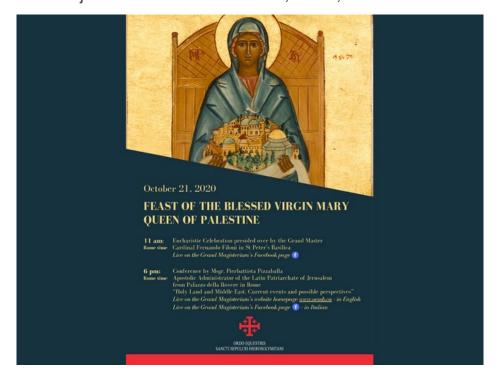


## GRAND MAGISTERIUM – VATICAN EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

At the service of the living stones in the Holy Land

The major events on October 21, 2020, in honour of Our Lady of Palestine



The feast of Our Lady of Palestine, Patroness of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, is celebrated every year on October 25.

On that occasion, the Grand Master of the Order usually welcomes his guests at Palazzo della Rovere, in Rome. The day for that annual reception is always fixed closed to the feast, as part of the Grand Magisterium's Fall meeting which brings together the Order's authorities.

This year, due to the Covid-19 health crisis and the restrictions imposed, Cardinal Fernando Filoni, Grand Master, proposed to live the Order's feast in an even deeper way, allowing everyone to participate through communications means. In that spirit, he will celebrate a mass in St Peter's Basilica, the intentions of Christians and all the inhabitants of the Holy Land, and also for the Knights and Dames. The mass will be held on October 21, at 11 am, at the Altar of the Chair of Saint Peter, and will be broadcast live on the Facebook page of the Order's Grand Magisterium. Also, on the afternoon of October 21, at 6 pm, the Grand Master and the Governor General wish to welcome a few guests at Palazzo della Rovere, respecting the distancing rules imposed by the pandemic, to attend a conference by Msgr. Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, on the following theme: "Holy Land and Middle East. Current events and possible perspectives".

This important conference, simultaneously translated into <u>English</u>, will be **broadcast live on the Grand Magisterium's website**. It will also be available <u>in Italian</u> on the **Grand Magisterium's Facebook page**.

The Grand Magisterium's meeting will take place the following day, virtually, under the coordination of Governor General Leonardo Visconti di Modrone.

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