

# Help and Hope for the Holy Land



**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**  
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The relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic Bishops assists persons on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality, in the Holy Land by

- providing food for work and food for training programs for nearly 100,000 Palestinians in the West Bank
- empowering Palestinian youth through leadership activities and positive engagement in their communities
- working with students, teachers and parents to strengthen school curriculum and extracurricular opportunities
- hosting diverse groups of visitors and pilgrims to expose them to the humanitarian crisis, encouraging them to engage with U.S. policymakers to promote peace and justice for Israelis and Palestinians

**A**t a time of continuing conflict, Christians in the Holy Land desperately need our prayers and support. For many years, the Church in our country has stood in solidarity with the people of the Holy Land, but urgent action is needed to offer help and hope. The challenges are many, including the following

- **Humanitarian:** More than 20% of Palestinian children suffer from malnutrition; half of Palestinians live on less than \$2 per day.
- **Housing:** The violence has greatly exacerbated an already dire lack of housing for Palestinians.
- **Schools:** Catholic schools are struggling to survive the devastating impact of the current crisis.
- **Job Creation:** The majority of Palestinians are unemployed in an economy devastated by road closures, curfews and conflict.
- **Parishes:** With the future of the living Christian presence in doubt, parishes need support as they try to sustain Christian communities in the land of Jesus' birth.
- **Education/Advocacy:** U.S. Catholics can give much greater attention to the crisis in the Middle East, supporting sustained U.S. leadership in ending the violence and bringing about a just peace that guarantees a safe and secure Israel and a viable, independent Palestinian state.

Catholics in this country can help our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land address these and other challenges by supporting the ongoing work of these organizations with a tax-exempt contribution or in other ways.



**FRANCISCAN FOUNDATION FOR THE HOLY LAND**  
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The foundation safeguards the basic human rights and continued presence of the Christian Palestinian minority by

- providing scholarships for underprivileged Christian students
- creating jobs for Christians in schools, churches, parishes and medical facilities
- building subsidized housing units
- funding the restoration of the Tomb of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- building the capacity of organizations providing services for traumatized children, their parents and teachers



**THE HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION**  
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Provides moral and financial support to sustain the Christian presence and heritage in the Holy Land by

- facilitating individual, family or church sponsorship of children in Christian schools
- supporting housing projects in several Palestinian villages
- creating jobs through olivewood handicraft support and other programs
- increasing awareness of the plight of Christians through conferences and local committees in the U.S.

## CNEWA

**CATHOLIC NEAR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION**  
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Focuses on reversing isolation, overcoming despair and restoring respect for human dignity in the Holy Land. CNEWA tackles issues and challenges by

- supporting the pastoral mission and institutions of the Eastern Catholic churches and promoting Christian unity and interreligious understanding and collaboration
- providing humanitarian assistance to those in need without regard to nationality or creed
- educating people in the West about the history, cultures, peoples and churches of the East



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An organization under the direct auspices of the Holy See whose mission and mandate is

- providing spiritual and financial support to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem
- supporting the parishes and schools of the Latin Patriarchate
- assisting the development and funding of capital projects, humanitarian aid and charitable works of the Latin Patriarchate