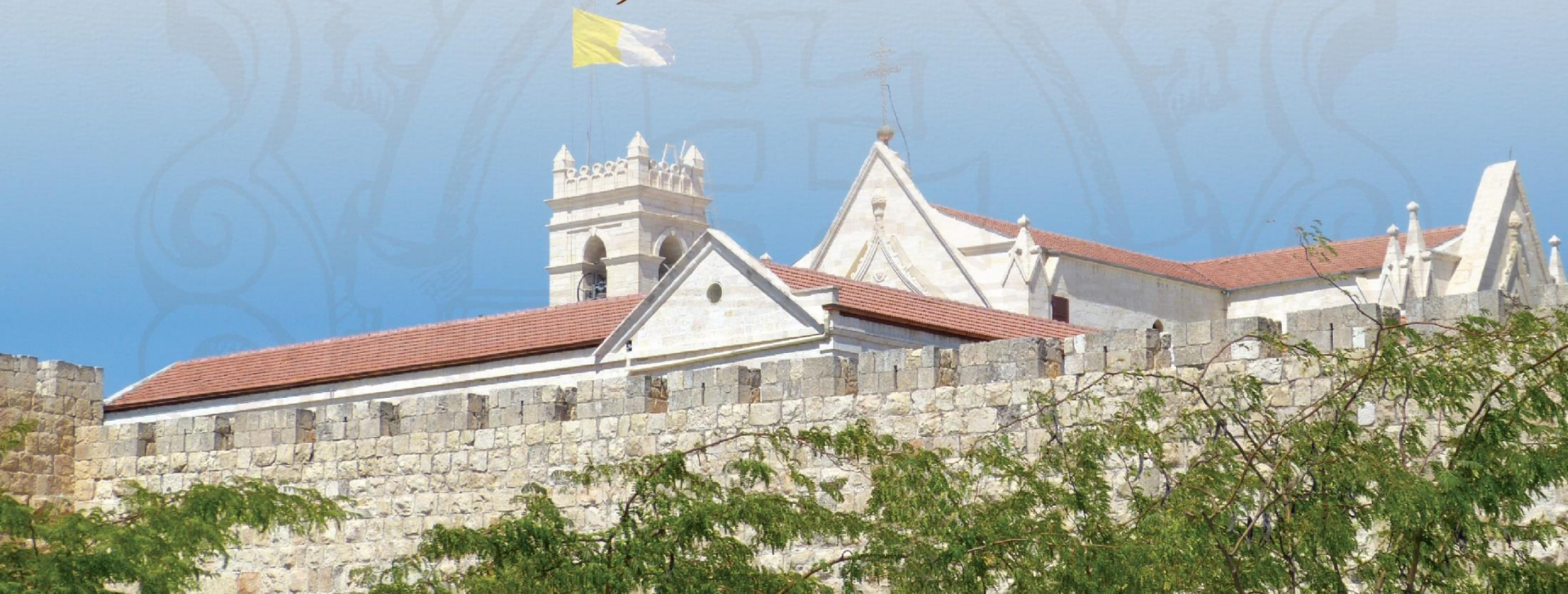




*Latin Patriarchate  
of Jerusalem*



# 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

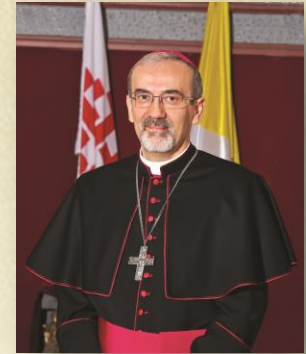
The Latin Patriarchate seeks to improve the living conditions of the local communities by implementing several programs and initiatives that focus on the following:

- *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



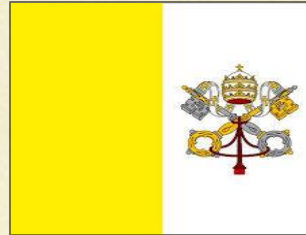
Fr. Pierbattista Pizzaballa was born on April 21, 1965 in Cologno al Serio in the province of Bergamo. He attended Secondary School at the Minor Seminary “Le Grazie” of Rimini. In 1984 he obtained his diploma in classical studies at the Archiepiscopal Seminary of Ferrara.

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 Licenciante 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.

# LATIN PATRIARCHAL DIOCESE



## LATIN PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM

### PALESTINE



### JORDAN



### ISRAEL



### CYPRUS



# DIOCESAN STRUCTURE

APOSTOLIC  
ADMINISTRATOR

VICAR FOR  
PALESTINE /  
JERUSALEM  
H. E. BISHOP  
WILLIAM  
SHOMALI

VICAR FOR  
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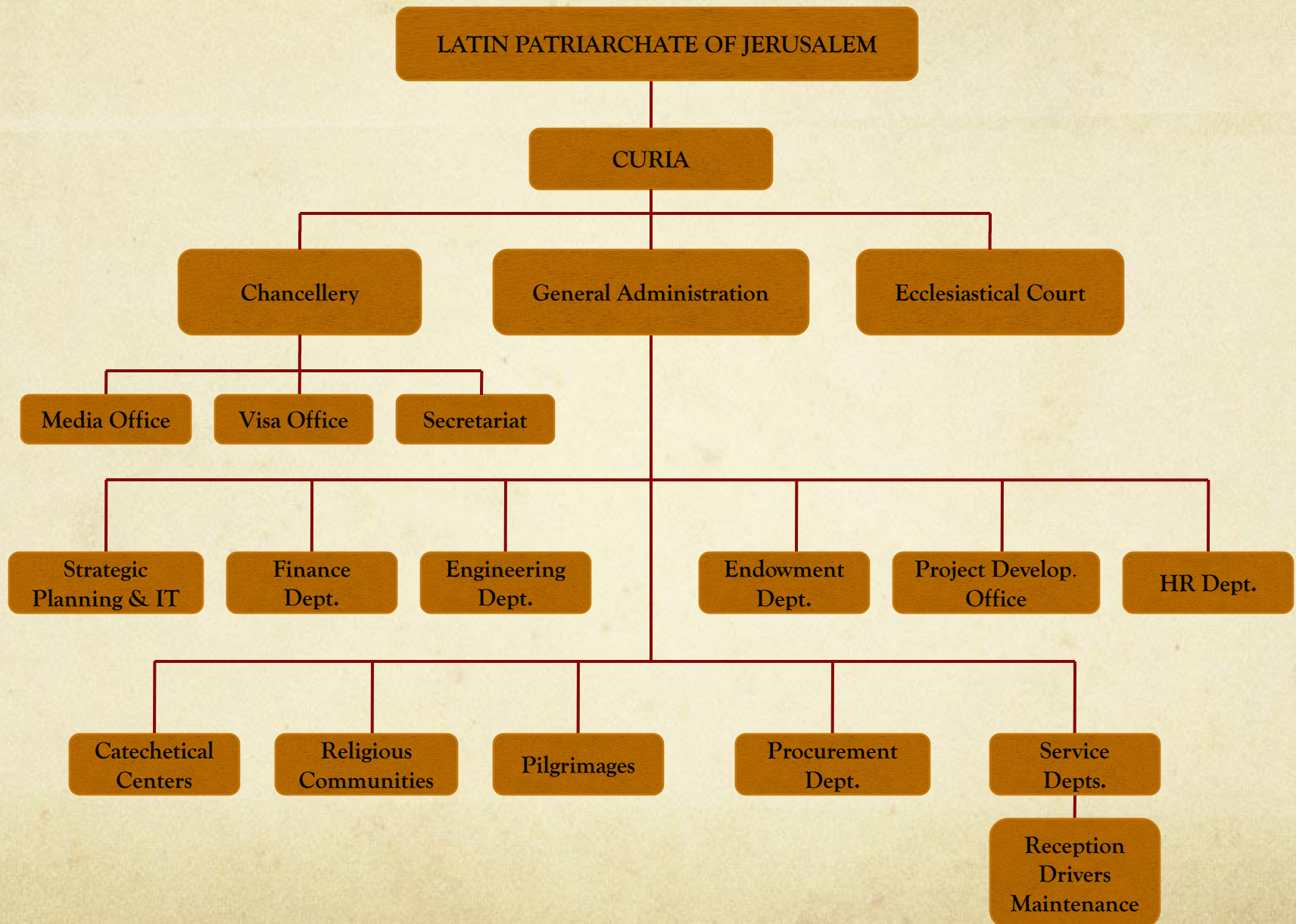
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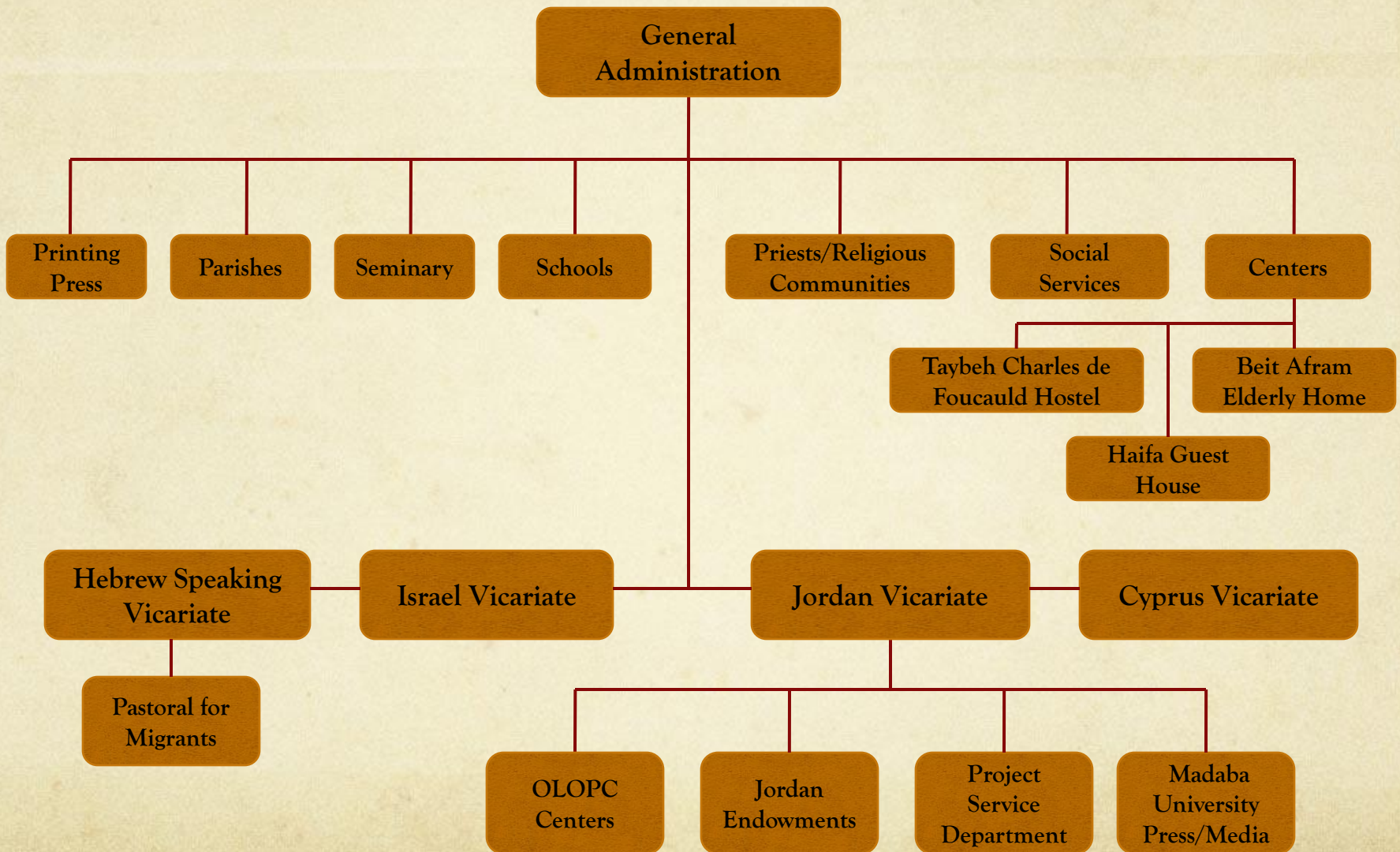
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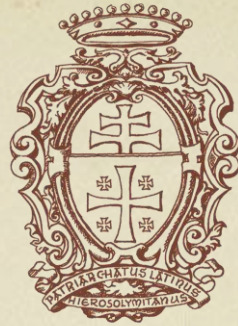


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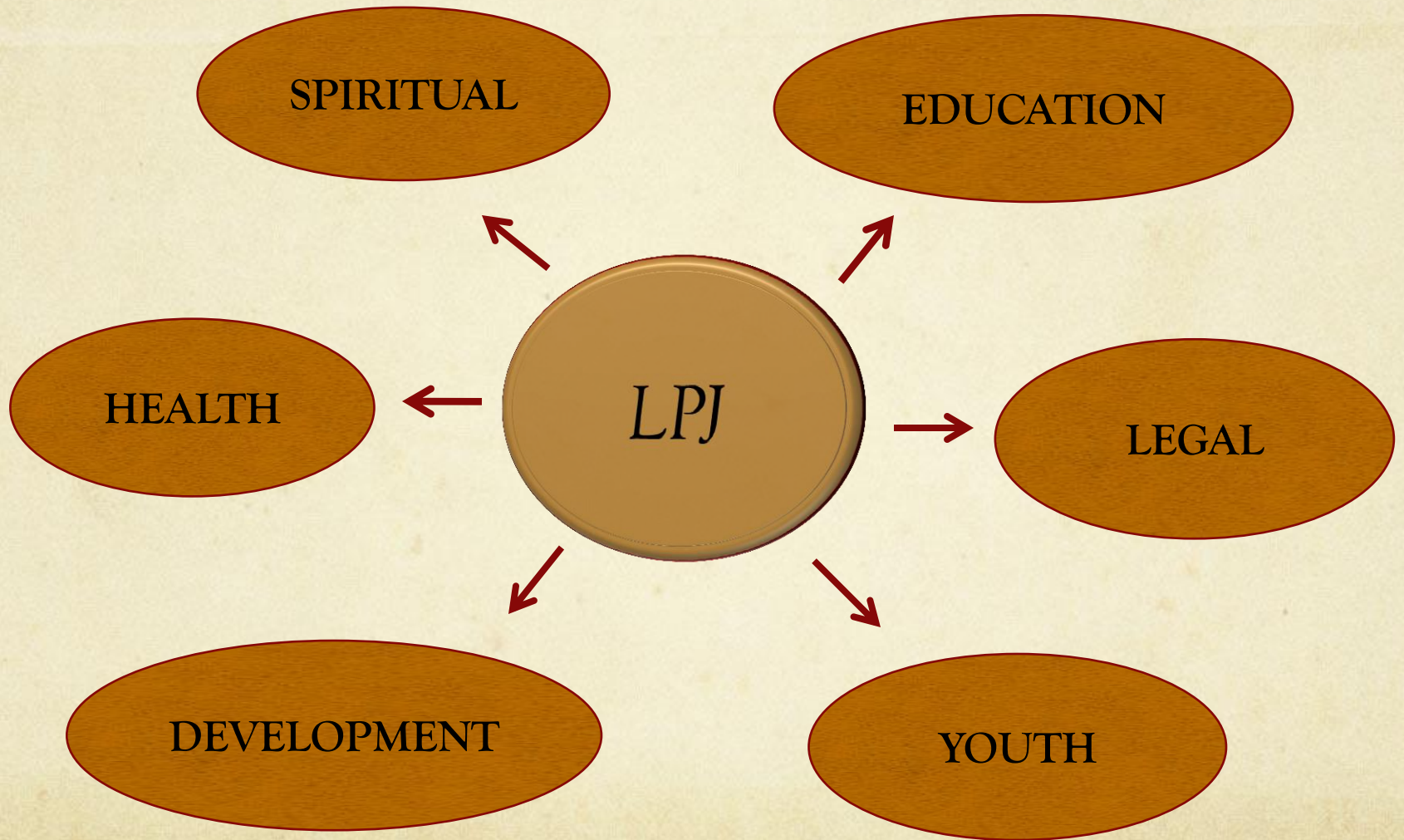


# EXTERNAL STRUCTURE





# MINISTRIES





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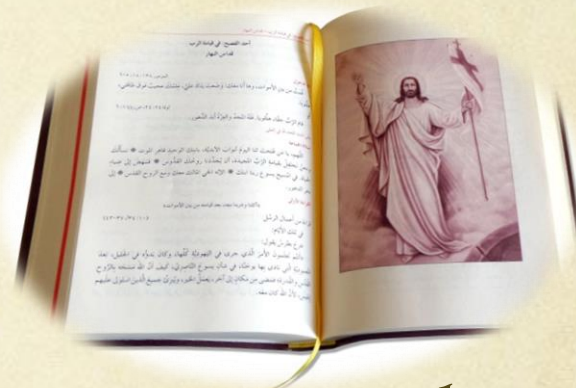
CATECHISM



RETREATS



PASTORAL



LITURGICAL



MIGRANTS & REFUGEES



# EDUCATION





UNIVERSITY



SCHOOLS



CENTERS



SEMINARY



KINDERGARTENS



# HEALTH





ELDERLY CARE



HOSPITALS



HEALTH



ORPHANAGES



HUMANITARIAN  
SOCIAL



# YOUTH





FAMILIES



SCOUTS



YOUTH



JEC / JOC / JUC



ALTAR BOYS



CHOIRS



# DEVELOPMENT





COMMUNICATION  
MEDIA



HOUSING



PROPERTY



JOB CREATION



TRAINING



PROJECT & PLANNING



CONFERENCES



# ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS



FAMILY

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
- Maфраq
- Maïn

## 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)

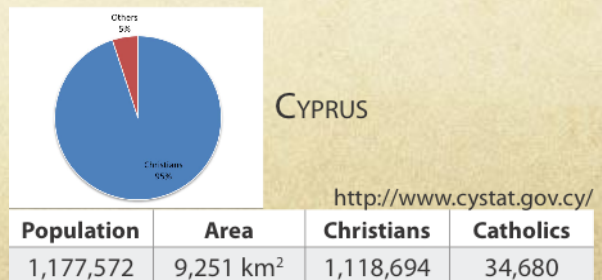
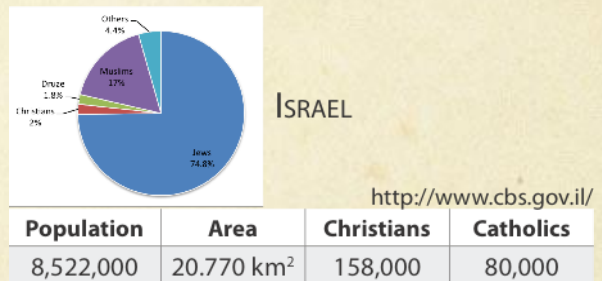
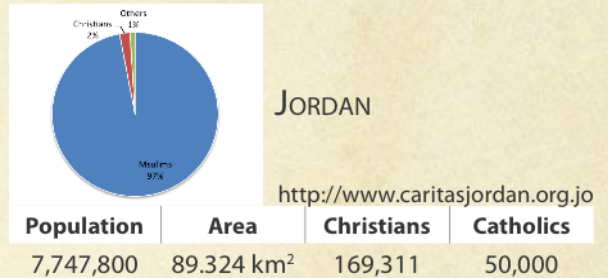
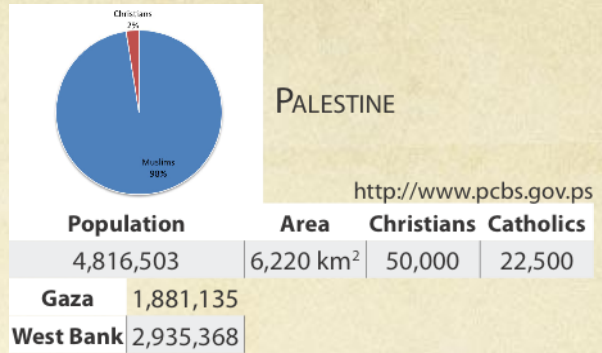
- San Francisco
- New York Yonkers
- Los Angeles

## Cyprus (1 Parish)

- Paphos

Total: 55 Parishes

# DIOCESAN MAP & DEMOGRAPHICS



# LPJ – DIOCESE INFORMATION 2016

<b>VICARIATES: 4</b>
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<b>PARISHES: 55</b>		
Palestine: 12	Israel: 6	
Jordan: 33	Cyprus: 1	USA: 3

<b>SEMINARY</b>	
Priests: 5	
Major Seminarians: 24	Minor Seminarians: 37

<b>AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF MADABA</b>	
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	

<b>APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR</b>	
<b>PATRIARCHS: (2 Emeritus)</b> <b>BISHOPS: 5 (2 Emeritus)</b>	
Palestine: 1 (1 Emeritus)	Israel: 1
Jordan: 1 (1 Emeritus)	

<b>PRIESTS: 88</b>	
Palestine & Israel: 37	
Jordan: 38	Cyprus: 2
Serving abroad: 11	

<b>EMPLOYEES:</b>	
Palestine & Israel: 95	Jordan: 53

<b>RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS</b>	
Men: 32	Women: 73

<b>GUEST HOUSES</b>	
Jerusalem: Knights Palace (rented)	
Palestine: Pope Francis Youth Center (under construction)	
Israel: Haifa Guest House	

<b>HOUSING PROJECTS: 300 units</b>	
Jerusalem:	104 units
Bethlehem:	64 units
Ramallah:	52 units
Beit Jala:	24 units
Nazareth:	56 units
Total beneficiaries:	1,250

<b>CENTERS/HOMES - ELDERLY &amp; CHILDREN CARE</b>	
Palestine: Taybeh Elderly Home	Jordan: OLOPC Centers Anjara Orphanage
Cyprus: Archangel Michael Hospice	

<b>CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES - HOLY LAND</b>	
Serving about 150,000 faithful	
Representing less than: 2% in Palestine/Israel, 3% in Jordan and 1% in Jerusalem.	

<b>MAIN BENEFACTORS &amp; SUPPORTERS</b>	
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem - Catholic & Christian Institutions - Governments & Agencies - Private Donors & Institutions - NGOs & Relief Agencies.	

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