



CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF

FAITH IN ACTION
RECOMMENDED PROGRAMS

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Help save persecuted and at-risk Christians facing persecution all over the world, particularly in the Middle East.

For the first 1000 years after Christ, Christianity was primarily a Middle East Religion.

“We must not resign ourselves to thinking of a Middle East without Christians, who for 2000 years have confessed the name of Jesus.”
– Holy Father Pope Francis



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INITIATIVES TO HELP SAVE PERSECUTED AND AT RISK CHRISTIANS

Supreme Adopted a Resolution For Solidarity with Persecuted and At-risk Christians

Jerusalem Students

Rosary Sisters Hospital

Food for Syria

Food for Caritas Lebanon

I am Iraqi I am Christian

Support Holy Land

Haiti Earthquake



Orphans for Jesus

Holy Land Handicrafts

KOFC Olive Wood Rosary

Churches for Jesus

St. Anne 's Patriarchal
Seminary

Mass Intention for
healing



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Vivat Iesus

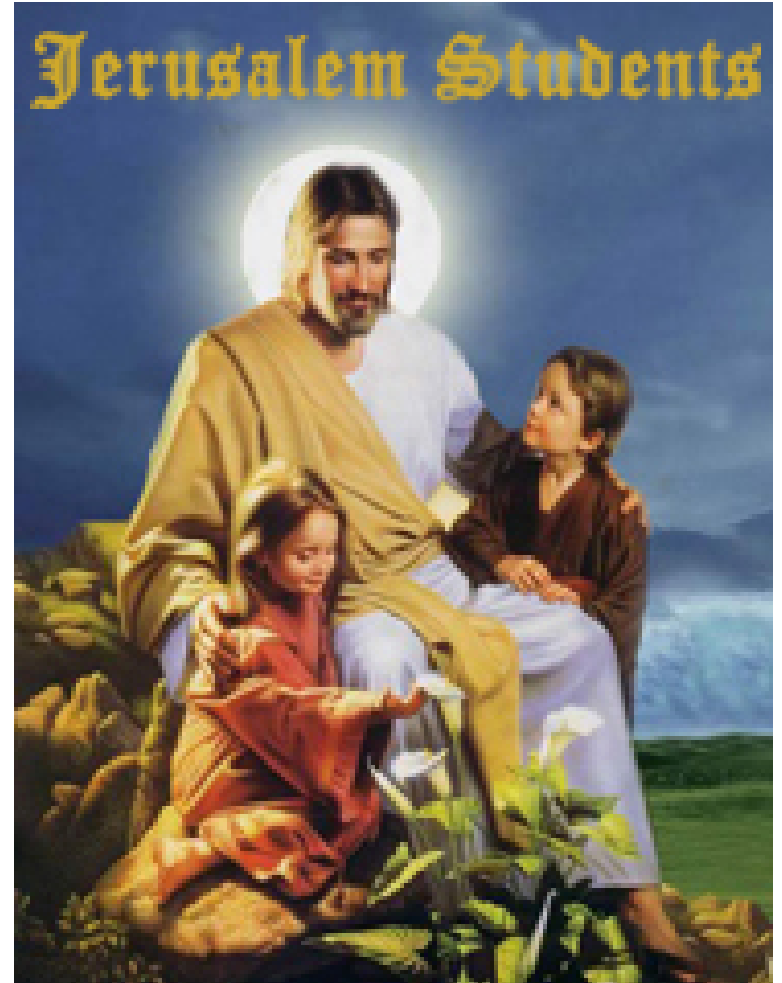
HELP HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS



On August 14, 2021, Haiti was hit by a magnitude 7.2 earthquake. Over two thousand people have died with many still missing. Thousands have been injured and close to 30,000 families are homeless. Haiti and its people need the Knights of Columbus help. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said: *"Our prayers are with our neighbors in Haiti as they recover from yet another tragedy and seek once again to rebuild. Just as we reached out to provide aid following the 2010 earthquake, the Knights of Columbus will again reach out in charity to help our neighbors in need in Haiti."*

To sponsor the education scholarship of needy Christian students suffering from economic and other difficulties in the Holy Land. This will lay the foundation for successful Christian families that will grow to populate the area, thus strengthening the alarmingly diminishing Christian presence.

Less than 2% down from 12% in 1920 –
80 students under scholarship–
35 students graduated and joined universities–
Very affordable \$21 per month \$250 per year
to share a student scholarship–



ORPHANS FOR JESUS



Our Lord Jesus is the father of the orphans, and the Knights are chosen to take care of the fatherless. This new initiative features orphanages in Lebanon, in the Holy Land, and in Syria. This initiative will make it easy for councils and parishioners to help orphans. Included already in the program are the following orphanages: Foyer de la Providence (South Lebanon), Home of Peace 3 homes in the (Holy Land), Jabboule Orphanage (North Lebanon), Foyer De L'AMITIE Dar Sadaka in Zahle (Lebanon), Allepine Sisters in Aleppo Syria.

FOOD FOR LEBANON



There are no FOOD BANKS in Lebanon. So, this project supports providing food for Lebanese Christian families who are passing through very difficult times and hardly able to get food for their children. The economy & currency of the Lebanon have collapsed to unprecedented levels.

SUPPORT THE HOLY LAND



This is an Ontario State resolution that was voted unanimously to support the Holy Land which I presented in 2016. The summary is that: as the Holy Land is where our Lord Savior Jesus Christ was born, preached, crucified and rose from the dead and also where the Apostles walked and preached, therefore Ontario State Council encourages all Ontario Knights of Columbus councils to annually support through prayer and financial assistance, various Holy Land Churches, charitable organizations, orphanages, and initiatives dedicated to benefiting the Holy Land. After 4 years, let us start making an effort to put this Holy Land Resolution into action. Once a year make a donation to the Holy Land otherwise it is going to become museums of Christianity without any Christians around.

FOOD FOR SYRIA

Syria is the land of the first Christians as it is in Antioch where the followers of Jesus were called Christians for the first time. The project supports food, medicines, and education for Christian Syrian refugees in Syria and Lebanon. The Syrian Christians are living below the poverty line as both their economy and currency have collapsed.



foodforsyria.org

ST ANNE'S PATRIARCHAL SEMINARY



The Seminary has been providing priestly formation for the Catholic Church for the whole Middle East since 1886 and is currently facing financial difficulties because of the ongoing war in Syria and the collapsing economy in Lebanon and Syria. The Seminary counts essentially on contributions from the Bishops. Because the Syrian Pound and the Lebanese pound have lost their value, the contributions became almost worthless. This has left the Seminary with a dangerous deficiency in its budget.

REBUILD ROSARY SISTERS HOSPITAL



The massive explosion on August 4, 2020, resulted in devastating destruction to the city of Beirut and its port and the main Christian area displacing 300,000 people. The Rosary Sisters Hospital was severely affected due to its immediate proximity to the Beirut port (less than 500 meters). The hospital operates under the guidance of the Holy See in Rome, and its funding has always been dependent on donors and charitable organizations. Rebuilding this very vital healthcare institution in this very critical time, requires the Knights of Columbus help.

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Do not let this be the last chapter of Christianity in Iraq. The Iraqi Christians are one of the oldest Christian communities in the world. This project is dedicated to providing water, food, medicine, shelter (rebuilding of Karamles, a Supreme project) for the returning Iraqi Christian refugees of Nineveh plain, where ISIS devastated the area. A project just implemented provided 80 wheelchairs for the disabled and elderly Syriac & Chaldean Christian. A new initiative that needs your support is to supply Blood Pressure and Diabetes medication for the chronically ill in the same area.

HOLYLAND HANDICRAFTS



Encourage the local Christian handicraft industry, to fight the effects of economic difficulty. Import olive wood Christian handicrafts (500 items to choose from) from Bethlehem in the Holy Land for resale, to raise funds for councils or parishes. This encourages local Christian craftsmen/women. Choose to donate 50% of profits towards rebuilding a church in Canada 50% towards a legitimate project in Bethlehem, Holy Land.

BETHLEHEM OLIVE WOOD ROSARY

By encouraging the local Christian handicraft industry, we fight the effects of economic persecution. Order the first Knights of Columbus olive wood rosary. Sold at \$5 to councils who in turn resell at \$10 in council or parish, to raise funds for their council or for helping Middle East Christians.

The rosary is lasered with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on one side, and the Knights of Columbus logo on the other.



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Refugees are more encouraged to return when their church is restored. During the Middle East ISIS devastation, many churches were specifically destroyed to eradicate Christianity. This project is dedicated to restoring churches where Jesus Christ walked and preached and where Christianity was born. The restoration is one church at a time. The faithful do not want to donate to general accounts only but to a specific project of a church being renovated and restored from Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Sudan, Holy Land or anywhere in the world.

OFFER MASS INTENTIONS IN HOLY LAND



The power of Mass Intentions

Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life” the Mass possess a power that our personal prayers do not.



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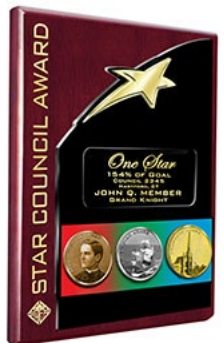
FAITH IN ACTION RECOMMENDED PROGRAMS

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I encourage all councils to participate in the above programs, directed to helping AT RISK Christians. This will also qualify the council as having completed various categories towards achieving your COLUMBIAN or STAR status.



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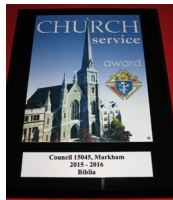
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Best Overall Community Award 2019



Best Overall Church Award 2016



International Supreme Council Youth Service Award 2013