



GRAND MAGISTERIUM – VATICAN  
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THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

*At the service of the living stones in the Holy Land*

## "Job creation" program for youth in Gaza

Walking towards Easter: Reflections from the Holy Land



Sami El-Yousef, Administrative Director of the Latin Patriarchate, shares updates with us from Jerusalem as we approach Easter. While we Catholics live Holy Week accompanying Jesus in the central events of his passion, death and resurrection, Jews are also preparing to experience Passover and Muslims are in the midst of the month of Ramadan. "So Jerusalem will undoubtedly be very busy in the coming weeks as each faith celebrates according to their own traditions, in their designated spaces."

In recent weeks - Sami recounts – we have been able to visit Gaza and follow the solidarity activities with the small but active local community. "Our star project in Gaza is job creation and it continues to provide a wonderful experience and a dignified income to over 65 people there." As the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, we are particularly pleased with this opportunity that the Knights and Ladies, mainly from the Lieutenancies for Germany and France, have long supported with generosity and passion, convinced that guiding young people into a professional activity opens a path for their future while contributing to the development of the entire society in which they live. Find out more about the project "Job Creation in Gaza" through this short video about the initiative that includes the testimony of one young person who, thanks to the project, is working in a local company in video editing.

There are many other initiatives that have been carried out during this Lenten period such as training sessions for teachers and staff of the schools of the Latin Patriarchate, parish activities that are at the heart of the life of local Christian communities (meetings for young people, catechetical programs, activities for scouts and spiritual retreats) or, again, humanitarian support for the benefit of various beneficiaries who have particularly suffered during this period of pandemic. In all these actions, the Order of the Holy Sepulchre is pleased to be able to contribute by meeting the needs of our Christian brothers and sisters through the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

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