Eucharistic adoration;  
Participate in Eucharistic processions;  
Learn more about the faith —reading, listening, and participating in study and fellowship groups or individually (for example, the *Bible in a Year* or the *Catechism in a Year* programs);  
Learn more about the Revival, starting, for example, with its website and the materials available there;  
Attend regional or diocesan events of the Revival this year;  
Attend parochial events of the Revival following the Feast of Corpus Christi, 2023;  
Attend the National Congress in July 2024;  
Promote these events in your Area of the Lieutenancy, parish, and diocese;  
Invite Revival speakers to events (of your Area, parish, or diocese) or otherwise make Eucharistic devotion a principal theme;  
Become involved directly with the Revival as prayer partner, Eucharistic missionary, or other ministry leader (or recommend it to those whom it might interest);  
Share the faith that is strengthened through the Revival.

One does not and, indeed, perhaps ought not, do all of these things, for the intention, as the Revival itself states, is to renew the faith in Christ present in the Eucharist and all the good that may flow therefrom. Thus, howsoever a Knight or Dame participates is a good thing, and would certainly bring benefits to one's personal life, to

one's family and community, and, of especial consideration, to one's life in the Order. May we all, thus rightly also inspired by our vocation in the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, seek better and anew to behold our Lord in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

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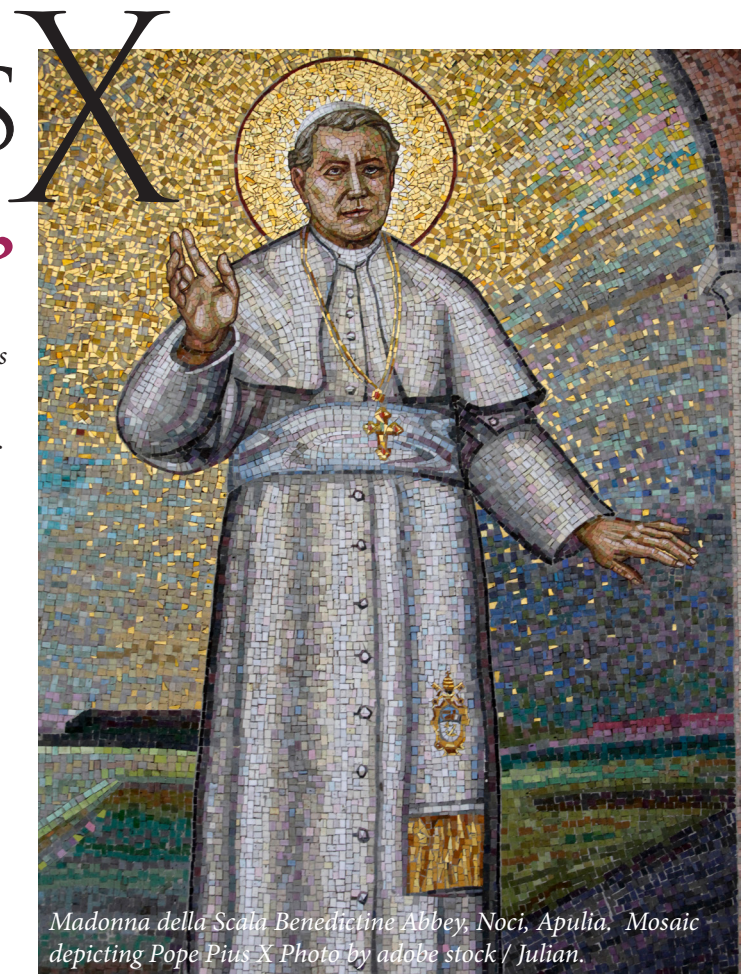
# POPE ST. PIUS X

## “Pope of the Blessed Sacrament”

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Pope St. Pius X is currently the only canonized saint who belonged to the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. He was Grand Master. In his Apostolic Letter “Quam Multa” dated October 13, 1908, he consolidated the position of the Order in the Holy Land and reserved for himself and his successors the office of Grand Master. He gave the Knights a place in the papal chapels and appointed the Latin Patriarch to be Rector and Perpetual Administrator of the Order. Giuseppe Sarto, the future Pope Pius X, was born on June 2, 1835, in the town of Riese, Venetia, Austrian Empire [which became Italy] and grew up in a poor family. He was the second of 10 children, and his parents nicknamed him “Bepi.” Despite the family’s poverty, his parents valued education and through hard work, he was able to obtain a scholarship to the seminary in Padua. On September 18, 1853, he was ordained and became a parish priest in the Italian region of Venetia where he served many years. In 1893, he became the cardinal and patriarch of Venice. Subsequently, after the death of Leo XIII, he was elected pope at 68 years of age and took the name of Pius X and his papal motto “to restore all things in Christ.”

Pope St. Pius X declared war on the heresy of Modernism in his encyclical, “Feeding the Lord’s Flock.” In the third paragraph, he writes that the Modernists “lay the ax not to the branches and shoots, but to the very root, that is, to the faith and its deepest fibers.” With the encyclical, he included a compulsory oath for all Catholic bishops, priests and teachers to reject Modernism and accept the magisterium of the Catholic Church. St. Pius X reformed seminaries by bringing back the study of St. Thomas Aquinas which emphasizes the joining of reason and revelation in scholasticism, the system of theology and philosophy based on Aristotelian logic and the writings of the early Church Fathers with a strong emphasis on tradition and dogma. He initiated what would become



Madonna della Scala Benedicline Abbey, Noci, Apulia. Mosaic depicting Pope Pius X Photo by adobe stock / Julian.

known as the “liturgical movement” with his 1903 document on sacred music which reformed and renewed sacred music. In it, he restated principles and standards handed down from the elders and wisely brought them together as the conditions of modern times demanded. Most notably, he earned the name “Pope of the Blessed Sacrament” for his reforms regarding the reception of Holy Communion which allowed children to receive their First Communion at age seven and for Catholics to receive Holy Communion weekly. Along with these reforms, he fought for the rights of the Catholic Church in modern society.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. He had foreseen the coming war and had said, “This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge.” He died just few weeks after the war began. His last will and testament bears this striking sentence: “I was born poor, I have lived in poverty, and I wish to die poor.” He died on August 20, 1914, and was canonized in 1954. His feast day is celebrated on August 21. He was one of the 20th century’s greatest popes.

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Pizzaballa deliberate and cautious plan is for Bethlehem to be self-sufficient in several years, providing medical care for all its citizens and to act as an influence for the other areas of the Holy Land. Previously, we met with the Custos of the Holy Land, Minister Provincial, Father Francesco Patton to discuss the Parishes, conditions, social needs, and need for healthcare in Palestine, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and Cyprus. He also believes there may be as much as 40% unemployment in Bethlehem and 80% unemployment in Gaza where we should consider opening future clinics because the unemployed cannot get healthcare, and there are no safety net hospitals. Like the Latin Patriarchate, the Franciscans constantly raise money to have surgeries performed at local hospitals. He stressed the need for education on preventive care and wellness care in the Custody Schools. We met with the guardian angels of Bethlehem, Vincenzo, Administrator of Antonio Charitable Society, and Social Workers who provide the resources, many times their own funding, for anyone who comes to them in the need of jobs, social care, prescriptions, and day care. They have 70-100



new applicants per month. The EOHSJ Medical Missions are events in which health-care providers team up with local individuals to provide daily energy, love, and caring for the most destitute fellow human. Our volunteers undergo stressful conditions for the joy and happiness of bringing sustainable healthcare to people who have even less. The EOHSJ understands that health is a basic human right that everyone should have in order to live life fully without the distracting need to treat one's disease. Health is accomplished with understanding and application of resources and methods, obtained through the individual's desire to be healthy and societal assistance, in order to prevent mental, physical, social, and spiritual deterioration. When health is maintained, the individual can be a productive and helpful member of society. Through organization and access to deliver sustainable health care and an environment of education, investigation, and quality improvement, healthcare can be developed and sustained for all. A successful medical mission is completely dependent upon providers that have passion, drive, and perseverance for its sustainability locally. The medical mission is successful when outside providers are no longer needed. It is not unheard of that the governing authority has a different perspective than the local authority or the local sponsor. Each opinion is important and must be accommodated to ensure success. At times there may be a political need that has to be met by the governing authority. Information about local health conditions may reflect a lack of information by authorities, and therefore refuted. At times the new information may result in a different perspective which may only be given to save face. This difference may impede the progress of the medical mission. However, there may be a compromise such as providing a medical need that the authority has identified, in addition to the plan of the medical mission and the local support person. The medical mission can only be successful if there is local support for its initiation and continuation. Local physicians, if available must not object to free clinics. If there are no local physicians, then



local officials must not object to foreign healthcare providers practicing. Local physicians may be threatened economically and professionally when other physicians provide care, even if local physician would never provide the care being offered. It is best to discuss medical missions with local physicians, as we have, and help develop the means for their participation whether in direct patient care, follow-up care or educating the local population. Local support from translators proficient in both languages is needed for successful patient communication. This will make a more pleasant experience for the patient and healthcare provider and will ensure that many patients are seen in a timely manner.

The use of medical and surgical residents, when available, from the nearest university, provides clinical experience and encourages future healthcare providers to come to the area. The medical mission is never intended to treat individuals and then leave without additional care.

Medications are always provided during a medical mission. The medications should be bought locally in order to further stimulate the economy and improve the environment. Therefore, sustainable supplies of medication must be developed.

Our dedicated providers wish to assist God's people, to provide the most basic of necessities, healthcare, so that those born in the sacred places could remain in their birthplace and rebuild the Christian community, this reinforces our order's primary mission to

support the Christian presence in the Holy Land. The goal of our team is to additionally provide all measures to maintain and improve the health of each person in conjunction with the wishes of the Latin Patriarch and Custos. The results of our first mission in January 2020, was set back by COVID, but permitted that foundational experience to quickly resume in December 2022, leading to discoveries of new people and resources seeking the same goal. Our 2022 visit set up places and new opportunities with Bethlehem University and the Antonio Charitable Society healthcare providers and staff to hold Spring and Fall primary care clinics for those most in need. It also provided the opportunity to the local healthcare providers to have new and unique clinical experiences to enhance their health-care acumen. The next steps will allow the establishment of specialty clinics in late 2023 with our current Holy Land partners at their facilities and the performance of much needed surgery soon after that. The EOHSJ has already provided healthcare to hundreds of people throughout the Holy Land, and with your time, talent, and treasure we will continue this goal to further our order's mission. If you are interested in being part of our dream to help improve the health of people in the Holy Land, please call Dame Sandy Miulli 951-776-2805. With the unity of Catholics from America and around the world, the charity from the EOHSJ, the defenders of God's people in the Holy Land, and the gifts of healthcare and health knowledge, there will be a chance, working with local Christians and organizations, to not only prevent Christians from leaving the Holy Land, but to once again return Christians to the land where Jesus protected the vulnerable, cured the lame, and elevated the desperate.

In preparation for future trips, if you are interested in being part of our dream to help improve the health of the people in the Holy Land,

**please call:  
Dame Sandy Miulli at 951-776-2805.**

# WHAT PRAYER CAN DO!

## When Pieter met Miriam



**Congratulations  
Pieter and Miriam!**

With the start of Covid, the Orange Area Council started a weekly Rosary on zoom. They are still meeting today. Members and non members, some from different states outside the Western Lieutenancy gather in prayer. After praying the rosary, they stayed online to chat and have become friends. Each week, Miriam Greaney of Orange was online. Pieter Scholte of Las Vegas was too. After 2 years of weekly prayer, they met in Los



Angeles at the Annual Meeting. Realizing that their strong faith was a bond that brought them together, Greaney and Scholte's relationship grew. With Knight Chaplain, Fr. John Assalone, KCHS presiding, Pieter and Miriam were married at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Las Vegas in February. When we pray, it's usually for the sick, for peace, for our Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land. "God always has a plan. This plan brought us great joy."

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**September 1, 2023 - September 16, 2023**  
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**October 30 - November 10, 2023**  
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**November 3 - November 17, 2023**  
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**February 24 - March 8, 2024**  
Spiritual Direction of Rev. Msgr. Peter Dai Bui, KHS  
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**March 10 - 24, 2024**  
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**May 13 - May 24, 2024**  
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**October 16 - October 31, 2024**  
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Bishop of San Bernardino, Alberto Rojas, KC\*HS  
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Registration opens July 20, 2023



**November 4 - November 15, 2024**  
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**May 6 - May 17, 2025**  
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Diocese of  
San Bernardino

**October 4 - 9**  
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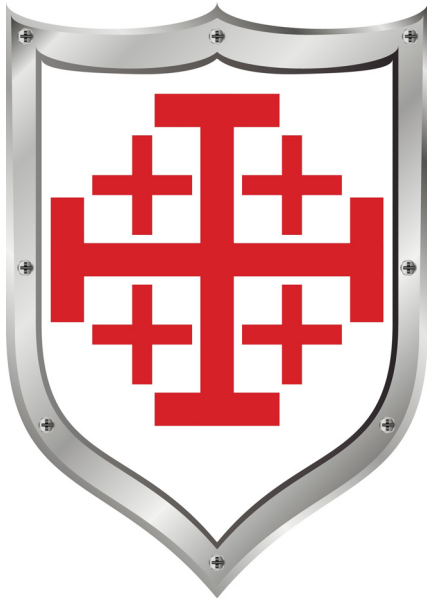


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