

Testimonies

Sponsoring a seminarian is not just paying for his scholarship, it is also a human relationship and a spiritual twinship, where prayer and friendship are important factors in the integral growth of the seminarian". Thank you!

Bishop William Shomali
Auxiliary Bishop to the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

The old vocation lived by the Christians in the first century, when the apostles collected the help from the people of Jerusalem. It is an old vocation which has a theological meaning, describing the love and the communication between the Christians. "Thank you for what you did, and for what you do, and for what you will do for our diocese (Beit Jala Seminary), may God bless you and your families."

Father Issa Hijazine
Former Beit Jala Seminarian (2005 - 2009)

"The Adopt-A-Seminarian Project, is more than important and vital for us, for many reasons, but the most important, that this project will link our seminarians with members of the most important Order which is aimed is to help the Holy Land, and the "Living Stones" of the Holy Land, the Christians, "This Project will encourage our seminarians in their way to priesthood, in spite of all the difficulties, knowing that they are not alone, that they are brothers and sisters who think about them, love them, and are concerned about their formation to be good priests, by making sacrifice on their daily live to pay the scholarities of a seminarian". Thank you Mr. Bill for this project. God Bless you.

Father Adib Zoomot
Former Rector, Beit Jala Seminary



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for information and hear their personal experience on the
Adopt-A-Seminarian Project by e-mailing
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ADOPT A SEMINARIAN



The Western Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of
the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem





Join Today
 Knight and Lady Members of the
 Western Lieutenancy of the
 Equestrian Order of the Holy
 Sepulchre of Jerusalem
 in supporting Christianity in the
 Holy Land by Adopting -A-Seminarian.



Background of the Latin Seminary
 In 1848 the Latin Patriarchy of Jerusalem was reestablished with Msgr. G. Valerga as Patriarch. In 1852 Msgr. Valerga founded the Latin Seminary in Beit Jala. The Seminary is the only Roman Catholic diocesan seminary in the Middle East. The Seminary is the central place where students from Jordan, Palestine and Israel are prepared to become priests. It is divided into a minor and a major seminary. The seminary generally houses 50 minor seminarians, ages 13-18, and 30 major seminarians, over 16 years old.

Background of the Adopt -A- Seminarian Project
 In 2005, the Justice and Peace Committee of the Western Lieutenancy decided to change focus from merely disseminating information about political unrest in the Holy Land to supporting actively the Ordination of young men into Roman Catholic Priests in cooperation with the Latin Patriarchate Seminary in Beit Jala, Palestine. The Adopt -A- Seminarian Project was approved by the Western Lieutenancy's Council in June, 2005 and as stated at the council meeting by Monsignor Sir Kevin Kostelnik "whenever we can put a face to a project, such as a seminarian, we are sponsoring a worthwhile project".



**The Object of the
 Adopt - A - Seminarian**
 Project is to incorporate the Order's
 Mission into a tangible plan through
 the active support of it's Knights and
 Ladies to develop new Priests to serve
 the Christians in Holy Land, thereby
 strengthening the Church's presence
 and the progagation of the Faith.

- The Highlights:**
- Share the experience of Priesthood vicariously
 Through your seminarian son
 - Fellowship and Bonding and the sense of joy
 developing a new Priest
 - Truly Promoting Peace and Justice in the
 the Holy Land



- The Benefits:**
- Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and
 Attending Your Seminarian's
 Ordination
 - Developing a personal relationship
 with a young Holy Land Christian
 - Adopting a truly grateful Son in
 the Holy Lands

**How Can I as a Knight or Lady get involved by supporting the
 Adopt-A-Seminarian**
 The entire cost for tuition, room, board and books is only \$5,000
 US per student per year, making it a wonderful project for the
 Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre. Consider support-
 ing a seminarian for one, two, three or all four years of the Major
 Seminary. We do offer fractional Adoptions in \$1,000 shares.

See www.eohsojwesternusa.org/Projects website for additional Latin
 Patriarchate Seminary information on donating to the
 Adopt-A-Seminarian Project on line

