

# Valuing ALL

Every child deserve the chance  
to grow and mature.

Most often the children suffer most!

Caring for every child is a way  
we can fulfill our duty,  
as an Order and as Catholics,  
to give every child  
an opportunity  
to LAUGH,  
LEARN  
& LOVE



## This Christmas

The Grand Master Cardinal Edwin O'Brien wants to highlight the activities of the Order on behalf of these children so that all members of the Order may celebrate Christmas in communion with these children who give today an African or Asian face to the Baby Jesus, thus well representing the universality of the Church.

Through your regular contributions, each year the Grand Magisterium of the Order is able to send a sum of money to support these facilities for migrant children and thus support their whole families.



SHE THANKS YOU!

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## THE MIGRANT CHILDREN IN THE HOLY LAND NEED OUR HELP



The Equestrian Order  
of the Holy Sepulchre



# The difficult conditions of Migrants in Israel

Children under the age of three have to face big challenges. While their parents work, wherever they can, trying to provide for their families, their children are left alone in “warehouses” where 1-2 untrained adults “care” for up to 60 children. They are crammed together in darkened rooms, wrapped tightly in swaddling clothes so they don’t move, are not provided adequate nutrition, and given no opportunities for stimulation or normal human interaction. This often contributes to motor, linguistic, emotional and behavioral problems...

...All that can be avoided.



## The situation is dire for the children...

- An estimated 227,000 migrants live within the territory of the State of Israel
- Many come from Eritrea and live in dreadful, slum-like conditions
- A large number, especially women, have been victims of human trafficking
- Asylum seekers have no insurance or welfare benefits and often not even the right to work legally
- Few can apply for refugee status
- Their children suffer terrible consequences
- Many are “stored” in *Baby Warehouses*
- Where 1 or 2 untrained adults “care” for up to 60 babies from 1 month to 3 years of age



## The Order's Response through the St. James Vicariate for Hebrew speaking Catholics in Israel

- Promote day care facilities that guarantee the proper environment for small children
- Provide trained staff who can properly care for the immigrant children
- Be a model of a healthy child-care facility
- Make available after-school programs for more grown-up children to provide academic assistance and a safe environment to grow and learn and play