

HOLY LAND COORDINATION PROGRAMME 2023

Thursday 12 January

16:00	Leave the hotel	
17:00	Priestly Ordinations of Revv Michael AlThib & Yazan Bader	<i>Church of Good Shepherd</i>

Friday 13 January

09:00	Leave the hotel	
10:30	Celebration of Mass for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	<i>Baptism Site</i>

Saturday 14 January

10:40	Leave the hotel for Jabal Amman	
11:00	Visit to Rafedin ¹	<i>Jabal Amman</i>
	Lunch	
18:00	Opening of the 2023 Holy Land Coordination Meeting Bishop Nicholas Hudson Moderator - Holy Land Coordination Canon Mark Madden Secretary - Holy Land Coordination	<i>Hotel</i>
19:30	Dinner	<i>Hotel</i>

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Sunday 15th January

Pastoral Visitations to Parishes:

Group 1:	St George the Martyr Parish Irbid Leave hotel 06:45 Mass 09:00 Leave Parish 11:30 Sweifieh 13:30	
Group 2:	St Paul the Apostle Parish Ajloun Leave hotel 07:00 Mass 09:00 Leave Parish 11:45 Sweifieh 13:30	
Group 3:	St Paul the Apostle Parish Jubeiha. Leave hotel 08:15 Mass 09:00 Leave Parish 12:50 Sweifieh 13:30	
Group 4:	Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Fuheis Leave hotel 08:00 Mass 09:00 Leave Parish 12:50 Sweifieh 13:30	
Group 5	St George Greek Catholic Cathedral Amman 7 mins Leave Parish 13:10 Sweifieh 13:30	
Group 6:	Episcopal Church of the Redeemer Parish Jabal Amman Leave hotel 08:45 Eucharist 09:30 Leave Parish 13:10 Sweifieh 13:30	
Group 7:	Mary of Nazareth Parish Sweifieh Leave hotel 09:45 (walking) Mass 10:30	
13:30	Lunch	<i>Parish Hall Sweifieh</i>
18:00	Bishops' Reflection Meeting	<i>Hotel</i>
19:30	Dinner	<i>Hotel</i>

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Monday 16th January

08:00	Leave the hotel for Madaba	
09:00	Presentation by Caritas Jordan & Christian Refugees	<i>Mercy Garden</i>
11:00	Mass <i>Main Celebrant Jamal Daibes</i>	<i>Beheading of St John the Baptist Church</i>
12:00	Presentation on the role of Christian Schools Visit to the Latin School in Madaba	<i>Madaba</i>
13:00	Lunch	
18:00	Bishops' Reflection Meeting	<i>Hotel</i>
18:40	Leave the hotel for Jabal Amman	
19:00	An Evening with JEC Jordan (Latin Youth)² Prayer Presentation Discussion on the importance of the Christian Youth in Jordan Dinner with JEC	<i>Jabal Amman</i>

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Tuesday 17th January

08:30	Leave the hotel for the Baptism Site	
09:30	Visit to the Baptism Site	<i>Baptism Site</i>
	Mass at the Baptism Site	<i>Baptism Site</i>
	<i>Main Celebrant - Bishop Nicholas Hudson</i>	
	Lunch in a nearby restaurant	
	<i>Each person to pay</i>	
	Brief visit to Mount Nebo	
18:00	Bishops' Reflection Meeting	<i>Hotel</i>
18:40	Leave the hotel for Jabal Amman	
19:00	Meeting & dinner with Diplomatic Missions	<i>Jabal Amman³</i>

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Wednesday 18th January

09:30	Leave the hotel for Our Lady of Peace Centre ⁴	
10:00	Mass <i>Main Celebrant - Archbishop Bill Nolan</i>	<i>Church of the Good Shepherd</i>
	Visit the Peace Centre	
	Lunch	<i>Our Lady of Peace Centre</i>
Tbc	Meeting with Christian Parliamentarians	<i>Latin Vicariate</i>
18:00	Closing of HLC23	<i>Hotel</i>
19:30	Dinner	<i>Hotel</i>

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(1) RAFEDIN

The Rafedîn project was born in March 2016 with the aim of helping Iraqi women and their families who have fled ISIS and who have sought refuge in Amman. The intent of the project is to provide professional training to Iraqi women thanks to some seamstresses and fashion designers from Italy who taught the girls how to design the first models.

In May 2017, Rafedîn received the support of the Italian Bishop Conference (CEI) who gave a boost to the project, through the 8xMille funds, giving it the opportunity to grow and invest more resources in professional training and in the purchase of new machines to sew. Since November 2019, the project has involved 28 girls thanks to the contribution and support of the French Embassy and Unicef Jordan.

Rafedîn products are a combination of Italian design and local fabrics, reflecting the strong bond that unites the East and the West. The workshop uses high quality raw materials such as printed silk fabrics from Italy and keffiyeh from Palestinian Territories.

In light of the difficulties faced by Iraqi refugees in Amman, especially those faced by women who are often the most vulnerable group, HAVA tries to create a safe space where they can socialize and acquire technical skills.

The project has achieved and is continuing to achieve the objectives it had set itself by giving the opportunity to many girls to acquire excellent skills that may be necessary for their future in order to improve their living conditions.

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(2) JEC

In the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, JEC Jordan is the body responsible for coordinating all youth teams and following up and organizing all their activities and events. Through its mission, its core values and all of its programs, it aims to spiritually and culturally guide the Jordanian Christian youth to help them grow in their faith and become productive members of society.

Vision: To build and develop the best innovative, distinguished and effective generation of JEC members, so that they can have an influential imprint on the Church, society and their country.

Mission: From the core of the spirit of the Bible, JEC Jordan serves Jordanian Christian Youth and develop their skills through periodic youth meetings, camps, workshops, volunteer projects and other activities aiming to help them grow spiritually and culturally and to strengthen their humanitarian and community role.

Values: Honesty and Integrity. Loyalty and Commitment. Leadership and Passion. Excellence and Innovation. Service and Team Work.

(3) Mar Yousef's Pizza Project

The Mar Yousef's pizza project was born in October 2017, within the complex of the parish church of Saint Joseph in Amman, to provide training in the culinary field to young Iraqi refugees who fled the persecution of ISIS. Thanks to the initial contribution of the Franciscan Friars of the Sacred Convent of Assisi, to Italian Confartigianato and to the support of the Italian Cooperation it was possible to create a pizzeria and renew an old kitchen to give the possibility to 27 refugees to undertake a professional start-up path for waiters and chefs and improve their skills. This will give them the chance to acquire excellent skills that may be necessary for their future in order to improve their living conditions.

The project involves the production of sliced pizza and fresh pasta thanks to the use of Italian and Jordanian raw materials and other products made on site such as mozzarella and primosale cheese, fresh pasta and ravioli, jams and various sauces. The Mar Yousef's pizza project is part of the larger "Oriental" project with the addition of new figures, new beneficiaries and new skills thanks to the help of local and Italian professional experts.

Together with Mar Yousef's Pizza project, another workshop the Mar Yousef's Gelato is implemented in the same complex, which includes the training of five Iraqi boys who have acquired the knowledge necessary for the use of highly professional machines and techniques for the production of Italian artisan gelato.

The entire project – in addition to financial support given to the beneficiaries, in the form of reimbursements – tries to provide them with skills that can be useful for their future and improve their livelihoods.

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(4) **Our Lady of Peace Centre**

Our Lady of Peace Center is the gift of the Catholic Church to humanity.

The Catholic Church worldwide has all the time been considering all the available measures to spread worldwide peace and ensure human prosperity. Yet, the Catholic Church also strived to help heal human diseases and restore a smile to those who lost hope in life.

Among the major achievements of the Catholic Church, with regards to alleviating the suffering of people, is the launching of Our Lady of Peace Center in Amman.

Since its establishment in 2004, Our Lady of Peace Center, owned by the Latin Vicariate in Amman-Jordan, is an institute that provides free services to people with a variety of disabilities such as intellectual disability, impaired mobility, hearing impairment, bipolar and down syndrome. The center also plays a major role in raising awareness in society in regards to people with disabilities and how to cooperate with them.

The Holy Land Co-ordination last visited Our Lady of Peace Center in 2016 when it provided Syrians with accommodation. Since the beginning of 2013 over 50 Syrian families have been given shelter for periods of up to 40 days, and most of them have left Jordan for host countries.

To further give a helping hand to the displaced Syrians and Iraqis, the Apostolic Nunciature of the Holy See in Amman, in cooperation with Caritas Jordan, the social arm of the Catholic Church, and the Latin Vicariate in Amman, launched a new garden offered by His Holiness Pope Francis personally.

The new garden, located at the Our Lady of Peace Center in Amman, named "*the Garden of Mercy*", was designed to restore dignity to the forcibly displaced Iraqis who live in Jordan and to provide aid to needy families. It also sought to restore dignity to the forcibly displaced Iraqis by providing them with job opportunities, where aid would be provided to Iraqi refugees living in Jordan from the income generated by the project.

With the help designed to help the poor eke out a living by working at Our Lady of Peace Center to help, a total of 10,000 square meters of arable land and about 600 olive trees were exploited for the production of jam, olive and pickles through a special kitchen as signed to meet this objective.

Based on the fact that Our Lady of Peace Center serves the sick, provides accommodation for the forcibly displaced, and opens job opportunities to the unemployed who lost hope in life, it is time to pay tribute to this Catholic Vicariate-affiliated institute that serves as a panacea to the ills of societies. In this regard, as the center depends greatly on domestic and overseas donations to sustain its work, it is hoped that such badly needed support would continue at a great pace so that such important and decisive services would continue.

Our Lady of Peace Center is definitely the invaluable gift of the Catholic Church to humanity.