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

Auxilary 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."

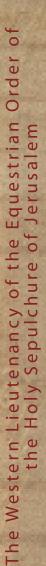
Father Issa Hijazine

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

Please Contact Sir Bill Green or Sir Mark Beery, mwbeery@gmail.com for information and hear their personal experience on the Adopt-A-Seminarian Project by e-mailing www.eohsojwesternusa.org





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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.

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 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

Background of the Latin Seminary In 1848 the Latin Partriarchy of Jerusalem was reestablished with Msgr. G. Valerga as Patriach. 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 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

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 supporting 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