Four-hundred and sixty guests were in attendance at a black-tie event benefitting the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land on September 13th, 2014 at the Ritz-Carlton Dallas.


Bishop Farrell gave a warm Texas welcome to the members of the FFHL Board of Trustees who came from California, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Illinois Washington, D.C. and Jerusalem, as well as to the many attendees who came from New York, Illinois, Florida, California, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Bishop Paprocki gave the invocation.

After dinner, Fr. Peter Vasko, President, together with Denise Scalzo, Vice-president of FFHL, presented awards of appreciation to the Stanzels and Trowbridges for having Co-chaired the Event. Fr. Peter noted that since 1998 the Dallas-Ft. Worth area has raised substantial funding from the many benefit dinners and scholarship luncheons it has held over these many years. So far over 20 university scholarships have been provided for Christian students in the Holy land. Fr. Peter and Ms. Scalzo then presented the City of David Award to Msgr. Donald F. Zimmerman, Pastor of Christ the King Church in Dallas, in recognition of his ongoing support and dedication in helping the FFHL maintain and preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Also receiving an award was Mr. Arthur J. Dickerson of Ft. Worth, who was presented the Guardian of the Holy Land Award, the highest award given by the FFHL. This award is a “recognition given to individuals who have not only demonstrated an outstanding love of God in their personal lives, but have held up the truth, the reality, the faith and the hopes of the Holy Land... individuals who have placed themselves in the hands of God and have allowed their gifts and energies to be consumed for those in need”. In his noteworthy acceptance remarks, Mr. Dickerson stated that “the real Guardians of the Holy Land are the Franciscans- Custos Pizzabella, Fr. Peter Vasko and all Franciscans in the Holy Land who are devoting their lives to this cause”. Past recipients of the award who were present for the dinner were Dr. Richard F. Toussaint, Jr. and Susan H. Stanzel.

As the evening continued, an outstanding six-minute video showcased six recipients of FFHL university scholarship grants in their respective careers in the Holy Land who are deeply grateful and very appreciative. In addition, the video included remarks from eight Dallasites and Ft. Worthians, both clergy and laypersons, who expressed why they support the mission of the FFHL.

One recent FFHL graduate, Mr. Zaki Sahlia, of Tel Aviv, came in person to express his gratitude for having received scholarships for an undergraduate degree in Chemistry and a graduate degree in Law. He is now employed at a law firm in Tel Aviv.

Later in the evening, FFHL Board Member, Mr. Steven Ramirez of Sacramento, California introduced the keynote speaker, Lt. Col. Oliver L. North, USMC.

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Letter from the Custos

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“He has given us new birth into a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1.3)

We send our Easter Greetings and Blessings to all people everywhere in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

In the face of so much that threatens to devalue or diminish human life, the hope that springs from the Resurrection is rooted here in Jerusalem. The message of Easter has shaped the very identity of this Holy City over many centuries.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we urge people everywhere not to fall into despair. The joyful proclamation of the Resurrection at dawn on Easter Sunday assures us that the last word lies not with violence but with God’s purpose of love, justice and hope which runs like a thread throughout history and will find its ultimate fulfillment in the coming fullness of his Kingdom.

As you read through these pages, I hope that you feel a part of our family. The 14 programs that bring hope to Christians in the Holy Land are made possible by your generosity. We will never forget you in our prayers.

I remain a servant of God and yours, in the Spirit of St. Francis,

Fr. Pierbattista Pizzaballa, OFM
Chairman, FFHL
Custos of the Holy Land

Where Are They Now?

Dr. Jack Sabat originates from Beit-Jala where he lived with his parents and brother. His father is employed at the Terra Santa School in Bethlehem and his mother teaches sports at Good Shepherd School in Bethlehem. He was awarded a scholarship in 2008 to study Oral and Dental Medicine and Surgery at Misr University for Science and Technology. He recently completed his intern year in Bethlehem, working with both the government and private clinics and is now preparing to work with a well-known dentist in Bethlehem. He hopes to gain more experience in order to determine whether he will continue his studies or begin officially practicing in his field.

While at the University, Dr. Sabat was an “A” student. He tells us, “I studied very hard because I was convinced that only through education could I achieve something, and I also wanted to be worthy of the scholarship given to me by my sponsor.” He continues, “Only through hard work could I feel fulfilled and successful. I also believe that God gave me talents to be used, and I should not lose a good opportunity to be in God’s will and be successful for the service of my community”.

Dr. Sabat stresses that his family, with all their good intentions, would never have been able to pay for his studies, so the scholarship was his only hope. He chose dentistry because he always liked biology, and the idea that he could help relieve pain was to be his vocation. Also, after suffering with difficult complications with his braces in his youth he decided to help others by providing low cost treatments.

A favorite past-time of Dr. Sabat is basketball, a game which he has been playing since the age of five. He is currently playing semi-professionally with the Orthodox Club and has represented Israel in many international competitions; Italy and Jordan to name a few.

Dr. Sabat has been committed to the Christian presence in the Holy Land and has participated in different national and international conventions, traveling to Sweden, Japan and Italy. He was proud to represent his community as well as representing the Christians of the Holy Land and their mission as peace makers.

In the end, Dr. Sabat tells us, he would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the FFHL and in particular his sponsor for their help and assistance with his studies.

His hope for the future is to continue in his specialization in order to fulfill his vocation. That future is looking even brighter as he was just recently engaged to be married.
Student Expresses Gratitude To Sponsors

Most sponsors will agree that a letter or any communication from their student is very uplifting. Not only is it good to read of their appreciation but also to learn about their successes in their studies as you will note in the letter below.

FFHL Board Member Spotlight: Mrs. Kathy Assaf

Mrs. Kathy Assaf is our newest member to join the FFHL Board of Directors. She resides in Boca Raton, FL and Elk Banner, NC with her husband, Ron. They have five children and 10 grandchildren. Kathy and Ron were invested in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher in 2010. She graduated from South Broward High School, attended Rollins College and graduated from the University of Central Florida with a BS in Business Administration.

Kathy’s work history includes Senior Auditor at Arthur Young & Company, Director of International Services Dept. and later Director of Special Projects at Sensormatic Electronics. She served as a Member of the Board of Directors and later as Chairman of the Board of Boca Bank and later as a member of the Board of Directors of Intercontinental Bank.

Having received numerous awards of recognition beginning in 1985, Kathy received the Woman of Distinction in Finance (Soroptomists) Award, St. Jude Our Lady of Mount Carmel Award, Outstanding Philanthropy and the Leadership Award from Rotary International, to name a few. The Academic Center at Lynn University is named in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Assaf as is the Assaf Administration Building and Assaf Hall on the campus of St. Andrew’s School and the Assaf Center for Excellence in Nursing at Boca Raton Community Hospital. Mr. & Mrs. Assaf and their children have been recognized and commended by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem as founders of the Home for the Aged and Special Needs Children in Taybeh, West Bank.

Kathy has been active in community service including church-related committees at both parish and diocesan levels. Other community services include events for fund raising for charities such as the Diabetes Association, Cystic Fibrosis Association, American Heart Association and American Red Cross.

The FFHL is truly blessed to have Mrs. Assaf as part of the Board of Directors and will benefit greatly from her past experience and talents.

August 3, 2014

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rafik Bishara,

I am writing to thank you again and again for your generous scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship.

I’m also writing to tell you that now I’ve finished my first year at the school of Dental Medicine at Tel-Aviv University, with an average of 85.

I am really deeply appreciative of your support, and I don’t know what is the best way to thank you and express my sincere gratitude to you for making my dream come true.

I’m also want to share my experiences for this year with you. I lived in the student dormitory of the Uni. (and I will live there also this second year), and at the weekend I traveled back to Nazareth. It was a stressful year, we had so many stressful courses just like: Human anatomy (anatomy dissection course), physiology, biochemistry, bio cell, organic chemistry, statistics, neuroscience, and etc.

This year was one of my best years, I achieved a significant part of my goals, and I’m satisfied of my performance for the first academic year, hoping to continue on the right way in my 5 remaining years.

I attached some pictures for me from the White Coat Ceremony, as a first year student at Tel-Aviv Uni. I received a white coat, a symbol of the transition to the clinical world, and it had its effects on me.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise you and myself that I will work very hard and eventually give something back to you and to the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land (FFHL), as you helped me and still helping me at the beginning of my own way.

I’d love to hear from you too.

Sincerely,

Janan Abu El-Assai (Nazareth)
Thirty-six Students Awarded Scholarships for 2014-2015

Saleh Ayash resides in Bethlehem with his parents and three younger brothers. He is planning to attend Birzeit University and to major in Architecture. His sponsor is Cradling Christianity in Columbus, Ohio.

Shireen Hadeed resides in the Old City of Jerusalem with her parents and two older brothers and one sister. She is planning to attend El-Quds University in Jerusalem in the field of Dentistry. Her sponsors is Mr. and Mrs. John Astrab of Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Jane Alawi resides in Bethlehem with her parents. She is planning to attend Bethlehem University in Ramallah and plans to major in Nursing (Audio and Speech Therapy). Her sponsor is the E.M. Foundation of Boca Raton, Florida.

George Al-Hiti resides in Bethlehem with his parents. He is planning to attend Birzeit University in Ramallah and to major in the field of Business. His sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Walo of Dallas, Texas.

Riham Andria resides in Nazareth with her parents and one older sister. She will be attending the University of Haifa and plans to major in Social Welfare. In memory of John and Mary Dibsy of Downey, California.

Nura Araman resides in Jerusalem with her parents and two younger siblings. She plans to attend Hebrew University in Jerusalem in the field of Pharmacy. Her sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Walo of Dallas, Texas.

Taleen Baboun was born in Bethlehem and lives with her parents and one younger brother. She plans to attend Birzeit University and to major in Engineering. Her sponsor is FFHL.

Rebecca Bazazo resides in the Old City of Jerusalem with her parents and three younger siblings. She is planning to attend Bethlehem University and major in Chemistry. Her sponsors is the FFHL Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter, Texas.

Matilda Dababneh resides in Beit-Hanina, a suburb of Jerusalem, with her parents and a younger sibling. She plans to attend Birzeit University and study in the field of Engineering. Her sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. R. James Assaf of Boca Raton, Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Stover of Kent, Ohio.

Joan Da'boub resides in Bethlehem and lives with her parents and one younger sibling. She is planning to attend Birzeit University in Ramallah and major in the field of Engineering. Her sponsors is the FFHL Orlando Chapter, Florida.

Faviola Diek resides in Bethlehem with her parents and two younger siblings. She is planning to attend Bethlehem University and to major in Business Administration. Her sponsor is EOHL of Lake Quivira, Kansas.

Hanni Freij resides in Bethlehem with his parents and a younger sibling. He is planning to attend Bethlehem University and is planning to major in Accounting. His sponsor is Cradling Christianity in Columbus, Ohio.

Ghassam Harami was born in Jerusalem and resides with his parents along with one younger brother and two older sisters. He plans to attend Bethlehem University and major in science. His sponsor is FFHL.

Elias Hazboun resides in Bethlehem with his parents and two brothers and one sister. He is planning to attend Al-Quds University in Jerusalem and to major in Law/Public Administration. His sponsor is the FFHL Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter, Texas.

Imad Hazboun resides in Bethlehem with his parents. He has three older sisters. He is planning to attend Birzeit University in Ramallah, outside of Jerusalem, and major in Engineering. His sponsor is E.M. Lynn Foundation of Boca Raton, Florida.
We are proud to announce that thirty undergraduate and six master degree scholarships have been awarded for 2014-2015! Thank you for the continued support and generosity of our Catholic and Christian patrons.
FFHL awarded educational grants to 26 new Christian students enrolled in vocational schools in the Jerusalem area. Some are attending a vocational/trade school in Beit Hanina outside of Jerusalem while others are attending the Notre Dame Hotel’s culinary school in Jerusalem.

The vocational preparation program helps young Christian students to receive training in various areas such as: plumbing, auto repair, carpentry, electronics, culinary arts, telecommunications and others. Upon graduation, they are thus more likely to find gainful employment.

Fr. Pizzaballa, OFM, Chairman of FFHL, strongly supports this program, stating “We must continue to open all avenues of work for the Christian youth especially those who have graduated from high school in order to give them opportunities for higher education whether it be on a college level or at a vocational school level. Each will provide them a means of securing future employment and thus giving them hope.”
The Church of St. Anne is a beautiful 12th century church erected over the traditional site of the birthplace of Anne (Hannah), the mother of Mary. The Church was built by the Crusaders in 1140 to commemorate the place of the birth of Mary. However, after additional investigation, most church scholars believe that it was in the town of Sepphoris, not far from Nazareth, that Mary was born. Unlike other Crusader churches, St. Anne’s was not destroyed by the Mamelukes. Instead, in 1192 Saladin the Moslem conqueror, turned the church into a Moslem theological school and left it whole. An inscription is still above the entrance in Arabic “Salahiya” (Saladin). Eventually abandoned, the church fell into ruin until the Ottomans donated it to France in 1856 as a sign of appreciation for helping them in the Crimean War of the 1850's. It was subsequently restored, but most of what remains today is original.

What first strikes the visitor to St. Anne’s Church is its simplicity, both within the unadorned interior and on the clear, clean lines of its façade. There is also a sense of majesty, perhaps lent by the church’s stark cross-vaulted ceilings and giant pillars. Stone steps lead to a crypt below the church, where an altar is dedicated to Mary. It is said that during the Moslem occupation of Israel, Christian pilgrims were permitted inside the grotto, for a price, and it is here that the Franciscans celebrated mass from the mid-sixteenth century on.

The church is located next to the Bethesda Pool, believed to be the site where Jesus healed a paralytic (John 5:1-15). You can see the ruins of a Roman temple to the god of medicine and remains of a Byzantine church built over the temple.

St. Anne’s Church is just a few hundred feet east of the Sanctuaries of the Flagellation and the Condemnation, at the beginning of the Via Dolorosa. Visitors will often hear a person or group singing as they enter the church as the acoustics, designed for Gregorian chant, are so perfect that the church is virtually a musical instrument to be played by the human voice. Only religious songs are permitted to be sung in St. Anne’s Church. Pilgrim groups come throughout the day to sing. The acoustics are most amazing when used by a soprano or a tenor solo voice. It has been said that when a choir sings in the church the very heavens seem to ring!
New Sports Center For Youth To Promote Peace In The Holy Land

The Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land has announced a new project intended to further peace-building efforts in Israel, Palestine and the surrounding areas. This project, entitled “Acre: Sports for Peace” is targeted to help children of differing cultural and religious backgrounds play sports together while serving as a vehicle for peace and brotherhood.

Acre is a small city overlooking the Mediterranean Sea near Haifa and has always been a crossroads of peoples and cultures, famous for its pivotal role as a port city throughout the Crusades. Since the 16th century, Franciscan friars have been serving the local Christian community. Over the years, the friars have enlarged their schools, but today there is a shortage of space because the school now educates more than 530 students. Today the city has approximately 35,000 Jews, 14,000 Arabs (13,000 of who are Muslim and less than 1,000 of who are Christians).

Fr. Quirico Calella, OFM, director of the Terra Santa School in Acre, has lamented the lack of space for sports and gymnastics near the school. He says there is a real need for a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and multi-purpose sports center. It will be a place for the various ethnic groups to meet and play sports which is a “common language” among the youth.

The new sports center will also serve as a site for social events and encounters of young people from these different ethnic groups. With the aim of making this sports center a unique place of fellowship and unity, Fr. Calella said it will be a solid foundation that will contribute to the building of a just and lasting peace. “It is in the DNA of the Franciscans, after the example of St. Francis, to bring people together to try to bring peace because St. Francis is a man of peace”, Fr. Calella said.

Cradling Christianity Of Columbus Raises $86,000 For The FFHL

Msgr. Frank Lane was the guest speaker for the event. He currently serves on the faculty at The Athenaeum of Ohio, St. Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati. During his presentation he likened the persecution of Christians in Iraq and the Holy Land to the persecution of Native Americans in the Ohio territory during the Colonial period of America 1688-1782.

Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM, President of the FFHL, also spoke providing an update of the current situation in the Holy Land.

The evening was an immense success with over 300 guests attending the annual event. Proceeds reached $86,000 to benefit the 14 programs of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land. To date, Cradling Christianity has raised nearly $700,000, providing university scholarships and tuition assistance to the Christian students in the Holy Land.

The ninth annual Cradling Christianity Dinner was held on September 4th, 2014. Mass was concelebrated at St. Charles Chapel and the dinner took place at Walter Commons in Columbus, Ohio.
A native Texan, U.S. Naval Academy graduate and combat-decorated U.S. Marine, Col. North served 22 years as a Marine officer and was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star for valor and two Purple Heart medals for wounds incurred while in action. He spoke about "America’s Relationship with the Holy Land". His video presentation of brave American military personnel in foreign countries defending our freedoms was highlighted by a wounded warrior who returned for a second tour of duty with artificial legs as a result of combat wounds. Col. North compared the soldier’s commitment to the commitment of the Franciscan Friars of the Custody of the Holy Land who serve tirelessly to maintain a Christian presence there. Col. North received several standing ovations during his presentation.

Members of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Host Committee included Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Dickerson of Ft. Worth, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Baillargeon, Ms. Leslie Ann Crozier, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Grimshaw, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Harrison, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Martter, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Rolland and Rosemary H. Vaughan of Dallas. The committee members included Rose Bergeron, Aurelia Corbitt, Patty Daniel, Kathy Gilbride, Helen Graham, Rose Hoff, Anne Harrison, Rose Lafferty, Amy Love, Theresa Martter, Shelley Stanzel and Mary Zaby.

Underwriters for the event included Mr. & Mrs. Eugene J. Alfonsi of Ohio, Dr. & Mrs. Carl Culicchia of Louisiana, Ellen Murray of New York, Susan Pritchett of Ft. Worth, Hattie Poole of San Antonio, Candyce Eoff, Richard Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. Will F. Hartnett, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Hrubetz, Dr. Jonathan Metzler and Mr. Joe C. Thompson, Jr., all of Dallas.

The elegant evening included exquisite music by renowned pianist David Haskins, and by celebrated harpist Juliette Buchanan.

Before the closing Benediction given by Msgr. Zimmerman, and on behalf of all attendees, a toast was given to Fr. Peter for rising to the challenge of the FFHL to maintain a Christian presence in the Holy Land. Not wishing to offend his Franciscan spirituality by giving accolades to him, Msgr. Zimmerman cited Fr. Peter’s vision, intelligence, energy, administrative, promotional and fundraising skills as unique and true gifts of the Holy Spirit. He then invited all attendees to rise and join him in saluting Fr. Peter, which generated a thunderstorm of applause.

To say the least, the evening was a great success.

**FFHL Founding Emeritus Board Member Most Rev. John J. Nevins, D.D. Born To Eternal Life**

Bishop Emeritus John J. Nevins, Founding FFHL Board Member in 1995, passed on to eternal life this past August. He was ordained a priest in June 1959 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC and served the Archdiocese of Miami in many capacities for almost 24 years. He was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Miami on March 24, 1979.

Bishop Nevins was appointed first Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida in July 1948. The Catholic population of the ten-county Diocese exploded from approximately 115,000 to more than 200,000 parishioners under his tutelage.

In an effort to meet the spiritual needs of this growing Catholic population, Bishop Nevins added 15 parishes to the original 39 and increased the number of chapels and missions to 13.

Under his motto – To Serve with Mercy, he responded to the societal changing needs by instituting many Diocesan ministries including those to migrant works and those most in need.

Just before retiring in January 2007 as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, he was in Immokalee, a largely migrant worker community, celebrating a ground-breaking of a new community center for the Coalition of Immokalee Works. Bishop Nevins is described by those who knew him as embracing, good-natured and devoted to providing a voice to those who needed it most.
The Orlando Region hosted a benefit dinner for the FFHL at the Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North, on Saturday, September 27th. The Host Committee included: Suzy Williams, Manijeh Bahrami, Diana Moon, Eileen McClelland, OFS, Sarah Giammarinaro, Rocio Gutierrez, Patricia Engelhardt, and Faith Libbe, OFS, Regional Representative for the FFHL, who also served as the Event Chair pictured at top right.

The Committee expanded its guest list this year to include local pastors, clergy and religious of the Diocese of Orlando, offering an opportunity to learn more about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land and what the FFHL is doing to help them. The Committee was most grateful to have among their guests the following Pastors of the Diocese of Orlando: Very Rev. Stephen Parkes, V.F., Annunciation Catholic Church; Rev. Charlie Deeney, St. Francis of Assisi; Very Rev. Patrick Quinn, T.O.R, Our Lady Star of the Sea; and Rev. Robert D’Aversa, T.O.R., St. Patrick Catholic Community.

Other clergy and religious from the Diocese in attendance included Rev. Mark Wajda, St. Paul Catholic Community; Rev. William Gohring, Rev. Stephen Baumann, Sr. Maria Terese Acosta, SCTJM, Sr. Rachel Gosda, SCTJM, Sr. Christine Hernandez, SCTJM and Seminarian Edwin Cardona all of Annunciation Catholic Church; and Sr. Judy Waldt, MHSH, St. Patrick Catholic Community.

The evening began with cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and silent auction. Many unique items from the Holy Land were displayed in the silent auction, including a lovely hand-crafted olive wood nativity and a crucifix sent from the Herodian Store in Bethlehem as well as an embroidered shawl and jacket, handcrafted in Jerusalem.

Fr. Mark Wajda, Chaplain of the Orlando Region, offered the Invocation after which time the guests enjoyed an excellent dinner and wonderful fellowship. Greg Fox, local reporter for Orlando’s WESH-TV, was the Master of Ceremonies and his sparkling personality enhanced the remainder of the evening.

At the conclusion of the dinner, FFHL President, Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM was invited to take part in a very special cake cutting ceremony created by Committee Member Rocio Gutierrez. The cake featured the FFHL logo, complete with the inscription: “Safeguarding the Christian Presence in the Holy Land”. As dessert was being served, Keynote Speaker Very Rev. Patrick Quinn, T.O.R, gave a very moving talk about the role of Franciscans as peacemakers, in the forefront of promoting justice, tying in the “Wolf of Gubbio” story from “The Little Flowers of St. Francis”.

The Keynote Speech transitioned into the video portion of the program which featured the work of present-day Franciscans through the FFHL Programs. Included in the video was footage of the Holy Land, sentiments offered by Orlando Committee members, and, especially moving, testimonies given by Christian youth of the Holy Land who have benefited from FFHL University Scholarship Program.

Following the video, Honored Guest, Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM called Faith Libbe, OFS, to the podium and presented her with an award of appreciation for her dedication in chairing the benefit dinner for the FFHL. Fr. Peter then shared a heartfelt experience regarding a young lady from Gaza who persistently requested the help of the FFHL through a university scholarship. Her dream was to become a nurse and one day help her people. An appeal was made to the Orlando Region to help make her dream come true. Orlando generously responded to assist the FFHL to make this young lady’s dream become a reality.

The program, the Committee Chair offered a heartfelt thanks to all of those present. Special thanks was given to all those who assisted in making the evening an exceptional event. Volunteer appreciation gifts were presented to the Host Committee, Master of Ceremonies and Keynote Speaker. The Committee then presented an award of appreciation to Fr. Peter in honor of his 20 years of service to the FFHL.

God bless all of the friends of the Holy Land in the Orlando Region who made this dinner both a memorable and wonderful success!
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Join Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM, on a pilgrimage of faith:

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- May 9 – 19, 2016, FFHL Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM
- Nov. 29 – Dec. 9, 2016, FFHL Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM

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