

Summer School Program

A special project focus is to fully fund the Summer School program at both Zarqa North and Zarqa South schools. Each year, summer camps provide 600 Christian and Muslim boys and girls the opportunity to participate in sports, arts, drama, volunteer work, music, and catechism in a safe environment. (Local parks that we take for granted are very scarce in Zarqa). In honor of our late past Lieutenant, H.E. William H. Davidson, who had a special love for helping the Children of the Zarqa Schools, the Lieutenancy has established the Davidson Endowment to support the summer camps at the Zarqa.



The Western Lieutenancy has directly supported both schools since 2003. Our mission is to invest in the educational future of the Zarqa students by providing educational facilities, materials, and financial support for the students. The Lieutenancy has in the past provided: new computers, labs, library, repair and maintenance of infrastructure. Local area special projects have included purchase of backpacks, gym clothes, sweaters, coats and school supplies.

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Latin Patriarchate Schools Zarqa North and South



If you would like to contribute to the support of the Latin Patriarchate Schools Zarqa North and South **Please send contributions to:**

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"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

- Pope Francis I



The Latin Patriarchate has 44 schools spread across Jordan, Palestine and Israel. In these institutions, every effort is made to ensure that students develop in a healthy environment and receive a high-quality education teaching the values of the gospel. These schools are accessible to everyone, regardless of families' income. The poorest families are exempt from tuition fees. Supporting the education of future generations in the Holy Land has always been one of the major core missions of the Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

The Latin Patriarchate School Zarqa North Twelve Apostles Church

Zarqa, first established as a military base, was an important training area for the army. With the arrival of the military, many people came from the north of the country in search of employment and to start businesses. Over the years there has been immigration by refugees from other Arab countries into this mainly middle to low-income area.



The parish was established in 1956, with a small kindergarten. In 1963, a new church was built and the Kindergarten moved to a new building across the street. The present school buildings were enlarged by building three floors and further extensions were added between 1962 and 1970. With the construction of the new school, the original Kindergarten rooms became a room for parish meetings with two adjacent offices, and the first floor provided accommodation for priests. The present school building has twenty-three classrooms with a library and science laboratory, a computer laboratory and a room for music.

Population: 1,000,000
Christians: 21,000
Latin Christians: 6,000
LPJ School Students: 505

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Zarqa is a city in Jordan located northeast of Amman. After Amman and Irbid, it is the country's third largest city. Its name means "the blue one". Zarqa is Jordan's industrial center, home to over 50% of Jordanian factories. The city of Zarqa was established by immigrants from the Caspian Sea region at the beginning of the twentieth century, initially on the banks of the Zarqa River, the population grew steadily with the construction of the Hejaz railway by the Ottomans. The bases of the Jordanian army, formerly called the Arab Legion, were located in Zarqa.

The Latin Patriarchate School Zarqa South St. Pius X Church

Located in the south area of Zarqa, in the poorest part of the city, the schools' students come mostly from the surrounding refugee camps, which were well established before the parish in 1949. At first the school consisted of three classrooms divided by partitions, which were removed for the weekly Mass. The school was extended in 1979, and a multipurpose hall was built. In 1998, classrooms were constructed in the building's basement. This provided four rooms for the Kindergarten with a good outside play area, partially covered giving shelter in wet or extremely hot weather. After grade 9, the students go to government or private schools. In order to develop social skills, students take an active part in events and competitions with other schools in the city. Many activities are held in the parish, organized by the Parish Priest and Parish Council, such as Scout activities, youth movements, retreats, activity days, bazaars, parties and summer camps.

Population: 800,000
Christians: 30,000
Latin Christians: 15,000
LPJ School Students: 232