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We beseech you to help save the Holy Land.

The Holy Land Foundation gives \$600,000 for new housing and \$100,000 for new scholarship grants

The Franciscan Seal

The seal represents The Franciscan Charism which has always been identified with Christ crucified. Its guidance comes from the Holy Spirit represented by the dove of peace. The specific cross, commonly called the Crusaders Cross, was adopted by the early Franciscans who worked in the Holy land and established through grace and guidance, an ever-present service and guardianship to these hallowed grounds and all its people.



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Robert Sheeran, Chairman of the Finance Committee of The Holy Land Foundation, presented a check for \$600,000.00 to the Custody of the Holy Land for housing construction in Jerusalem and more specifically for the St. Francis Village in Bethpage on the Mount of Olives. In presenting this check, Mr. Sheeran stated that it "is a small token on the part of the American Catholics and fellow Christians who are committed in seeing that Christianity is preserved in the Holy Land." He continued and said that, "much more funding will be forthcoming in the future for such



L-R Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM, Cardinal Bevilacqua, Fr. Abdel-Masih Fayeze-Fahim, OFM, Frank Nageotte, and Denise Scalzo

projects." Bro. Callistus Welch, Treasurer of the foundation, thanked him and stated that this gift "will serve as a glimmer of hope for those young Christians, who are presently facing the on-going conflicts in the Holy Land, by giving them reason to stay."

In anticipation of the new scholarship grants to be given for the school year 2001, Frank Nageotte, a



L-R Cardinal Bevilacqua, Br. Callistus Welch, OFM, Bob Sheeran, Bishop John Nevins

member of the Financial committee is seen here presenting a check for \$100,000.00 to Fr. Abdel-Masih Fayeze-Fahim, OFM, Chairman of the Selection Committee for The Holy Land Foundation.



Dedication of St. Francis Village in Bethpage on the Mt. of Olives where some 70 housing units are planned for young Christian families. L-R Fr. Peter, Fr. Custos, Fr. Garcia, Vicar Custos and Fr. Abdel-Masih

Our Mission

The Holy Land Foundation is a worldwide organization founded in 1994 under the auspices of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land. The foundation was created to safeguard the basic human rights and continued presence of the Christian Palestinian minority living in the Holy Land by providing academic scholarships, subsidized housing, employment opportunities, while preserving, protecting, and restoring the Holy Sites of Christianity. For these Christians trapped in a hostile environment of ethnic distrust, The Holy Land Foundation has become their primary organized voice.

LETTER FROM THE CUSTOS

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Love your enemy and do good; lend without expecting repayment. Then will your recompense be great. You will rightly be called sons of the Most High, since He Himself is good to the ungrateful and the wicked.



Fr. Giovanni Battistelli, OFM

Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Pardon and you shall be pardoned. Give and it will be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will they pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you."

Luke 6: 35-38

Profound words for the times we are living in. Timeless, one might say. How hard it is to live and preach the Good News. For many Christians living in Israel, these are tough words to hear and yet this is what Our Lord Jesus Christ asks of each one of us.

Your prayers and financial support have given our Christian Brothers and Sisters hope. It is hard for them to imagine people so far away, who care enough to help them find a house, educate their young and help them find jobs. This is truly a family of God, where there are no boundaries, only love and support.

We continue to thank God for you and your families and ask Him to bless you abundantly. On behalf of your Palestinian Christian Brothers and Sisters, thank you. Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

In the spirit of St. Francis, I remain a servant of God and yours,

Fr. Giovanni Battistelli, OFM
Chairman
The Holy Land Foundation

The Holy Land Foundation establishes the "Catherine C. Vasko Scholarship Memorial"

"The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral- a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body . . . The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation . . . What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?"- Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

At the last board meeting of The Holy Land Foundation, it was decided to establish the 'Catherine C. Vasko Scholarship Memorial' to honor the late, Catherine Vasko, mother of Fr. Peter Vasko, who passed away on April 30, 2001.

Mrs. Vasko, a devout mother and wife was born in Pennsylvania and came to New York at the age of 15. She married and had three children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was actively engaged in disseminating the cause of the foundation and the need to help our young Christians. She was instrumental in raising funds from many local donors on Long Island and New York for that purpose.

In appreciation for such dedication to the foundation and to show our appreciation to Fr. Peter, a memorial scholarship grant has been established in her name. All of our readers have already received information concerning this memorial and we hope that you will assist us in this special gift.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Friends of The Holy Land Foundation,

I just wanted to express my personal thanks to those of you who have so generously responded in honoring my beloved mother, Catherine Vasko. Your donations will help to maintain the scholarship memorial established in her name. So many of you, both personal friends and benefactors from around the United States, have flooded our headquarters with donations for this cause and for this, I would like to thank each of you for such magnanimity. As you honor my mother, you are honoring me and honoring our Christian people in the Holy Land. I will never forget your generosity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Peter Vasko".

Cincinnati sponsors Walk 4 Peace

On May 5, 2001, the Cincinnati Chapter of The Holy Land Foundation inaugurated the first **WALK 4 PEACE** in Reading, Ohio under the mutual sponsorship of Heart to Heart, Inc. It will be the first of a series of annual walks that are planned with the proceeds to help the Christians in the Holy Land. Fr. Jim Willig, a well-known personage in Cincinnati was not only the Grand Marshal of the event, but in spite of his serious health problems, led the walk. One of the participants, Tammy Bundy, a free-lance writer gave her personal glimpses of the event and we provide it now for our readers.



Coordinators of Walk 4 Peace L-R Sister Mary George Boklage and Rev. Jim Willig, Grand Marshall and Pastor of St. Peter and St. Paul Church



Walk for Peace Committee L-R Sister Mary George, RSM, Judi Hostiuk, Bill Kitzmiller, Stephanie Ring, Peg Niehaus, Frank Antenucci. Not pictured: Jeannie Johangtes, Tommy Bundy, Ann McCarthy, Nancy Kayser – driving Grand Marshall, Fr. Jim Willig

STEP BY STEP

By Tammy Bundy

Every journey—no matter how short or long is walked the same way. Step by step. And this is why I was walking on Saturday, May 5, when just under a hundred people and I gathered in Reading, Ohio, to walk in what we are now calling The First Annual Walk for Peace.

You see, this 5km walk was to raise both money and awareness for the plight of Christians in the Holy Land. By the name alone, I had always considered the Holy Land to be a land where Christians were embraced—a land where their faith could flourish. I wouldn't expect anything less from the land where Jesus chose to walk the earth.

But what I truly did not expect was the reality of it all. And the reality is that in the 1950's, Christians living in the Holy Land accounted for 25% of all the population. That figure today has plummeted to 2%. It is expected that by the year 2040 there will be no Christians living in the land where Jesus lived.

This is all due to the brutal conditions that Christians face daily in the Middle East. They must struggle to simply survive, let alone thrive. This struggle makes it difficult for our Christian brothers and sisters over there to receive all the basic rights that we undoubtedly take for granted. Education, employment, and healthcare are considered luxuries when you honestly don't know where your next meal is coming from.

How ironic that this hardship—this hatred—is going on in the

hometown of our faith. And so it was that I was walking with one hundred of my newest friends. Step by step. Side by side.

I think we are all aware that simply by participating in a 5K walk, we would not be able to put a dent in stopping the travesties that have so touched our hearts. But we walked confident that it was a beginning. With all the proceeds of the walk going to the Franciscan-run Holy Land Foundation, we knew that our humble walk, when added to this foundation's great service, might actually begin to tear through and one day remove this blanket of prejudice that covers the Christians in the Middle East.

At one point, the path of our walk led us to a turn-around point, where we were to double back to where we began. As the front part of the line passed by the back part, some eager walkers from the rear of the procession jumped into the front.

"Hey, no short cuts," someone yelled.

And while the comment was meant as a joke, it struck me that it was, indeed, true. For, there are no shortcuts in the walk for peace. No doubt, it will be a long journey. And yes, eventually, like the 5K Walk, we will all end up right back from where we started. But the important thing is that right now we need to try. And there is only one way we can do this. Step by step. Side by side.



Registration Committee L-R Sally Mettler, Bonnie Lackey, Bill Kitzmiller, Debbie Phipps, Kathy McArter



Jerusalem – Both Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM, President and Fr. Giovanni Battistelli, OFM, Chairman proudly hold up the official T-shirt for the Walk 4 Peace Walkathon for The Holy Land Foundation

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT . . .

It is with heavy hearts that we must say goodbye to a true supporter of the work of the foundation. Father Jim Willig joined Our Father in Heaven on June 24, 2001 after a long battle with cancer. Fr. Willig was a true gift to the archdiocese of Cincinnati. He was well respected and loved by all within his ministry. His unwavering faith was a true example of his deep love for the Father. May the work that you have done for the foundation live on in your memory.

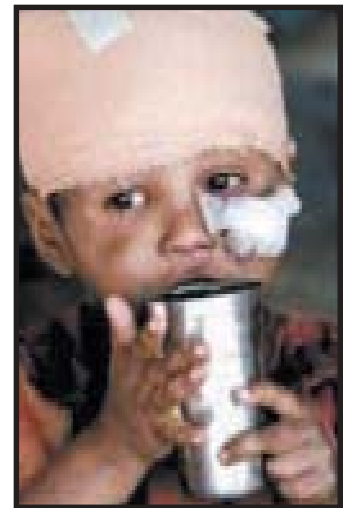
The Pope Calls for an End to the “Absurd Spiral of Violence in the Holy Land”

Pope John Paul continues to promote peace in the Holy Land. Upon the Pope’s recent return from his visit to Athens, Damascus and Malta the Pope remarked, “Unfortunately, this trip was saddened by the painful news which continues to arrive from the Holy Land. In reality, we are facing an absurd spiral of violence! Sowing death every day only exasperates people and delays the blessed day when everyone will be able to look each other in the eye and walk together as brothers! Everyone, especially leaders of the international community, has the duty to help the parties in conflict to break this immoral chain of provocations and reprisals. As I have said many times before, but it bears repeating, the language and culture of peace must prevail over inciting people to hatred and exclusion.”



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“I wish to repeat that no one is a stranger in the Church and everyone should feel at home!”



A delegation was sent from Rome May 30, 2001 as a special envoy with the intent of encouraging both parties to a cease-fire and the renewal of dialogue. The Holy Father sent Cardinal Pio Laghi and Msgr. Giovanni d’Aniello with the goal of meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and the President of the Palestinian Authority Yassar Arafat to again attempt peace negotiations.

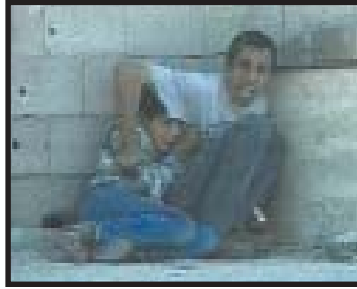
The Pope’s stance on this issue was reinforced by the College of Cardinals in the public message to the world which states, “Together with the Holy Father, we address a heartfelt call to all Christians that they may intensify their prayer for peace in the Holy Land, and we ask the leaders of nations to help the Israelis and Palestinians to live together peacefully. In the Land of Jesus the situation lately has been aggravated and too much blood has been shed. In union with the Holy Father, we entreat the parties involved to immediately reach a cease-fire and to resume dialogue on a level of equality and mutual respect.”

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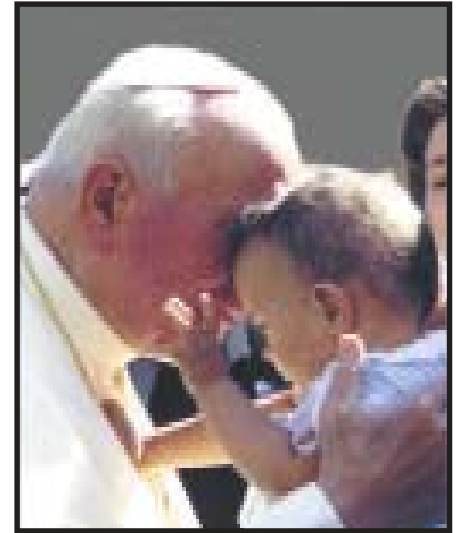




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"Religion is not and must not become a pretext for hostility, in particular when religious, cultural and ethical identities coincide."



Voice of Christian Youth



The children of Palestine have been living under horrible circumstances in the last few months and many are suffering from immense psychological terror as a result of the Israeli and Palestinian conflict.

In light of the tragedy in Palestine, students attempt to put their faith in God and have a positive attitude. Following are excerpts from 9th and 10th grade student essays:

I am a Palestinian child, and I want to live like other children in the world, and have the right to live in peace. I want peace; I want freedom to my country. I want to free Jerusalem, and keep it the Capital of Palestine. I want Palestine to be free.

Raid Munther Qumsieh (Beit Sahour)

It is a painful feeling to see children, women, and men dying everyday as a result, of shooting from everywhere. It is fearful when you hear the shooting sounds and bombing rockets. It is the right for every human to live with dignity and freedom and it is the right for all children to live safely to have their childhood as all the children around



the world. I believe that it is not fair to see our people especially children killed while they are going to their schools or near their houses. I would like to let everyone in the world know that a human being without freedom is like a fish outside water.

Susan Napoleon Massis (Taybeh)

In these days I hate watching news and see how innocent people and children are killed. I was really confused when Mohammed Al Dura died (12 yr. old killed in "crossfire"). I asked myself, why did they kill him? Why did they kill an innocent child that didn't even have the chance to defend himself?

Waseem Massis (Taybeh)

Until this moment Israelis are still hitting us with helicopters, and bombing many houses in many cities in Palestine. I wish to go to Jerusalem without sieges. As a Palestinian student, I pray for peace, freedom, and independence in Palestine.

Joseph Farah Ayyad (Beit Sahour)

Due to the present situation my heart bleeds with pain, my eyes are stunned with haziness to see my brothers just shot, tortured and massacred. Our cities, towns and villages are besieged and our economic situation is getting worse.

Hana Emel turjaman, Al Ahliyyah College, Ramallah

Excerpts taken from an article by Dr. Maria C. Khoury
The Jerusalem Times – 2 February 2001



The Fifth Annual Holy



Guest speaker, Mr. Kahil E. Jahshan, President of the American Committee on Jerusalem

On May 19, 2001 in the Capitol City of the United States of America, the Fifth Annual Holy Land Foundation Dinner was held at the Embassy of Austria. Participating dignitaries included The Most Reverend John J. Nevins, Bishop of Venice; The Reverend Terence Henry, TOR, President of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio; The Reverend Richard J. Mucowski, OFM, Past President of St. Mary College in Leavenworth, Kansas; and Kahill E. Jahshan, President of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Washington DC, who was the Guest Speaker.

In his remarks, Mr. Jahshan spoke about the recent problems facing both the Israelis and Palestinians and the affect on the Christian exodus. He

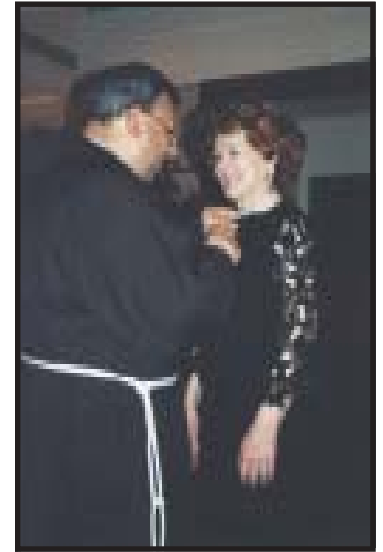


L-R Mr. & Mrs. E. Wegner of Paper Affair, Inc. of Atlanta, Charles Madden, Trustee of HLF, Bishop John Nevins, Trustee of HLF, Dr. & Mrs. W. Kitzmiller of Cincinnati, Regional Representative, Mr. & Mrs. T. Carroll of Atlanta, Regional Representative, Fr. Peter.

stated that "in spite of the Herculean diplomatic effort that ensued with the Madrid Conference and the significant investment in time, money and human emotions that accompanied it over the past decade, it is quite evident that the Oslo peace process has failed to achieve its declared objectives just like the seventy-five attempts that preceded it since 1937." He went on to say that "the violence and counter-violence unleashed on the streets of Israel and Palestine these past seven months will have a lasting

impact on both parties and raise serious doubts about the possibility of resuming any civil dialogue or peace talks between the parties." He called upon the Bush Administration, based purely on U.S. National interests, "to commit itself and invite parties to renew their own commitments to the original objective adopted in Madrid, that is a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East. The U.S. needs to avoid past mistakes and a one sided-tendency when dealing with this conflict. This tendency consists in a lack of even-handedness, U.S. acquiescence to Israel demands, the reductionistic nature of the U.S. approach and the lack of clear and independent vision for the area. If the process is to be restarted and achieve its ultimate objective of comprehensive, just, lasting, and secure peace, there is no alternative to a more assertive, more objective and more focused American role. There is no time to take 'timeout' of Arab-Israeli matters and 'let the parties stew in their own juices', as advocated by some voices within the Bush Administration. Most Palestinians are not willing to negotiate whether or not to be freed, but when and how."

In regards to the exodus of the Christians, Mr. Jahshan praised the Franciscans in the Holy Land who for 800 years have served the Christians as well as the Muslims in many charitable ways. He stated that, "the Christian presence has been dwelling for decades. For too long, Western Christianity has treated their co-regionalist in the Holy Land with condescension and hesitance, as if they were the children of a lesser God. That rift must and should be eliminated. In addition, the situation in the Holy Land, specifically in Israel and Palestine, should be of paramount



Recipient of Pope Leo XIII Gold Cross of Honor, Mrs. Jean Ficarra of Potomac, M.D. became this year's recipient of the Papal recognition for those individuals who have shown extraordinary support and love of the Holy Land. Lady Jean served as chairperson for previous events for the foundation and serves on the National Board for The Holy Land Foundation. Fr. Abdel-Masih, Delegate of Fr. Battistelli, Chairman of HLF in Jerusalem, pins on the Papal Decoration.



Presentation to Chairpersons of fundraiser. Fr. Peter presenting a commissioned icon from Jerusalem to Mr. & Mrs. Sergio Micheli with Fr. Abdel-Masih in background.

Land Foundation Dinner



Honored Guests L-R Rev. Richard Mucowski, OFM, President of St. Mary College in Leavenworth, KS, Bro. Callistus Welch, OFM, Treasurer of The Holy Land Foundation, Mr. Kahil E. Jahshan, President of the AA-ADC, Bishop John Nevins of Venice, FL and Trustee of HLF, Fr. Terence Henry, TOR, President of Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH and Fr. Abdel-Masih, OFM, Comptroller, CTS.

interest to every practicing Christian. Without the human component, without a worshipping community, the significance of the Holy Places is lost and they simply become



L-R Mr. & Mrs. William Zappettini, San Francisco, Trustee of HLF, Rev. Mucowski, OFM, Mr. Jahshan, guest speaker, Bishop John Nevins, Rev. Henry, TOR, Fr. Abdel-Masih, OFM

empty structures for our young Christians.

The projects initiated by The Holy Land Foundation go beyond mere philanthropy. They have a higher mission in mind, which is to enhance the preservation of the Christian community where it was founded. Housing, education and employment opportunities cre-

ated by the foundation are the necessary means of giving our Christians those needed opportunities to remain in their region."

The annual dinner attracted many diplomatic and military personages, such as Ms. Melitta Schubert, Minister of Austria; Brig. Gen. Guntmar Heck, Defense, Military, Air, and Naval Attache of the Embassy of Austria; Ms. Eleonore Rickover, wife of Admiral Rickover; and Admiral Watkins, Past Chairman of U.S. Naval Operations and Msgr. Bransfield, Director of Immaculate Conception Shrine.

Later on in the evening, a musical presentation was rendered by Ms. Lucille Chung,



L-R Fr. Peter Vasko, Bishop John Nevins, Ms. Suzanne Baumann of New York, Mrs. Eleonore Rickover of Virginia, Mr. Gil Fleury of France, Admiral & Mrs. Watkins, Former Chief of U.S. Naval Operations.

internationally renowned pianist. Before closing the evening's festivities, Fr. Vasko, President of the foundation, made presentations to Mr. Jahshan, Ambassador Moser of Austria and to Mr. and Mrs. Sergio Micheli, chairpersons of the event, thanking them for their support. A special presentation was made to Mrs. Jean Ficcarra, a long time friend of the foundation and chairperson for several previously held annual dinners in Washington, DC. In appreciation for her many years of dedication, the Custos of the Holy Land delegated Fr. Abdel-Masih to bestow upon her the Pope Leo XIII Gold Cross of Honor, a papal decoration. Mrs. Ficcarra, a member of the national board of trustees of the foundation, thanked Fr. Peter and all those who by their support are making a difference in helping our Christians to remain in the Holy Land.



L-R Bishop Nevins, Donald Anderson, Former Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, Dr. & Mrs. Ficarra, Rt. Rev. Michael Bransfield, Director of Immaculate Conception Shrine, Washington, DC, Mr. Kahil E. Jahshan.



L-R Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Guest of Toronto, Canada with Bishop John Nevins, Dennis Lynch of Naples, Florida, and Rev. Richard Mucowski, OFM



L-R Elizabeth Hickey of Washington, DC, Thomas Conquist, Institute of Scientific Research, Mary Salamid of Virginia, Admiral Watkins, Bishop Nevins, Mrs. Watkins, Laurence Neuoff, Linda Neuoff, and Carlos Zaldivar of Dallas, TX.

Consider the Holy Land's Children

In the FLORIDA CATHOLIC newspaper, His Excellency, Bishop John J. Nevins of Venice, Florida and Board of Trustees member of our foundation, made an appeal to the Catholics of Florida to assist The Holy Land Foundation in their goal of assisting the children of the Holy Land.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the Catholic Church, no one is a stranger. We are a large family with one billion sisters and brothers. St. Paul reminds the followers of Christ in every age "to take care of the members of the household of faith." This reminder urges me to write on behalf of the children of the land of our Lord Jesus.

Along with its honorary chairman, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia, and dedicated members of the laity, I am privileged to be a board



member of The Holy Land Foundation. Reflecting on my many visits to the Holy Land and the rightful pride and joy in my heart when observing the loving care given to children by dedicated religious and lay persons in orphanages, clinics, hospitals, housing projects, schools, and playgrounds, I consider it appropriate to humbly request individual families to send contributions, however small, for a child in the Holy Land. Our Franciscan Friars who care for the Holy Land sites are also in charge of many programs

and projects on behalf of the poor, regardless of their religious affiliation.

Each day it seems that there is a photograph or story in the media about the constant struggle in the peace process between the Israelis and Palestinian people. Let us fervently pray for a lasting peace among those beloved peoples, especially for their children.

Bearing in mind the blessings from God our Father who will never be outdone in generosity, I ask that you remember a child in the Holy Land and forward your contribution to The Holy Land Foundation. In turn, the children and families or caregivers will remember you in prayer.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Saint Francis University Joins Hands with the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Land



Saint Francis University has entered into a cooperative effort with the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Land, and The Holy Land Foundation, and interdenominational Christian relief organization that is dedicated to improving the lives of the Christian minority in Palestine.

Father Christian observed; "The Franciscan presence in the Holy Land goes back to 1216, when the first Franciscans arrived in Palestine, and to the visit of St. Francis himself in 1220. In 1342, Pope Clement VI gave them the responsibility of safeguarding Christian Holy sites in and around Jerusalem, and ministering to the needs of Christians." Father Christian explained that St. Francis alumni would be given an opportunity to receive regular informative reports on conditions in the Holy Land and about the work of the Franciscan Friars who serve the Christian minority in that region.

"The Franciscan heritage in Palestine is certainly worth preserving and supporting," Father Christian added. "I know that our alumni will find great satisfaction in knowing that the work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land reflects the same Franciscan ideals which we have always cultivated here at St. Francis University."

"The Franciscan values to which we often refer are not abstract or hypothetical; they are active and real; they can change our own lives, and make the world a better place for everyone."

Dr. Stephen Rombouts, St. Francis University Registrar and a



knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, has been working with Franciscan colleges and universities in the United States in an effort to assist the Christian minority in the Holy Land. "As a Franciscan institution of higher education, St. Francis University has a unique opportunity to raise awareness of the conditions in Palestine and, at the same time, show solidarity with her people. Political and economic realities in Palestine have created conditions, which for the Christian minority are truly deplorable. It is no exaggeration to say that the survival of Christianity as a living religion in the Holy Land is at stake."

Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation Conference

The 17th annual Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation Dallas Conference was held on February 24 with a sell out crowd of 680 attendees. CMF of Texas led by Susan and Tom Stanzel, presented a rather interesting, attractive, and spiritually stimulating program.

The CMF feature four superb speakers; Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM on the Holy Land; Fr. George Rutler on our victim culture; Robert Royal on Catholic Martyrs of the 20th Century; Carlos E. Fonts on the survival of Cuba under Castro.

In his talk Fr. Peter spoke about the Christian exodus from the Holy Land, its causes and solutions. He quoted from an article taken from the 'Washington Report on Middle East Affairs' saying that "since 1949 total U.S. aid to Israel has exceeded \$90 billion dollars, yet in all of this monetary aid, none of it ever trickled down to Christian Palestinians and it is they who are the ones who are caught in the middle and are departing.

Fr. Vasko then went on to speak about the closure of the West Bank and Gaza to principal Israeli cities where over 150,000 Palestinians were working, 2% being Christian, and are now without employment. Stressing that the average Palestinians are honest, responsible, and conscientious individuals and knowing that the number of Palestinian terrorists are small, how can one simply punish an entire people for the acts of a dozen or so criminals? Yes those terrorists should be brought to justice but the average Palestinian man simply wants to work so as to feed his family and to provide an education for his children . . . basic universal values that we all share. Yet it is those extremists and fundamentalists on both sides of the spectrum, whether it be Hamas or Israeli settlers, who get the front headlines and continue this unnecessary and horrible bloody and unjust confrontation.

In concluding his forty-five minute talk, Fr. Vasko continued that in the midst of this conflict, the exodus continues. In the US, he stated that "there is a tendency of individualism, which says first of all, take care



L-R Fr. Peter Vasko, guest speaker, Nancy Cheney, National President of Legatus, Bishop Graceda of Corpus Christi, Eleanore Shafley, President of Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation, Mrs. Susan Stanzel, Dallas Chapter of Cardinal Mindszenty

of ourselves. We have pulled ourselves up by our own bootstraps, but as Catholics and Christians, we need to recognize that we stand on the shoulders of those who went before us. The Holy Land, our Christian heritage, our living church in Jerusalem, our sacred sites; these are the shoulders on which we stand when it comes to our faith. If we are going to do something about the problems facing our Christians in the Holy Land, then we must do something about protecting them, and somehow guaranteeing that they will always be available to those coming after us." He concluded that a great challenge awaits us and knowing what we now know cannot simply sit back and watch these guardians of Christianity simply disappear.

Kellogg's – Definitely not just a Cereal Company

When W.K. Kellogg founded the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake Company in the early 1900's he had a vision based on the notion of investing his money in people. Known as a man of common sense and good values, he passed along his beliefs to his son and grandson in what started generations of Kellogg generosity.

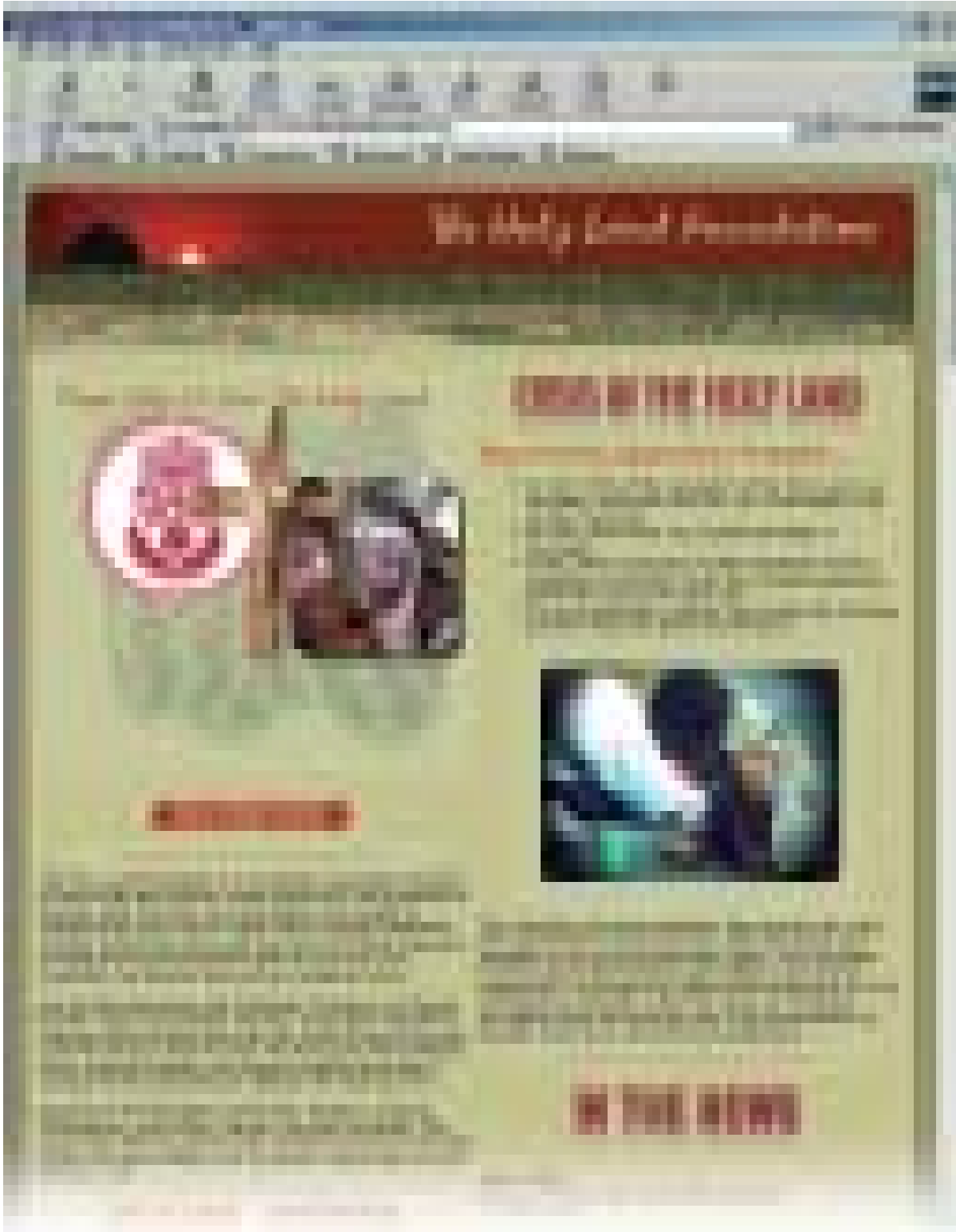
Over the years the Kellogg's family has proven to be much more than a cereal company. In the 1930's, W.K. Kellogg founded the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, reportedly retaining only a fraction of his fortune for his own use. In 1950, the John and Helen Kellogg Foundation was established which has contributed to numerous universities and medical programs.

In this generation, the giving continues. Janet R. ("Jean") and W. Keith Kellogg II perpetuate the same basic principles taught by

grandfather Kellogg by investing their fortune in people and projects that "make good sense." Recently, The Holy Land Foundation has been blessed to be a recipient of the Kellogg's generosity, a gift of \$20,000 designated for the scholarship program. This represents the latest donation in a series of generous contributions totaling \$85,000. We truly appreciate their gifts to the foundation, as well as their philanthropic works nationally and globally. It is truly refreshing to know that there are still companies who care about giving back to community. With so many new businesses failing, it makes one wonder if W.K. Kellogg didn't have the right idea nearly one hundred years ago, by investing his profits in "people and projects that make good sense."

The Holy Land Foundation website goes "LIVE"

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce that the new website is now up and running! Although we had hoped to be on-line earlier this year, significant changes were necessary in order to meet a higher standard. The website will be an evolving process which will continually grow with updated news and information. We plan to add and report on all the work of the foundation and the Christians in the Holy Land to which we are committed. The site, which is located at www.theholylanfoundation.org, is extensive with many interactive features. We are indebted to Mr. John Astrab of Tarpon Springs, Florida for his generous donations toward this project. Please visit us and send us your thoughts and suggestions. It is the hope of the foundation that many hearts will be reached through this new avenue and that Palestinian Christians will receive a great wave of support and renewed spirit.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

In response to the Holy Father's request of increased efforts to aid the Christians in the Holy Land, the foundation has decided to answer the call by heightening our awareness programs. It is through these programs that more and more people will hear the call to help our fellow Christians.

The opportunities for involvement are many, incorporating a variety of ways in which an individual can help. We have outlined some of the programs, which we already have in place. By no means are we limited to these. We welcome your thoughts and ideas to further answer the call.

It's Easy! There are number of simple ways in which you can help the foundation by increasing awareness within your faith community.

Bulletin Inserts

- We can send you a master copy of a single sheet bulletin insert detailing the work of the foundation. Simply make copies and insert into your parish weekly bulletin.

Brochures

- We can send you brochures detailing the work of the foundation for your parish brochure racks.

Mailings

- We have a number of different options for a parish mailing. We supply the information, you supply the postage.

Video Presentation

- We have a 30 minute video, "Crisis in the Holy Land" which can be used in a parish setting, through a religious education program or within any faith-building community.

Article for Newsletter

- We can supply you with an article about the foundation to be printed in your parish or corporate newsletter or local newspaper.

Website Links

- If your parish has a website and would like the foundation to be a link on your site, please let us know.

Plan an Event

- Individual, parish or corporate sponsorship of an event to benefit the foundation. (The Walk for Peace article in this newsletter is an example of



Some of the participants in the Walk 4 Peace, downtown Reading, Ohio

Fundraising Activities

- You can help our fellow Christians in the Holy Land by hosting a fundraising activity within your parish, school or faith community by offering products from the Holy Land.

individuals coming together to host an event for the foundation. Thank you Cincinnati!!

Host a Speaker/Dinner

- Individual, parish or corporate sponsorship of an event with a guest speaker from the foundation to foster increased awareness. (There are a number of articles in this newsletter detailing recent events where Fr. Peter was guest speaker. Thank you to all for your participation!)

Sponsor a Pilgrimage

- Individual, parish or corporate sponsorship of a pilgrimage to benefit the foundation. Not only is a pilgrimage to the Holy Land a faith-filled experience of a lifetime but a way to actually see where and how the work of the foundation is being carried out to help the Christians living there.

If you can help in any way, please contact us toll-free at (866) 905-3787 or email us at volunteer@theholylanfoundation.org.

A Historic Timeline of the Conflict in Israel



Kingdom of Israel - 1000 B.C. (c.)

Toward the end of the 2nd millennium B.C., Moses led the Hebrew people out of Egypt into the "Promised Land" — Canaan. In the early 12th century B.C. the region was invaded by the sea-faring Philistines who ruled it for about 150 years. At some point the Greeks and Romans began calling the region the "Land of the Philistines," from which the name Palestine is derived. The Hebrews under Saul created their own kingdom in around 1020 B.C. Around 950 B.C. the kingdom fractured into two states: Israel, with its capital at Samaria, and Judah, with its capital in Jerusalem.

Christians claim the Holy Land - A.D. 312

Over the centuries, Persians, Babylonians, Assyrians, Greeks and Romans ruled Palestine, the latter during the time of Jesus of Nazareth. In A.D. 312 Roman Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity and Jerusalem became a destination for Christian pilgrims.

An Islamic shrine in Jerusalem - 691

Muslim Arabs under caliph Umar captured Palestine in 640. In 691 they built one of Islam's holiest shrines, the Dome of the Rock, on a site where the Hebrew Temple of Solomon once stood in Jerusalem. The site was chosen because it was believed to be the place where the prophet Muhammad halted on his journey to heaven, but it also set the stage for centuries of conflict between Arabs and Jews.

Rule of the Ottomans - 1516

Centuries of conflict between Christians and Arabs in the Holy Land ended in 1291 with the rise of the Mamluks, warrior slaves who overthrew Egypt's rulers and established a 260-year dynasty in the Middle East. They, in turn, were overthrown by the Ottoman Turks who kept outsiders out of Palestine for nearly 300 years

Nationalism from A to Z - 1882-1897

Responding to growing anti-Semitism in Europe in the late 19th century, a number of influential European Jews founded a movement called Zionism whose goal was to re-create a Jewish homeland in Palestine. During the years before World War I Zionists established dozens of colonies in Palestine amidst a population that was largely Arab and Muslim. There were, however, pockets of Arab Christians and Jews as well, and many of the Jewish settlements were on land purchased from Arabs. At the same time, Arab nationalism was beginning to surface in opposition to Turkish rule.

The Balfour Declaration - 1917



Britain gained control of Palestine after World War I and endorsed Foreign Secretary Arthur J. Balfour's idea of a "national home" for the Jews. The British also promised to respect the rights of non-Jews in the area, and to allow Arab leaders to have their own independent states. There was a critical misunderstanding, however: the Arabs thought Palestine was to be an independent Arab state, which was not what the British intended.

Armed conflict - 1920

The British began governing Palestine in 1920. They announced a Jewish homeland would be created in the region, but that it would exist within Palestine and not encompass the entire country. The first Arab riots against Zionism took place that same year, and in 1929 a dispute at the Wailing Wall ignited an Arab riot and a call for an Islamic jihad. Consequently, Jews began arming themselves, and both sides waged terrorist attacks.

Nazism, strikes and boycotts - 1937

The rise of Nazism in Europe reinvigorated Zionism, and the British raised Jewish immigration quotas for Palestine from about 5,000 in 1932 to about 62,000 in three years. Fearing the Jews would seize control, Arabs launched a series of strikes and boycotts. A British commission concluded that Palestine should be partitioned into Jewish, Arab and British states, something the Zionists accepted reluctantly. But the Arabs, enraged that they might be forcibly removed from the proposed Jewish state, rejected the idea.

War, Holocaust and partition - 1939-47

Jewish refugees from the Holocaust flooded into Palestine during World War II, their plight stirring support for a Jewish state. The Arabs formed the Arab League as a counterweight to Zionism, and in 1947 the United Nations voted to divide Palestine into Arab and Jewish states, the latter occupying 55 percent of the land west of the Jordan River. Jerusalem was designated as an international enclave.

Independence, war, armistice - 1948-49

Zionist leader David Ben-Gurion's declaration in Tel Aviv on May 14, 1948, that Israel was an independent state triggered an invasion by Egypt, Syria, Transjordan, Lebanon and Iraq. Over the next 15 months, the Israelis expanded their holdings to northern Galilee and southern Negev. The ensuing armistice divided Jerusalem between Israel and Jordan, but the fate of 400,000 Palestinian Arabs who fled Israel during the fighting and were in camps near the border was not resolved.



War in the Sinai - 1956

Raids and reprisals between the Arabs and Israel, and Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal, led to Israel's invasion of the Sinai Peninsula. While French and British troops took control of the canal, the Israelis took Gaza and Sharm el Sheikh at the tip of the Sinai Peninsula that controls access to the Gulf of Aqaba and the Indian Ocean. Israel withdrew in 1957 after its access to the gulf was guaranteed by the United Nations.

Al-Fatah and the PLO - 1959

Former Palestinian activist and Egyptian army soldier Yasser Arafat and Abu Jihad (Kahlil al-Wazir) founded Al-Fatah — an acronym for the Palestine National Liberation Movement — to liberate Palestine from Israel through guerrilla warfare. It grew rapidly through the 1960s to become the biggest and richest Palestinian force, and a target of Israeli raids. In 1969 Arafat became chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, a group formed in 1964 as an umbrella for a number of Palestinian factions.

Six-Day War - 1967

In May 1967, Egypt closed the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli shipping and began mobilizing its forces, followed by Syria and Jordan. The three-way mobilization appeared to indicate an imminent attack on Israel. In response, Israel launched a preemptive strike. Starting on June 5, the Israeli air force destroyed Egypt's planes on the ground. Enabled by air superiority throughout the region, Israeli tank columns and infantry took just three days to capture the Sinai Peninsula. Elsewhere, the Israelis overran the Golan Heights, the West Bank of the Jordan

River, including the Old City of Jerusalem (which Israel later annexed) and Gaza. The war was over by June 10, ended by a U.N.-arranged cease-fire. The United States called on the Israelis to withdraw from occupied territories, but did not specify how much land it should give up.

PLO expelled - 1970

Artillery duels between Israelis and Palestinians based in Jordan, along with airline hijackings by Palestinian guerrillas, led to fears that Jordan might be taken over by the PLO. Jordanian troops drove the PLO out of the country in 1971, and the PLO relocated to Lebanon. In September 1972, an extremist faction known as Black September killed 11 Israeli athletes at the Olympic Games in Munich.



Yom Kippur War - 1973

Convinced their complaints about Israel were being ignored, Egypt and Syria launched a joint attack on Israel on October 6, the Jewish holy day Yom Kippur. Iraq also joined the attack and other Arab states contributed support. Caught off-guard, Israel took several days to mobilize, suffering heavy casualties, but forced the attackers back. The Israeli army even pushed Egyptian forces back across the Suez Canal and occupied the canal's western bank. It also took large chunks of Syrian territory before the belligerents agreed to another cease-fire arranged by the United Nations. In a series of 1974 agreements Israel withdrew its forces back across the canal into Sinai and came to cease-fire terms with Syria. But the war established Israel as the dominant power in the region.

Camp David Accords - 1979

Egypt and Israel signed a peace treaty on March 26 that formally ended the state of war that had existed between them for 30 years. In return for Egypt's recognition of Israel's right to exist, Israel returned the Sinai Peninsula. The two nations also formally established diplomatic relations.

War in Lebanon - 1982

Just a few weeks after withdrawing from the Sinai, Israeli jets in early June bombed PLO strongholds in Beirut and southern Lebanon to retaliate for years of PLO raids and provocations. Shortly thereafter the Israeli army invaded Lebanon and surrounded Beirut, halting to begin negotiations with the PLO. After 10 weeks of intense shelling, the PLO agreed to leave Beirut under the protection of a multinational force and to relocate to other Arab countries. The episode precipitated an intense leadership struggle among PLO factions. Israel had withdrawn from most of Lebanon by 1985, but it continued to hold a buffer strip along its border that it seized in 1978.

Intifada - 1987

Friction peaked again in 1987 when Palestinians living in Gaza, the West Bank and Jerusalem rioted against the Israelis in what came to be known as the intifada, or "uprising." The demonstrations continued for years, and Arafat added further defiance by proclaiming that the PLO was the government-in-exile of a "State of Palestine." The PLO also formally recognized Israel's right to exist in 1988. When peace talks began in 1991, however, the PLO was excluded.

A handshake and a treaty - 1993

Secret negotiations near Oslo, Norway, between Israel and the PLO resulted in a treaty that included mutual recognition, limited self-rule for Palestinians in Jericho and Gaza, and provisions for a permanent treaty that would resolve the status of Gaza and the West Bank. Signed in Washington, D.C., the agreement was sealed by a historic handshake between Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Rabin, Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres won the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts.

Massacre and withdrawal - 1994

In February, a Jewish settler murdered 39 Palestinians as they prayed in a West Bank

mosque, and other terrorist acts on both sides kept the tension high. Nevertheless, Israel withdrew in May from Jericho on the West Bank and from Gaza. In July, Arafat entered Gaza and swore in members of the Palestinian Authority, which quickly took control of education and culture, social welfare, tourism, health and taxation.

Rabin assassinated - 1995

In September, Rabin and Peres signed an agreement expanding Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and giving the Palestinian Authority control over six large West Bank towns. Underscoring the violence and intractability of radical elements on both sides, Rabin was gunned down two months later by an Israeli law student with connections to right-wing extremists.

Pivotal elections - 1996

In the first-ever elections held by Palestinians, Arafat was the overwhelming choice as president of the Palestinian Authority. In Israel, meanwhile, hard-line Likud Party leader Benjamin Netanyahu defeated Peres in a close race. Although Netanyahu and Arafat pledged to work toward a final peace treaty, the government's decision later that year to end a freeze on construction in the occupied territories led to clashes between Palestinians and Jewish settlers.

Handover, housing and Hamas - 1997

The West Bank town of Hebron was returned to Palestinian control after 30 years under the Israelis, seemingly a measure of Netanyahu's commitment to peace. But his approval of a large new Jewish housing project in eastern Jerusalem triggered new violence. Among the incidents were the detonation of suicide bombs in an outdoor market in Jerusalem that killed 15 and wounded 170. An extremist Palestinian group called Hamas claimed responsibility, and the Israeli Cabinet insisted the peace talks would continue only when the terrorism ended.

Wye River Accords - 1998

After a yearlong stalemate and a marathon 21-hour session mediated by U.S. President



Bill Clinton, Netanyahu and Arafat signed a land-for-peace deal on October 23 at Wye Mills, Maryland. It called for a crackdown on terrorists, redeployment of Israeli troops, transfer of 14.2 percent of the West Bank land to Palestinian control, safe passage corridors for Palestinians between Gaza and the West Bank, the release of 750 Palestinians from Israeli prisons and a Palestinian airport in Gaza.

Barak by a landslide - 1999

Voters responded to the "One Israel" campaign of moderate Labor candidate Ehud Barak, Israel's most-decorated soldier, by giving him a landslide victory over the hard-line Netanyahu. In September, Barak and Arafat signed an agreement to implement the Wye River agreement, and Israel released 200 Palestinian prisoners and began transferring West Bank land to Palestinian control.

Impasse at Camp David - July 2000

U.S. President Bill Clinton invited Barak and Arafat to a three-way summit at Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland, as the September 13 deadline for a final peace accord approached. The talks began July 11 and ended 15 days later with no agreement in sight, the two sides at an impasse largely over the sovereignty and control of Jerusalem.

Fighting in the streets - September-October 2000

In late September, crowds of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank began attacking Israeli security forces with rocks and guns. The violence continued into 2001, and hundreds of people, mostly Palestinians, have been killed. The trouble erupted after Israel's right-wing opposition leader Ariel Sharon led a delegation from his party on a well-publicized visit to the

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place in Jerusalem that Jews call Temple Mount and Muslims call Haram al-Sharif, or Noble Sanctuary. The sovereignty of the site, sacred to both religions, is a central issue in the peace process.

Palestinians blamed Sharon's visit for sparking the violence and endangering the ongoing push for peace talks. Sharon said he went to the site with a message of peace and said the violence was a premeditated campaign orchestrated by the Palestinian Authority.

Barak resigns, calls for special election - December 2000

Saying that he needs to "seek anew the confidence of the people of Israel and to receive a renewed mandate to lead the state of Israel on the way to peace," Ehud Barak announced on December 10 his resignation as prime minister. He also announced his intent to compete in a special prime ministerial election set for February 6, 2000.

Clinton makes a proposal - December 2000

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators met with U.S. President Bill Clinton, who made his own proposals for a final agreement between the two sides. Under the proposal, the Palestinians would get a state in 95 percent of the West Bank and all of Gaza as well as control over Haram al-Sharif — known to Jews as Temple Mount — a disputed holy site in traditionally Arab east

Jerusalem. In exchange, the Palestinians would drop their demand for a right of return for Palestinian refugees who fled or were driven out of Israel when it was founded as a modern state in 1948

Clinton leaves office without a deal - January 2001

U.S. President Bill Clinton left office without securing a final peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. Negotiations ended in late January without an agreement but Israeli and Palestinian negotiators said the two sides were close to reaching an agreement, and held out hope that what they had achieved would serve as the foundation for a future accord.

Sharon defeats Barak in special election - February 2001

Likud party leader Ariel Sharon wins a landslide victory on February 6 in Israel's special election for prime minister, easily defeating incumbent Ehud Barak. The hard-line Sharon has been critical of the peace process and attacked Barak for continuing negotiations with the Palestinians after resigning as prime minister.

Sharon says he wants to form a national unity government with Barak's Labor Party and has offered Barak, a former army general, the position of defense minister in his coalition government. Sharon also said his government will not enter into peace negotiations with the Palestinians until violence against Israelis is stopped.

On February 15, Barak released a statement saying that he has conditionally accepted an offer from Sharon for the Labor Party to join a national unity government. The decision must still be ratified by a party forum. The offer calls for Labor to hold the posts of defense minister and foreign minister and although it has not been officially confirmed.



Support from Florida

The Florida chapter of The Holy Land Foundation located in Venice, Florida hosted Fr. Vasko during a seven city speaking tour, which included Naples, Ft. Meyers, Sebring, Bradenton, Long Boat Key, and Venice.

A dinner reception was held by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fink at the Pelican Country Club in Naples. Fr. Vasko spoke about the political ramifications of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and its affect on the local Christians. Fr. Vasko also spoke at various masses and receptions in Ft. Meyers, Bradenton, and Venice and met with several key

supporters in Sebring and Long Boat Key. All in all the Florida trip was quite successful for the foundation both monetarily as well as securing eight new sponsors who have committed themselves to scholarship grants established by the foundation for the youth of the Holy Land.

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A reception and talk was held at St. Francis Xavier Church in Ft. Meyers. Pictured here are L-R Fr. Tom Anglim, Pastor, Fr. Peter, and Sr. Elaine Mahoney, Principal of Elementary School at St. Xavier.

You're Invited

You are invited to come on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM, as our guide to benefit the work of the foundation.

For information on putting together a group or going on a current group please contact Tekton Ministries toll free at (866) 905-3787.



His Holiness with the Franciscan Friars in Bethlehem at their Monastery. L-R Latin Patriarch Sabbah, Fr. Battistelli, OFM Custos, His Holiness, Fr. Bini, OFM Minister General of the Franciscan Order, Cardinal Sodano, Vatican Secretary of State

Live from the Holy Land...

The next newsletter will be "Live from the Holy Land" including scholarship updates, current housing projects, and interviews with Christian families that struggle to remain in their homeland.

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In the middle of this century, 25 percent of the population of the Holy Land was Christian. Today, it is less than three percent. Specifically, out of more than six million, there are only 150,000 Christians now living in the Holy Land. This is a crucial situation, demanding that we join together and take action before Christianity ceases in the land where Christ founded His Church.

We need your help now! We hope and pray the Lord will touch your hearts and that you will be able to play a role in helping preserve and maintain our Christian presence, religious roots and heritage in the Holy Land.

Please send your donations to:

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The Holy Land Spring Awareness Campaign



Texas

A reception was held at the McNairs' residence in Austin where several individuals committed themselves to sponsor a student scholarship. Pictured above L-R Fr. Peter, Mr. & Mrs. F. McNair, hosts for the reception, Fr. Larry Covington, Pastor of St. Louis Church.



Mississippi

A luncheon reception was held at corporate headquarters of Hancock Bank in Biloxi, MS where over 150 guests attended to hear Fr. Peter speak about the Christian dilemma. Pictured above are the sponsors for the event. L-R Mr. & Mrs. S. Domini, Fr. Peter, Mr. & Mrs. George Schloegel, CEO of Hancock Bank, Mr. & Mrs. F. Bertucci.

Georgia

Msgr. E. Dillon, Pastor of Holy Spirit Church in Atlanta, is seen pictured with Fr. Peter. Fr. Peter was invited to speak about the Christian exodus at all the weekend masses at Holy Spirit Church.



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