



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

At the service of the living stones in the Holy Land

The Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Palestine



It is with great joy that the Feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine, is celebrated in all the Lieutenancies of the Equestrian Order around 25 October – the exact date of the Feast according to the liturgical calendar.

It was Patriarch Luigi Barlassina (1920-1947), on the occasion of his solemn entry into the Cathedral Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre on 15 July 1920, and the consecration of the diocese to Mary, who invoked the title of “Queen of Palestine” for the first time.

The special relationship of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre dates back to the pontificate of John Paul II. In 1983, 50 years after the institution of the Feast, Saint John Paul II – addressing the Knights and Dames of the Lieutenancies of Northern and Central Italy – urged them to be witnesses of Christ in everyday life and to continue the work of the Order in the Holy Land under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Ten years later, in 1993, the then Grand Master of the Order, Cardinal Giuseppe Caprio, asked Saint John Paul II to declare of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine, Patroness of the Order. The Holy Father replied on 21 January 1994 by a decree granting the request.



PRAYING MARY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Queen of peace,

Chosen daughter of a land once again devastated by wars, hatred, violence.

We, Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre, confidently address our plea to you:

Do not allow that Jesus' cry at the sight of the Holy City

which did not understand the gift of peace,

may, once again, fall into indifference and political calculation.

Look at the afflictions of so many mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, children,

victims of destructive forces that are blind and without a future.

Inspire ways of dialogue, a vigorous will in solving problems

and a collaboration of certain hope.

Don't let us ever get used to oppression,

to consider the struggles as 'inevitable',

and the victims they produce as 'collateral'.

Make sure that the logic of aggression does not prevail over good will

and the solution of many problems is not considered impossible.

Just like your prayer in the midst of the Disciples on Pentecost,

obtain from the Almighty that situations,

even if apparently insurmountable in the Holy Land,

find ways of happy solution.

AMEN

Fernando Cardinal Filoni




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Our Lady,
 Queen of Palestine,
 extend your hand
 over the Holy Land
 and over all
 who live there:
 Jews, Muslims, Druze
 and Christians,
 Palestinians, Israelis,
 migrant workers
 and refugees.




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