



*Latin Patriarchate
of Jerusalem*



INTRODUCTION

The Latin Patriarchate was established shortly after Jerusalem was captured by the Crusaders, which took place on July 15, 1099.

The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem (LPJ) was restored on July 23, 1847. Pastoral work was initiated in 1853, with Beit Jala as the first Patriarchate parish in Palestine. As soon as a parish was established, a school followed. Most of the Latin Patriarchate Schools in Palestine, Jordan and Israel were established in the nineteenth century, in the absence of state-established public schools. The schools were opened in communities that greatly suffered from poverty, ignorance, and poor health conditions during the Ottoman rule. They were extensions of the Church's spiritual effort.

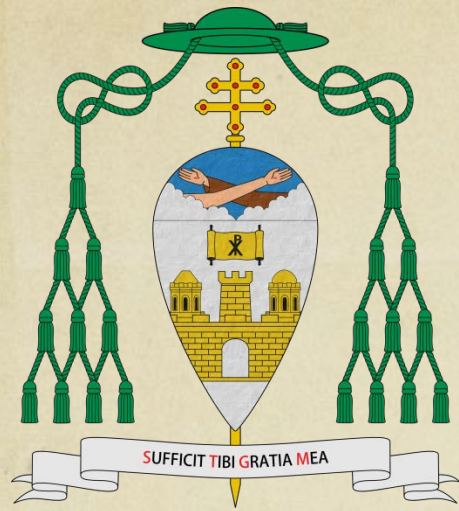
The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem has played a major role in the general growth of communities for the last decades. It has been a historical companion to the local community and has made efforts to alleviate the impact of adverse social and economic constraints. During the occupation, and particularly now, the Latin Patriarchate has invested tremendous efforts and resources in promoting spiritual support, education, social justice, economic development, and housing initiatives. It is the resolve of the Church to serve in the community and to ensure that the basic needs of the faithful are being met.



MISSION

The Latin Patriarchate seeks to improve the living conditions of the local communities by implementing several programs and initiatives that focus on the following:

- *Spiritual and pastoral ministries;*
- *Educational opportunities* throughout the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Israel, and Jordan;
- *Capacity building programs* through skills development training initiatives;
- Micro and macro enterprise *development programs* in agriculture, production, and business;
- *Community service centers*, orphanages, clinics, humanitarian and social supports;
- Development of *projects in infrastructure*, construction and affordable housing for Christian families;
- *Operation of three Ecclesiastical courts*, which process matrimonial and personal status cases (estates, wills, inheritance, etc.)



Apostolic Administrator

H.E. Archbishop
Pierbattista Pizzaballa



Fr. Pierbattista Pizzaballa was born on April 21, 1965 in Cologno al Serio in the province of Bergamo. He attended Secondary School at the Minor Seminary “Le Grazie” of Rimini. In 1984 he obtained his diploma in classical studies at the Archiepiscopal Seminary of Ferrara.

He received the Franciscan religious habit on in September 1984 in Ferrara and spent the year of novitiate at the Franciscan Shrine of La Verna. On 10 October 1989 he made his Solemn Profession in the Church of St. Anthony in Bologna. On 15 September 1990 he was ordained priest in the cathedral church of Bologna. From 2 July 1999 he formally entered in service to the Custody of the Holy Land.

He obtained a Licentiate Degree in Biblical Theology at the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum of Jerusalem. In 1995 he was responsible for the publication of the Roman Missal in Hebrew, and translated various liturgical texts in Hebrew for the Catholic Communities in Israel.

He was Vicar General of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem for the Hebrew-speaking Catholics in Israel. He was elected the Custos of the Holy Land three times from May 5, 2004 till May 20, 2016. On June 24, 2016, His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed the Very Reverend Pierbattista Pizzaballa, as Apostolic Administrator Sede Vacante of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, until the appointment of a new Patriarch.

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LATIN PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM

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JORDAN



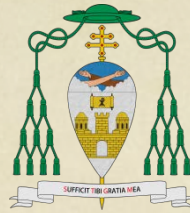
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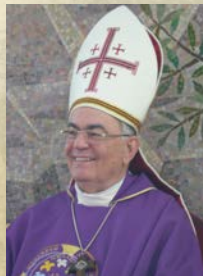


**APOSTOLIC
ADMINISTRATOR
H.E. ARCHBISHOP
PIERBATTISTA PIZZABALLA**



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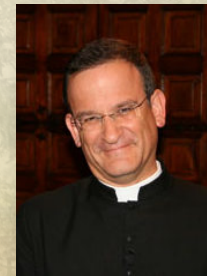
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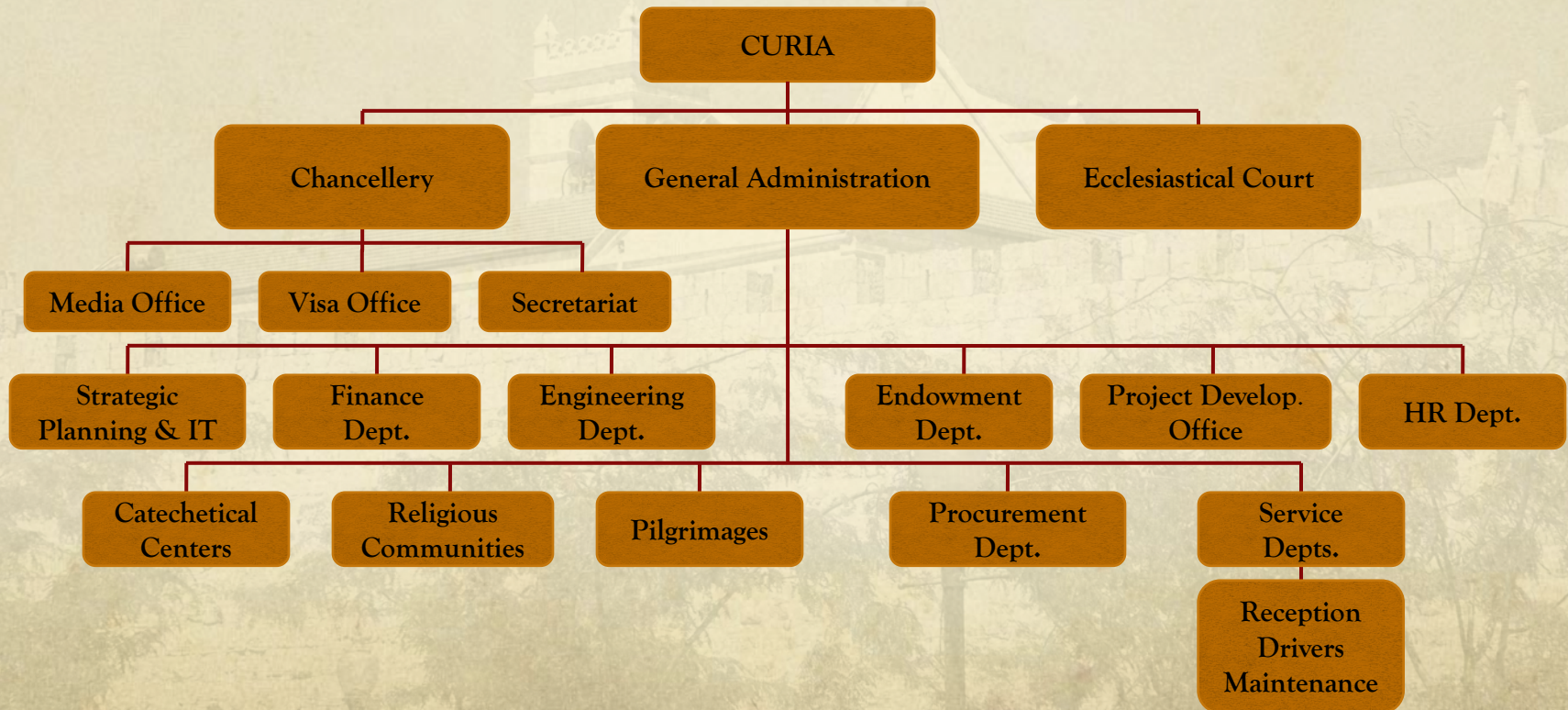
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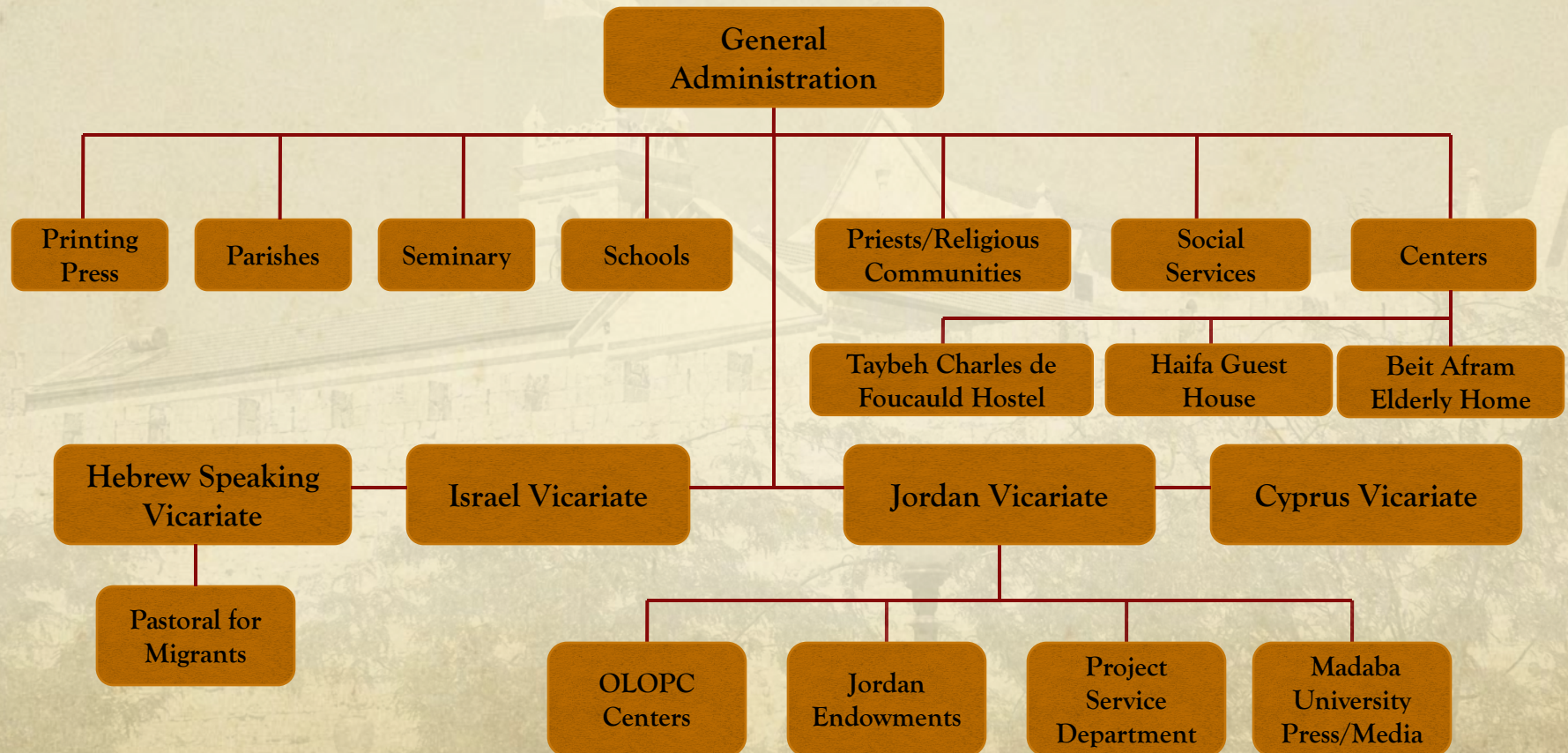
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INTERNAL STRUCTURE OF LATIN PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM



EXTERNAL STRUCTURE



MINISTRIES



SPIRITUAL



EDUCATION



HEALTH



LEGAL



DEVELOPMENT



YOUTH

SPIRITUAL



CATECHISM



RETREATS



LITURGICAL



PASTORAL



MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY

SCHOOLS



CENTERS

KINDERGARTENS

SEMINARY

HEALTH



ELDERLY CARE



HOSPITALS



ORPHANAGES



HUMANITARIAN
SOCIAL

YOUTH



FAMILIES



SCOUTS



JEC / JOC / JUC



ALTAR BOYS



CHOIRS

DEVELOPMENT



COMMUNICATION
MEDIA



HOUSING



PROPERTY



JOB CREATION



TRAINING



PROJECT & PLANNING



CONFERENCES



ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS



FAMILIES



RIGHTS

JERUSALEM



NAZARETH

JORDAN



INHERITANCE



JUSTICE



Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem Parishes

Jordan (33 Parishes)

- Aqaba
 - Kerak
 - Ader
 - Smakieyh
 - Madaba
 - Naour
 - Marj al-Hamam
 - Tla' al-A'li
 - Jubeha
 - Jabal Amman
 - Misdar
 - Hashimi
 - Marka
 - Fuheis
 - Rumeimin
 - Salt
 - Husson
- Shatana
 - Irbid
 - Ajloun
 - Anjarah
 - Al-Wahadneh
 - Sweifieh
 - Jabal Luweibdeh
 - Jabal Hussein
 - Safout
 - Rusaifeh
 - Zarqa South
 - Zarqa North
 - Our Lady of Peace Center
 - New Zerqa
 - Mafrag
 - Main

Palestine (12 Parishes)

- Beit Jala
- Beit Sahour
- Ramallah
- Ein 'Arik
- Taybeh
- Aboud
- Gaza
- Birzeit
- Jifna
- Jenin
- Zababdeh
- Rafidia

Israel (6 Parishes)

- Eilat
- Reneh
- Jaffa of Nazareth
- Rameh
- Shafa'amr
- Muqebleh

USA (3 Parishes)

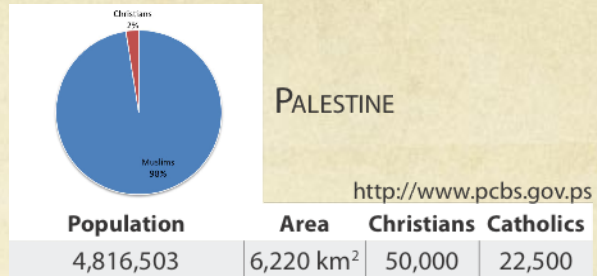
- San Francisco
- New York Yonkers
- Los Angeles

Cyprus (1 Parish)

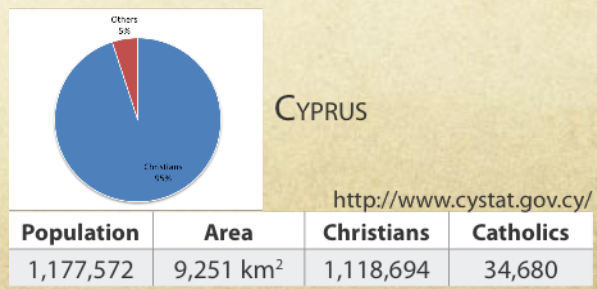
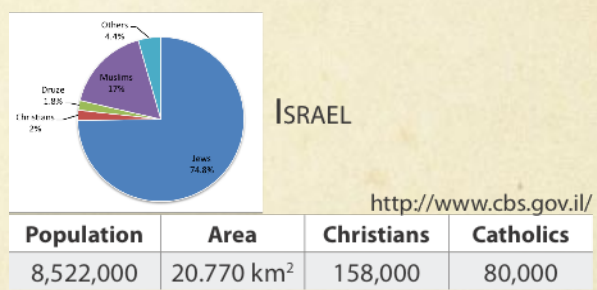
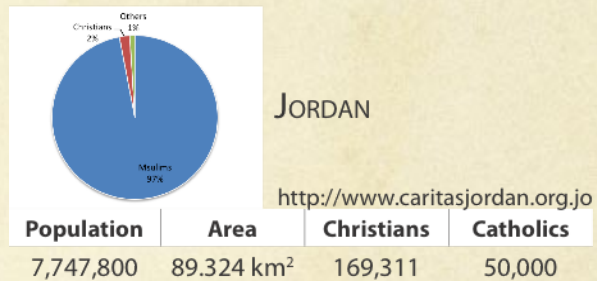
- Paphos

Total: 55 Parishes

DIOCESAN MAP & DEMOGRAPHICS



Gaza	1,881,135
West Bank	2,935,368



LPJ - DIOCESE INFORMATION

VICARIATES: 4

PARISHES: 55

Palestine: 12

Israel: 6

Jordan: 33

Cyprus: 1

USA: 3

SEMINARY

Priests: 5

Major Seminarians: 24

Minor Seminarians: 37

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF MADABA

Students: 1,694

Teachers/Employees: 239

Faculties: 7
Majors: 18

SCHOOLS: 40

KINDERGARTENS: 35

Schools

KG

Palestine:

13

12

Israel:

4

5

Jordan:

23

18

Total students:

19,000

Total teachers/employees:

1,584

APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR

PATRIARCHS: (2 Emeritus)

BISHOPS: 4 (2 Emeritus)

Palestine: (1 Emeritus)

Israel: 1

Jordan: 1 (1 Emeritus)

PRIESTS: 88

Palestine & Israel: 37

Jordan: 38

Cyprus: 2

Serving abroad: 11

EMPLOYEES:

Palestine & Israel: 95

Jordan: 53

RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS

Men: 32

Women: 73

GUEST HOUSES

Jerusalem: Knights Palace (rented)

Palestine: Pope Francis Youth Center
(under construction)

Israel: Haifa Guest House

HOUSING PROJECTS: 300 units

Jerusalem:

104 units

Bethlehem:

64 units

Ramallah:

52 units

Beit Jala:

24 units

Nazareth:

56 units

Total beneficiaries:

1,250

CENTERS/HOMES - ELDERLY & CHILDREN CARE

Palestine: Taybeh
Elderly Home

Jordan: OLOPC Centers
Anjara Orphanage

Cyprus: Archangel Michael Hospice

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES - HOLY LAND

Serving about 150,000 faithful

Representing less than: 2% in Palestine/Israel, 3%
in Jordan and 1% in Jerusalem.

MAIN BENEFACTORS & SUPPORTERS

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of
Jerusalem - Catholic & Christian Institutions -
Governments & Agencies - Private Donors &
Institutions - NGOs & Relief Agencies.



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Master Plan - Convent Complex in
Jaffa of Nazareth

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