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Dear Friends of Salt + Light in Canada,
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our live streaming, website and Catholic TV,

I write these words in the final days of Lent 2011 when the Church goes on pilgrimage up to Jerusalem with the Lord. While every Lenten season offers us the opportunity to make this spiritual journey, our television network and media ministry also have a special place for the Holy Land, the Mother Church in Jerusalem, and the Christian community that still lives in the land of the prophets and the birthplace of our Lord. We recognize the significance of a real pilgrimage to the places which witnessed the great events of our salvation. For Catholics and Christians, to experience God's country as pilgrims allows us to be caught up not only in the History of Salvation but in the Geography of Salvation.

Just as perfume leaves an odor in the jar after it has been poured out, so God has left traces of his presence in the Holy Land. Pilgrimages today express the eagerness to breathe in this fragrance and to worship God in those very places where the eternal friendship between the Divine and human beings was born.

After arriving in Palestine in 386, St. Jerome established a community in Bethlehem. Jerome would exclaim in his writings: "Here, he was wrapped in swaddling clothes; here he was seen by shepherds, here he was pointed out by the star; here he was adored by the magi." Jerome later wrote to his friend Paula in Rome urging her to come and live in the Holy Land. He wrote "The whole mystery of our faith is native to this country and this city."

Nothing else in our Christian experience can make this claim. No matter how many centuries have passed, and no matter how far Christianity has spread, Christians are wedded to the land that gave birth to Christ and Christianity.

We can no longer consider a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to be a frill, a luxury, an unlikely reality. Pilgrimage to the holy places must become more and more an integral part of our North American Catholic experience. Journeying to the Holy Land will help us deepen our relationship with the God of Israel and Jesus Christ, the Lord of history.

Like Judaism and Islam, Christianity is not a European or Western religion. Its homeland is the Middle East. Christianity's past, present and future are dependent on the Christians who live in the land in which the faith is native. Were the holy places turned into museums or archaeological curiosities as they have been in other countries, tangible historical links would be severed. Without the presence of local churches and communities of Christians, the witness of the Holy Land would be equivocal. The best-selling Holy Land guides do not bear witness. They only indicate. Only people, not stones and marble, can bear the most authentic and eloquent witness to that radiant moment in history when the Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us, and we beheld his glorious light. To see for the first time the scenes of biblical history, to touch the places where Jesus lived and died, to walk the same



streets and roads that the Lord journeyed is a rare privilege and a blessing which, at times, often leaves us without words.

At the end of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, baggage of course, would have grown heavier, as is usually the case on such trips. However, the biggest item to be taken back home is memories, and these weigh nothing, pass easily through customs, and can be

enjoyed for a lifetime. These memories will breathe new energies into our lives of faith, and into our Church, and cast rays of light on our own pilgrim journeys to the new Jerusalem.

I leave you with this Pilgrimage Prayer as we enter a new season and fix our gaze on the Risen Jesus, Lord of history and Lord of the Church:

*Lord Jesus Christ, you were once a pilgrim in the Holy Land.
We, too, come as pilgrims, to journey with you into the desert
to listen to the powerful Word of the God of Israel
spoken in our own deserts.*

*We follow you into Galilee, to understand and experience
your ministry of presence and healing.*

*We come up to Jerusalem to join the great crowd
that came to meet you crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

*We walk with you on the road to Golgotha
and share in your passion.
Seeing you nailed to the cross,
we bow down before your suffering and dying.*

*We journey with you on the road to Emmaus
and discover you in the breaking and sharing
of the Word and the Bread.*

*Show us the glory and light of your resurrection.
Open our eyes, our hearts, and our minds,
so that we may find you not only in ancient stones,
but in the midst of your holy peoples who still live in your land,
and among all those who thirst for you,
wherever they may be.*

*Write your Gospel upon our hearts.
Send us forth carrying the Good News.
Continue to lead us and guide us
on our pilgrimage to the heavenly Jerusalem. AMEN.*

Father Thomas Rosica, CSB
CEO, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation



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Authentic Friendship with Jesus

From the Archbishop of Vancouver

EACH YEAR we experience Holy Week with the triumph of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, but quickly pass to the apparent tragedy of Calvary. The crowd's "hosannas" give way to Jesus' words on the Cross. The palms carried in victory become the reeds striking Jesus. We are confronted with our fickleness, our inability to stay awake and be with the Lord in Gethsemane. Are we only fair-weather friends?

Before our eyes unfold terrifying scenes of wavering, of forsaking friendship with Jesus: Judas' kiss, the disciples' desertion, Peter's betrayal. Each of these tells us something of our own inconstancy.

But in looking to Jesus we see no hesitation, no fickleness, no "yes" today and "no" tomorrow. In discerning the Father's will, he understood that his "hour" had come. And he accepted this "hour" freely, "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). Jesus, fully human and fully divine, having laid aside his divine glory, embraced his death so that he would become the source of life for us.

FORGIVENESS FROM THE CROSS

The last words of a dying person are precious to us. How many remember the

last words of a parent, child or friend who was dying? Their words are never forgotten, but pondered and treasured. So, too, the early Church remembered the Lord's last words.

On that place of the skull and beneath that Cross there was cold, hard cruelty: that of the leaders and the soldiers whose mockery profaned the suffering of a man in agony.

Then a voice was heard, the first word from the Cross: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Lk 23:34). But, we think, surely they did know what they were doing – and then did it anyway.

Nonetheless, the human voice of God excuses them. The Lord goes further than we ever could to excuse us. He searches for any reason to relieve us of the burden of sin. Forgiveness is Jesus' response to hostility.

In our lives, we are usually not ignorant of our evil deeds as were the Roman soldiers. Even so, Jesus forgives our foolishness, weakness and sinfulness. He forgives because he knows us from within and can sympathize with our weaknesses. "Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and



Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:16).

When oppressed by guilt or overcome with remorse, we should never for one moment doubt God's forgiveness. From the Cross he tells us that he forgives us. Jesus stretches out his arms to receive us, accomplishing what he had set out to do: to reveal the face of God as "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4).

I give thanks to God for your work and all who contribute to make Salt + Light possible. As you offer the Church the opportunity to walk with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem throughout the entire year, you invite us into authentic friendship with Jesus the Lord. May God bless you all abundantly with Easter joy!

*Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver*



Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of New York

Here, the Word became flesh

PARDON the bromide, but "it's an unforgettable experience!" I'm speaking of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

It struck me at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. There was the engraving: Verbum caro Hic factum est.... "Here, the Word became flesh." I doubt if the rosary I recited there was ever more meaningful and moving for me.

Imagine the Mass at the scene of the Last Supper, singing "Silent Night" in the grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem, reading the Sermon on the Mount on the Hill of Beatitudes.

See, the mysteries of our faith really happened. They are not myths or pious

legends. The events of our salvation, leading up to the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, are true.

And nowhere are they more alive than in Israel.

I can never go through Holy Week without imagining I am back there. Once you go on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the Bible, the Mass, the sacraments, our prayer, are never the same!

To all friends of Salt + Light, a blessed Easter!

Faithfully in Christ,

*Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan,
Archbishop of New York*



MESSAGE FOR CANADA AND THE USA

Pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the Mother Church

from His Beatitude Fouad Twal, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

Dear Friends of Salt + Light,
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Dear Friends of the Holy Land in Canada
and North America,

With heartfelt joy on behalf of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, I send you greetings from the Holy Land! This land, which Pope Benedict XVI described during his pilgrimage as "...the places hallowed by Christ's presence, his earthly ministry," and Pope Paul VI called the "*Fifth Gospel*."

The Church of Jerusalem is your Mother Church, where you were all spiritually and ecclesially born. (Psalm 87) She keeps an incomparably precious heritage, our faith, that is substantially based on the mystery of the Incarnation. Though small, she is alive with a vibrant community, an integral part of the universal Church, yet particularly unique. Many have made pilgrimages to the Holy Land, to places made sacred by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and visited descendants of the original followers of the first Christian community which Jesus himself formed in this land we call "holy".

"Communion and Witness" was the

theme of the Synod for the Middle East last year, "*Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul.*" (Acts 4:32) The Synod Fathers and our Supreme Pontiffs encourage pilgrimage to the Holy Land. "*Going back to the place of origins is an opportunity for a profound catechesis, enabling the pilgrim to discover the riches of the Eastern Churches and to meet and encourage the local Christian communities, the "living stones" of the Church.*" (Synod Proposition 8)

The Holy Land is your land, "*your persevering presence and witness are indeed precious in God's eyes and integral to the future of these lands.*" It is in the heart of prayer and attention for the whole Church. I encourage you to be co-responsible and supportive of your Mother Church, in witness and communion which the Synod Fathers speak about.

Our Christian communities are suffering and have become a small minority living in a generally difficult situation, in an environment of conflict and violence, of instability and injustice, in the challenges of every day and anxiety about the future. Your Mother Church has the enormous

responsibility of bringing forth the message of peace and reconciliation in this land of the Gospel, of coexistence, dialogue and cooperation with Muslims and Jews. She also suffers from the division of her own communities as she arduously works for ecumenical and inter-church dialogue and unity.

Faced with these challenges, we believe in God's plan and in the mission of the Church. With St. Paul, we courageously proclaim: "For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh..." (Eph.2:14)

While denouncing persecution and violence like everyone else, we as a Church cannot avoid the experience of Cavalry, that being Christian means sharing the cross of Christ. "*The disciple is not greater than the Master.* (cf Mt 10:24) *However, persecution must raise the awareness of Christians worldwide of the need for greater solidarity. It must also arouse in us the commitment to support and insist on international law and respect for all people and all peoples.*" (Synod Proposition 5)

In our life of faith, we live a foretaste of Christ's victory. We experience the peace of Christ and are eager to share it with everyone. The Church in the Holy Land also longs to taste Christ's peace. While we await an end to the extended period of struggle, we must never lose hope in the victory of Christ. With courage, patience and determination, we wait, pray, trust - may this revelation come soon!

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem" (Mk 10:33). The Lord invites his disciples to journey with him from Galilee to Jerusalem where he completes his redemptive mission, presented as the crowning moment of the earthly journey of Jesus. It is the model for the Christian who is committed to following the Master on the way of the Cross. Christ invites you, dear men and women of today, to "go up to Jerusalem." He does so with special force in Lent, a favorable time for conversion and full communion with Him by sharing intimately in the mystery of His Death and Resurrection.

I ask you to love your Holy Land: pray for and with us, come as pilgrims, encounter and experience our local Christian communities, visit our parishes and projects. It is your expression of support for our faithful, the 'living stones' who witness to a continuous presence of the Body of Christ. Let us make the



communion of our presence here show forth Jerusalem's vocation as a city of peace, a Mother Church ready to welcome all her children and gather them together. Your visits strengthen us in faith and sustain us in our hope to stay rooted in the land of Jesus.

Pope Benedict, as a pilgrim, inspired us with his presence and directly addressed all peoples of the Holy Land. *"I also wish to assure you of the solidarity, love and support of the whole Church and of the Holy See."* The greatest distress for those who suffer is to be forgotten or met with indifference. More than the material aid for our Church to survive, our foremost need is to believe and feel that we are never alone and isolated. The greatest blessing of the Papal pilgrimage was the comfort it provided that our people have not been abandoned.

We send greetings to members of our Churches of the Diaspora. Keep alive in your hearts the memory of your countries

and your churches. Despite your distance, you continue to be part of the Holy Land through your prayers, visits and other means of collaboration.

"This is the hope, this is the vision, which inspires all who love this earthly Jerusalem to see her as a prophecy and promise of that universal reconciliation and peace which God desires for the whole human family." (Pope Benedict XVI, May 12th, 2009)

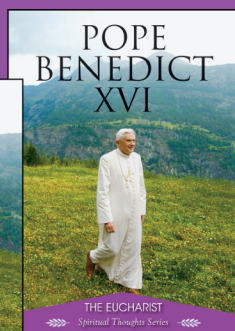
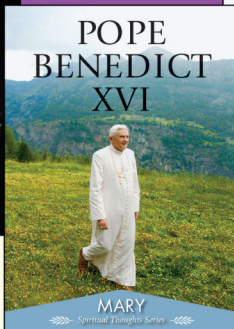
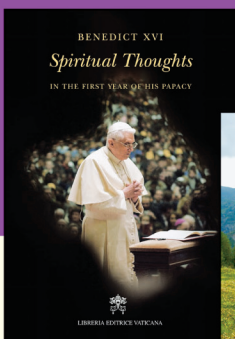
We are grateful to the Holy See, bishops, priests and friends for their generosity in spiritual and material support for the Holy Land: the Congregation of Eastern Churches, Knights of the Holy Sepulcher and organizations and individuals like Salt + Light who help our Christian communities in promoting peace and justice.

My dear friends, I assure you of our love and prayers. We await and welcome your arrival in Jerusalem. Let us pray and walk together in the light of the risen Christ! God bless you all!

In Christ our Savior,

+ Fouad Twal
Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

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DIGITAL CULTURE: WITNESSING TO THE GOSPEL



by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB

IN HIS MESSAGE for this year's World Day of Communications published on January 24, 2011, Pope Benedict writes:

"The task of witnessing to the Gospel in the digital era calls for everyone to be particularly attentive to the aspects of that message which can challenge some of the ways of thinking typical of the web. First of all, we must be aware that the truth which we long to share does not derive its worth from its "popularity" or from the amount of attention it receives. We must make it known in its integrity, instead of seeking to make it acceptable or diluting it. It must become daily nourishment and not a fleeting attraction. The truth of the Gospel is not something to be consumed or used superficially; rather it is a gift that calls for a free response. Even when it is proclaimed in the virtual space of the web, the Gospel demands to be incarnated in the real world and linked to the real faces of our brothers and sisters, those with whom we share our daily lives. Direct human relations always remain fundamental for the transmission of the faith!"

THE INTERNET

The Internet marks the era of connectivity. It is neither good nor bad. As any instrument placed in our hands, the Internet becomes what we ourselves decide. It needs to be informed and guided by a resolute commitment to the practice of solidarity in the service of the common good, within and among nations. The Internet is not only a source of problems; it is a source of great benefits to the human race. But the benefits can be fully realized only if the problems are named, addressed and solved. The Internet can be a means for solving human problems, promoting the integral development of persons, and creating a world governed by justice, peace and love.

What implications does the presence of the Internet have today for the evangelizing mission of the Church? How can the Internet destroy or confuse the hierarchy of information that Church agencies and institutions worked so hard to establish? Does mass media trivialize religion/faith? Are computers leading us to atheism? Is the Internet inspiring false faith masked as authoritative Christianity and a rigid Catholicism that terrorizes, demonizes, destroys rather than inviting people to the heart of Christ and the Church? Has our constant connectivity become a god for us? Are we addicted to the Internet and instant gratification?

THE BLOGOSPHERE

If we judged our identity based on certain websites and blogs on the Internet, Christians and Catholics would be known as the people who are against everything! If anything, we should be known as the people who are for something, something positive that can transform lives and engage and impact the culture. To what degree are our blogs and websites, often labeled as "Catholic", "authentically Catholic" or "real Catholic", truly the expression of the wealth of the Christian patrimony and successful in transmitting the Good News that the Lord has asked us to spread?

THE RISKS OF SOCIAL NETWORKING

Online social networking sites are gaining popularity, but they may be transforming our culture in unexpected negative ways. We need only recognize the popularity of online social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace, the former reporting 500 million members as of April 2011. Statistics are now indicating that social networking sites encourage young people to place an excessive importance on the number of "friends" they have instead of the quality of their real relationships. Social networking sites also encourage a form of narcissism. Many people engage in personal broadcasting just because they can, but are often unaware that it also transforms who they are. People are not just living in the moment, but are publicizing the moment. It is a different level of experience that has real implications for the human person.

MATTER OF THE HEART

Friendship in virtual spaces is quite different from real time friendship. True friendship depends on mutual revelations, and can only flourish within the boundaries of privacy and modesty. The distance and abstraction of our online friendships and online relationships can lead to a kind of systemic desensitization as a culture if we are not wise, prudent and attentive to these new realities. Along with the increase in online networking, there are increasing levels of reported loneliness. Certain questions arise from the phenomenon of social networking. What is it doing for us? What is it doing to us? What is it doing to our sense of social boundaries? To our sense of individuality? To our friendships? We expose everything, but are we feeling anything?

In using the media to evangelize the masses, we must never lose sight of the need to reach and teach the individual as though he or she were the only person being addressed. We must avoid the great danger of chasing after relevance. Some people work so hard to be relevant that they spin hopelessly into irrelevance. Catholic communicators and broadcasters must have a passion for the Truth, always seeking in depth that solid soil of the vital relationship with God and others, a place to really build a culture of respect, of dialogue and of friendship.

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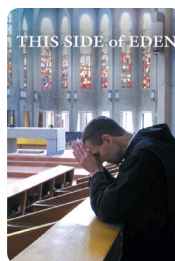
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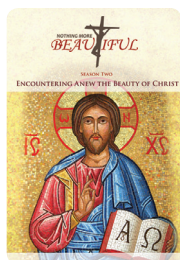
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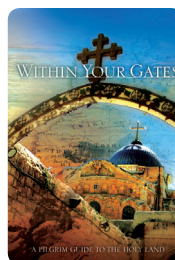
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This is my God

by Lawrence Floucault



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ON THE FIRST TRIP of his pontificate, Pope Benedict became the second pontiff to visit a synagogue. The following day he met with Muslim leaders. Since then, the Pope has visited a large number of places and holy sites of importance to our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters: synagogues in New York and Rome, memorials such as Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey, to name a few. These, and the many visits he has made to various faith leaders in foreign countries, have been a clarion call toward substantive dialogue.

The following excerpt from the Holy Father's speech to representatives of various faiths in Washington, DC in 2008 reinforces the true nature of proper dialogue:

"Dear friends, in our attempt to discover points of commonality, perhaps we have shied away from the responsibility to discuss our differences with calmness and clarity. While always uniting our hearts and minds in the call for peace, we must also listen attentively to the voice of truth."

It was in this spirit that S+L recently live-streamed and later televised an inter-religious symposium entitled, "This is my God." The full-house event featured panellists Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, CEO of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich, Senior Rabbi of the Beth Shalom Synagogue (host of the interfaith event), and Imam Hamid Slimi, Chairman of the Canadian Council of Imams. The three respectfully, yet honestly discussed the similarities and differences of their respective faiths. At the close of the panel discussion, a remarkable moment

took place when Imam Slimi requested permission for those Muslims present to pray evening prayer in the synagogue. His request was warmly received and they prayed there together.

As a Church community, interfaith dialogue is not an option. Jesus has called us to be "the salt of the earth and the light of the world." Let us continue to seek opportunities to reach out and to witness to our faith, firstly by living lives of virtue but also through clear and calm dialogue in an environment of respect.

S+L film invites bishops to become pilgrims

by Daniel Torchia

"I CAME AS A PILGRIM," Pope Benedict told reporters on the papal plane, as Shepherd One departed Tel Aviv for Rome. "And I hope that many will follow in my footsteps."

On the second anniversary of that historic visit, Israel is renewing the Pope's invitation. To encourage Catholics to go on pilgrimage, the Israel Government Tourist Office is mailing a Salt + Light production to every bishop in Canada and the United States. The documentary, *Within Your Gates: A Pilgrim Guide to the Holy Land*, retraces the Holy Father's pilgrim path.

"If you have not yet visited the Holy Land," the IGTO writes in an accompanying letter, "we hope this film inspires you and the faithful that you generously and lovingly shepherd to consider such an undertaking, whether on your own or with your flocks."

Guiding the film's viewers is S+L's Kris Dmytrenko, who seeks the face of Jesus in the places where He was born, preached and conquered death. The film transports viewers to the holy shrines to take part in the moving, pilgrimage experience.

"We can easily forget that when 'the Word became flesh,' He did so among the real people and places of the Holy Land," says Dmytrenko, who also directed the documentary. "The unbroken tradition of pilgrimage shows that He's never stopped revealing himself this way."

Catholics represent a significant percentage of the 3.45 million visitors to Israel in 2010—a record-breaking year for pilgrimage. The

Israeli government reports that 69% of visitors were Christian, with more than half being Catholic.

Conversations on the Holy Land

by Pedro Guevara Mann



Pedro Guevara Mann with Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena at the Pre and Post-Natal Care clinic in Zarqa, Jordan

THE HOLY LAND offers countless lessons to people of good faith, lessons that can be applied to everyday lives in ordinary ways. Few people know this to be true as much as the staff of CNEWA – the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. I had the good fortune of spending time with CNEWA and happily share my lessons learned.

The first lesson is that the Holy Land is more extensive than one might think. There are holy and biblical places in Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon and even Iraq. For the last 2000 years, there have been Christians in this whole region. Through the auspices of CNEWA, there are many organizations and congregations doing wonderful work. In Amman, the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary serve Iraqi refugees. In Kerak, Jordan, a wonderful hospital is run by the Comboni Sisters. Inside the Old City of Jerusalem there is the Terra Sancta School, a school run by Franciscans since the 16th century. In Bethlehem pilgrims can find the *Ephphetha Institute for the Hearing Impaired* run by the sisters of St. Dorothy of the Sacred Heart. Up the street is *La Crèche*, an orphanage run by Sr. Sophie Boueri. I would gladly go back to volunteer with any these sisters. They do amazing work and the children are proof of their gifts.

On our last day in Jordan we travelled up to Mt. Nebo. It was from this spot that Moses gazed upon the land promised to his people by God (Deut 32:48-52). Deuteronomy tells us that Moses saw "the whole land." What a site! Moses' spirit was palpable and alive for

us at this very special site. And that spirit, the living Spirit that moves among all the wonderful people we met (the living stones of the Holy Land), is why we were there.

We've captured these points, and more, in our upcoming documentary on Christians in the Middle East as well as our Salt + Light Blog.

On common ground

by Pedro Guevara Mann

LAST SUMMER Salt + Light went back to camp. But if summer camp is all about fun and games, this program is everything but.

Kids4Peace was founded by the Anglican Church of Jerusalem in 2006 at St. George's College in East Jerusalem. During the last Intifada, with few students in attendance, the administration decided to use its time and space to bring people together – Jews, Muslims and Christians – in a novel program. Throughout the Holy Land, though there are mixed cities and towns, opportunities for Jews and Arabs to truly

gather and socialize are in short supply.

Kids4Peace gives youth a life-altering and stereotype-shattering opportunity. This particular camp, held at a YMCA learning camp, welcomed twelve youth from Galilee: four Jews, four Muslims and four Christians, with the goal to learn about each other's faith. Helping them were three adults: a Muslim, Christian and Jewish advisor. The camp director, Fr. Samuel Barhoum, also joined the camp from the Palestinian Territories. They were welcomed by twelve Canadian children, also from various religious backgrounds. Together, they spent ten days learning about each other, playing games, participating in cooperative and team-building activities and learning about the three Abrahamic faiths. Part of the program included trips to a Mosque, a Synagogue and a Catholic Church.

Israel is a land in desperate need for peace, but how can peace reign if Jews and Arabs don't get to know each other in nurturing and positive environments? Now, in its fifth year, Kids4Peace has allowed 120 kids to have the opportunity to make meaningful



Campers from Canada and Israel participate in a low-ropes activity

interfaith progress – and through the kids, their families too.

Kids4Peace is a wonderful initiative that is completely free to participants, thanks to the hard work of administrators who work tirelessly to raise the necessary funds. And they are always looking for kids. Visit www.kids4peace.ca for more information and keep watch for a new Salt + Light documentary, *Abraham's Tent*, that will bring thousands more into the embrace of interfaith cooperation and understanding.

Abraham's Tent is being made possible thanks to a generous grant by the Hilary M. Weston Foundation for Youth.

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He has gone before us

by Matthew Harrison



Pope John Paul II touches the Western Wall in Jerusalem on the final day of his Holy Land pilgrimage, March 26, 2000 © CNS photo/Arturo Mari, L'Osservatore Romano

“How I long to know that the stones I am treading in Nazareth are the same which [Mary’s] feet touched when she was Your only place on earth. Meeting You through the stone touched by the feet of Your Mother.”

Karol Wojtyla

The above passage is part of a poem penned by Karol Wojtyla after visiting the Holy Land in 1965. The man who would become Pope John Paul II is of course imagining what many pilgrims ask themselves when they visit the Holy Land: Did you stand here, Lord, in the same place I am in now? On the shore of the Sea of Galilee? At the top of Mount Tabor? Along the winding cobblestone of Jerusalem?

Throughout his pontificate, John Paul II longed to travel to the Holy Land and tread once again upon the stones of the sacred sites.

During his first Christmas Midnight Mass

homily as Pope in 1978, he spoke of his “great desire” to “celebrate the beginning of [his] Pontificate in Bethlehem at the cave of the Nativity.”

That of course, was not to be, and his desire to visit the land, “which God has chosen to pitch his tent”, would not be realized until the dawning of the new millennium.

The year 2000 was proclaimed a Jubilee Year by the Polish Pontiff to celebrate the “two thousandth anniversary of the Incarnation.” In March of that year, over the course of seven days, he traveled to several Holy Land sites, including Jordan’s Mount Nebo, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Mount of the Beatitudes, and Nazareth.

HE GREETED THOUSANDS

He energized many priests and religious communities. He participated in interfaith and ecumenical meetings. He addressed politicians and educators. He reached out to the faithful and the curious.

Throughout his visit he prayed for peace.

He called for reconciliation specifically between Christians and Jews. He stressed harmony within Christianity. He urged dialogue between Christians, Muslims, and Jews.

Perhaps one of his most important tasks during the pilgrimage was encouraging Christians living there. One example of encouragement came during his homily at Bethlehem’s Church of the Nativity.

It echoed a key tenet of his 26-year pontificate. He proclaimed, “Do not be afraid!” (Mt 28:10). They are the words of the Church to you today. Do not be afraid to preserve your Christian presence and heritage in the very place where the Saviour was born.”

It was a message delivered in Bethlehem, but one for Christians scattered throughout the entire Holy Land. He recognized the importance of their presence, even several months earlier writing in a letter about pilgrimage that “the Church cannot forget her roots.”

The Holy Land affords the opportunity to recall the Church’s roots and to discover them anew. Prayerfully traveling to the areas marked by God’s intervention “gives us a vivid sense of a God who has gone before us and leads us on, who himself set out on man’s path,” writes John Paul, “a God who does not look down on us from on high, but who became our traveling companion.”

Did you stand here, Lord, in the same place I am in now? On the shore of the Sea of Galilee? At the top of Mount Tabor? Along the winding cobblestone of Jerusalem?

Yes.

And just as He moved Karol Wojtyla in 1965 and again as John Paul II in 2000, He continues to move pilgrims today. There in the Holy Land, we come to see God, but it is there that He first came to see us.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW As part of our mission of spreading the light of Christ to the world, Salt + Light writers have embarked on a journey to find, document and share stories of hope from heroes in dioceses across the continent.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF QUEBEC

Love of God for his people by Cyprien Fusco

BEING A MOTHER is very much about showing the most vulnerable with the unconditional love of Christ, even when such an outpouring of love is beyond our rational judgment or emotions. In this area of maternal love, we could all benefit from learning the story of Louise Brissette.

Louise is a delightfully happy mother of 29 equally-happy children. As if 29 children is not enough work, Louise's children each face disability challenges and handicaps. A devout Catholic with a faith as firm as the rock of Gibraltar itself, Louise was compelled to adopt her first child in 1978 after seeing the horrid conditions of disabled orphans in developing countries.

"My parents instilled in me an unwavering confidence in Christ's love for me," explains Louise with exceptional simplicity and clarity. "Knowledge of Christ's love for humanity is the best gift a parent can provide for children."

Through the years (and adoptions), Louise's home eventually transformed into an entire

village complete with social halls, extensions, a chapel and even fully-functional and equipped classrooms. At nightfall, when employees and volunteers have left her to tend to the overnight hours with her children, Louise enjoys rare moments of silence. "My prayer is my work; my whole life," says Louise, "I relish in brief moments of prayer at night, when I confide in Mary and Jesus

"Knowledge of Christ's love for humanity is the best gift a parent can provide for children." Louise Brissette

and engage in dialogue with my favourite saints. There are a million and one ways to pray, each with merit and value."

She and her children could not be happier in their unique home in Saint-Anselme, Quebec. Yet after seeing the devastating effects of the earthquake in Haiti, Louise and her children began considering ways



Louise Brissette with children in Haiti

in which they could help. And so it came to pass – a new home will be opened in Haiti where Louise's concept will bring Christ's love to local children. An instrument of God's love...this is just one of the principles of faith that Louise has incorporated into her daily life. Louise's life offers us a stellar example of a clear passage toward Christ and salvation. Her work here among us paints a clear picture of the love of the Father for his people – regardless of gender, ability or status. For this, and more, we thank you Louise and pray that your example will move us toward newly inspired thoughts, prayers and actions.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WINNIPEG

Mauro's Mentors by Daniel Torchia

AFTER A MERE thirty minutes on the phone with Arthur V. Mauro, it's clear this is a very special person. His Wikipedia biography describes him as a prominent businessman, accomplished lawyer, chancellor of a major university and the recipient of the highest awards in the land. But beyond the bio, our conversation reveals a person who is sincere in charity, strong in moral strength, intense in faith and wholly humble.

On the one hand, Mr. Mauro has had a Midas touch in his business and professional affairs. On the other hand, he has given immeasurably to charities, causes and persons.

In 2001, Mr. Mauro donated a significant amount to St. Paul's College at the University of Manitoba to establish the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice. The centre, which was the first in North America to offer a doctorate course in the area of conflict resolution and peace studies, is firmly inspired by Mr. Mauro's religious roots and upbringing.



From an earthly standpoint, Mr. Mauro is an innovator and trailblazer. On the spiritual side, he has been a loyal imitator and follower.

"I have had the good fortune of always being surrounded by quality people, whom I admired," said Mr. Mauro. "I learned over and over how to follow Christ through the actions and vision of these mentors."

Mauro offers praise and thanks to many mentors, especially the Sisters of Saint Joseph and the Jesuit Fathers. I, in turn, give thanks for Mr. Mauro, for our thirty minute phone call, his ever-increasing good deeds and the mentors who have shown him the way to God. Only He knows how much fruit this man's inspiring work will yield.

"It is my dream, in the words of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, sj, 'that the day will come when we shall harness for God the energies of love. And on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.' May the Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College and the University of Manitoba help kindle that fire"
(Mauro 2003)

INSIDE WORLD YOUTH DAY



by Alicia Ambrosio

World Youth Day is an event of global proportions – up to five million youth can invade the host city during the week-long event. I was fortunate enough recently to have been dispatched to Spain to help the WYD 2011 team and, in so doing, met some of the dedicated team members who will welcome the world to Madrid.

SPEAK ABOUT IT... AND THEY WILL COME

The communication department is perhaps the most international of the WYD departments, and rightfully so since information is routinely disseminated to the four corners of the earth. The WYD Madrid 2011 communication team included young persons from Poland, Slovakia, Lithuania, Honduras, the United States, Congo and, of course, Canada. The Polish volunteer, a young consecrated member of the Schoenstatt Community, moved to Spain in September of 2010,

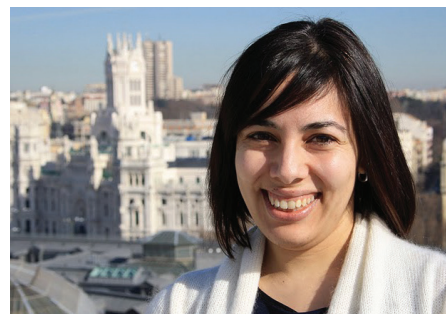


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fluent in two languages but unable to speak a word of Spanish. She learned very quickly and soon became the life of the department, listening to the cares and hopes of the other volunteers and becoming the point of reference for other volunteers. Her compassion and attention to those around her, despite the language barrier, quickly earned her the nickname “Mater” (mother).

DISCERNING MARRIAGE

Then there’s the story of Olivier, a young man from France who volunteered with his fiancée. Rather than spending their period of engagement engulfed in wedding logistics and planning, they chose to spend the year focusing on something bigger than themselves. The twinkle in his eyes when he speaks of preparing for marriage as a “the beginning of our mission together as married people” is enough to make anyone want to sign up to work at World Youth Day.



A FAMILY AFFAIR

And finally there’s a young Spanish architect who left his normal routine of planning solid foundations to encourage spiritual formation. Luis is one of seven brothers and sisters; all of whom worked with WYD in some capacity. When asked why he would want to work for WYD, he candidly retorts, “I know Jesus. I’ve been given that gift and because I was given that gift I have a responsibility to do something with it.”

Eventually, most aspects of World Youth Day will fade away. Vivid in our hearts and minds, however, will be the memories and fruits of the relationships we nurtured along the way– with Christ and His endlessly different people.

PHOTO [Top left] Spanish sculpture to be used in the stations of the cross during World Youth Day 2011 [Top right] Alicia Ambrosio reporting from Madrid, Spain

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AN EXTRAORDINARY PRAYER IN AN UNLIKELY PLACE

by Kris Dmytrenko

In nearly six years at Salt + Light, my most challenging film shoot was at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Widely considered the holiest shrine in the world, the church is featured prominently in S+L's documentary *Within Your Gates*.

Gaining access to film in the edicule—the small structure within the church that marks Jesus' burial tomb—felt like a minor miracle. But just getting through the front doors was difficult enough.

The church is divided into sections for several denominations; the Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox and Roman Catholics are accorded the largest share of the space. Separate filming permits must be acquired from each denomination. I had to run the gauntlet of patriarchate offices in the Old City to pick them all up.

The notion that different Christian groups peaceably share one building would be edifying, if only it were true. Despite a rigid "status quo" agreement legislating when and where each group may worship, shameless brawls have erupted as recently as 2008.

What could change if the beleaguered Christians of the Holy Land learned to pray together? In 2005, a small group of monks and lay people felt called to find out. After a prayer meeting in the Holy Sepulchre, the group, which included Catholic pilgrim Veronique Nebel, decided to organize regular times of intercession. The idea quickly caught on and developed into a series of events called the *Extraordinary Prayer of All Churches for Reconciliation, Unity and Peace*.

"It is not myself," insists Nebel, a Swiss lawyer who is quick to divert compliments. "It is the Holy Spirit, because it is impossible to overcome these obstacles by human means. You need infinite patience – dealing with the particularities of all the churches, their complexities, as well as their internal divisions."

The coordinators ask the heads of churches to host the events, preside over them personally, and officially invite their fellow leaders. They began by securing the endorsements of Catholica Unio Internationalis and Oeuvre d'Orient, two Vatican-affiliated organizations. The legitimacy conferred by the Catholic Church helped persuade other denominations. Still, the official position of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem is that they do not pray with other churches.

In addition to the faithful present at each event, a television audience has grown to include various Middle Eastern countries, France, Italy, Brazil, Portugal, Togo, and the Czech Republic—as well as Canada on Salt + Light Television. The sixth Extraordinary Prayer, slated for June 11th, the Vigil of Pentecost, will be the first presided by Patriarch Fouad Twal, the leader of Latin-rite Catholics in the Holy Land.



Veronique Nebel in Jerusalem



The Word of God and the Holy Land

Pope Benedict XVI
Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation
Verbum Domini #89

"The more we appreciate the universality and the uniqueness of Christ's person, the more we look with gratitude to that land where Jesus was born, where he lived and where he gave his life for us. The stones on which our Redeemer walked are still charged with his memory and continue to "cry out" the Good News. For this reason, the Synod Fathers recalled the felicitous phrase which speaks of the Holy Land as "the Fifth Gospel". How important it is that in those places there be Christian communities, notwithstanding any number of hardships! ... The Holy Land today remains a goal of pilgrimage for the Christian people, a place of prayer and penance, as was testified to in antiquity by authors like Saint Jerome. The more we turn our eyes and our hearts to the earthly Jerusalem, the more will our yearning be kindled for the heavenly Jerusalem, the true goal of every pilgrimage, along with our eager desire that the name of Jesus, the one name which brings salvation, may be acknowledged by all (cf. Acts 4:12)."

A living legacy

by Carl Héту

During his pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2009, the Holy Father recognized the role of Middle East Christians as peace builders and bore witness to their vulnerability. Since then, he has made their wellbeing a special priority of the worldwide Church. In October, at the *Synod of the Bishops for the Middle East*, bishops, priests, religious and lay people reflected on current challenges and explored solutions. It was a wake-up call to the bleakness of the situation.

Indeed, on October 31, just one week after the assembly concluded with a special liturgy at the Basilica of St. Peter, terrorists stormed the Syriac Catholic Cathedral in Baghdad in the middle of the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Some 58 people were massacred, including women, children and two priests.

On January 1, extremists bombed a Coptic church in Egypt. Another 23 Christians were killed during Mass.

Since January 2011, the Arab world has been shaken by unprecedented protests calling for change. Nobody really knows where it will lead, but the Christian communities are worried about their place in the new order. Many fear a fate similar to Iraq, where more than 70% of the Christian population was forced to leave the country because of the extreme violence they endured.

As the Synod acknowledged, Christians in

the Middle East are usually the first victims of armed conflicts, political instability, economic stress and hopelessness, which force many to emigrate. Scholars predict that within 15 years, Christians in the Middle East will number just six million, a 45% decline from the 11 million living in the region today.

Are we willing to stand by and passively witness the disappearance of a Christian presence in the land where our Lord walked? Do we even know who these people are and the role they play?

Indeed, Middle East Christians are still relatively unknown to us in the West. Some of us are aware that their numbers are diminishing and that they are struggling. Most of us don't know who the Melkite, Maronite, Chaldean, Syrian and Armenian Catholics are. More likely, many people believe that all Arabs are Muslim. We are even less aware that these Churches are in communion with the Holy See and that their origins date back to the first churches founded by the Apostles.

To allow them to disappear would mean deep spiritual loss for Catholics and the Church. It would certainly be a great loss for the region, where Christians continue to serve society through schools, hospitals, uncountable humanitarian initiatives and interreligious collaboration.

Their disappearance would mean the loss of partners who serve as credible and necessary bridges to the Muslim world.



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A nun prays at the beatification Mass of Blessed Mother Marie-Alphonsine Ghattas in the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, Nov. 22, 2009.

Pope Benedict XVI encourages them to continue their unique mission of peace, and urges Catholics in the West to pay special attention to their needs and role. To discover one another will only enrich our faith and our Church. It's the only way Christ's message of love and hope will survive in this troubled region and in our world.

Let us not be afraid to discover and support our Arab Christian brothers and sisters abroad, but also at home. You will discover deeply spiritual communities and will be overwhelmed by their warm and friendly reception. Let us find time to pray together for peace and unity.

Carl Héту is the National Director of CNEWA Canada (Catholic Near East Welfare Association), the Holy Father's own agency which has worked for over 80 years with Middle East Christians. To learn more visit www.cnewa.ca

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I struggle with daily obstacles. I get too busy. My memory often fails me.

This is a part of my everyday life. According to His Beatitude Patriarch Twal, these common characteristics can have a direct link to the wellbeing of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. The Patriarch suggests that, more than money or physical assistance, Christians in the Holy Land want to be remembered and connected...to you and me. Under normal circumstances, I can't fathom why anyone would want to be connected to me, or why I'd want to dwell on the problems of others. **But nothing about our Faith, or Jesus Christ, is normal.** Thankfully, Faith gives us the chance to accept these mysteries; to accept the Patriarch's truth and to remain in tune with the Father's will. Maybe I'll go to the Holy Land this year, but more likely I shall pause, pray and remember. Incha'Allah, great things will happen from there.

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Time - ET	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Time - PT
6:00 AM	The Rosary in the Holy Land	The Rosary in the Holy Land	The Rosary in the Holy Land	The Rosary in the Holy Land	The Rosary in the Holy Land	The Rosary in the Holy Land	The Rosary in the Holy Land	3:00 AM
6:30 AM	Chapelet en Terre Sainte	Chapelet en Terre Sainte	Chapelet en Terre Sainte	Chapelet en Terre Sainte	Chapelet en Terre Sainte	Chapelet en Terre Sainte	Chapelet en Terre Sainte	3:30 AM
7:00 AM	Témoïn ou Mille questions à la foi	Focus catholique	Perspectives/ Perspectives hebdo	Perspectives / Églises du monde	Perspectives / Témoïn ou Mille questions à la foi	Perspectives / Audience générale	Focus catholique	4:00 AM
7:30 AM	Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	Perspectives (EN)/ Lumière du monde	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	4:30 AM
8:00 AM	The Rosary in the Holy Land	The Rosary in the Holy Land	The Rosary in the Holy Land	The Rosary in the Holy Land	The Rosary in the Holy Land	The Rosary in the Holy Land	The Rosary in the Holy Land	5:00 AM
8:30 AM	Children's Programming	Messe du jour en direct de l'Oratoire Saint Joseph						5:30 AM
9:00 AM	The World I Know	Food for Life	Fountain of Love and Life or Chinese Program	Food for Life	Italian Program	Jean Vanier	Cherub Wings	6:00 AM
9:30 AM	In Your Faith	Mothering	General Audience	Mothering	Italian Program	Where God Weeps	WOW	6:30 AM
10:00 AM	Octava Dies	The Choices We Face	Life is Worth Living	This Is The Day	Octava Dies	The Choices We Face	My Hometown	7:00 AM
10:30 AM	Papal Event or Vatican Concert	Le chapelet à Lourdes	Le chapelet à Lourdes	Le chapelet à Lourdes	Le chapelet à Lourdes	Le chapelet à Lourdes	The World I Know	7:30 AM
11:00 AM		Daily Mass	Daily Mass	Daily Mass	Daily Mass	Daily Mass	Daily Mass	8:00 AM
11:30 AM		Church in Need	Word On Fire	Perpetual Help Devotions	Listen Up	Perpetual Help Devotions	In Your Faith	8:30 AM
12:00 PM	Papal Angelus	Angelus / Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	Angelus / Perspectives hebdo	Angelus / Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	Angelus / Témoïn ou Mille questions à la foi	Angelus / Catholic Focus	Angelus / Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	9:00 AM
12:30 PM	Sunday Mass	Witness	La famille en questions	My Hometown	Jean Vanier	Witness	Listen Up	9:30 AM
1:00 PM	My Hometown	Lectio Divina, Movie or Documentary	Aide à l'Église en détresse	Documentary, Movie or Series	Documentary or Movie	Openings	Documentary or Movie	10:00 AM
1:30 PM	Documentary or Movie		Lumière du monde				Where God Weeps	10:30 AM
2:00 PM			La foi prise au mot ou Hors les Murs	Facing Life Head-On	Fountain of Love and Life or Chinese Program	Word on Fire	Word for Word	11:00 AM
2:30 PM	Where God Weeps	Word On Fire		Church in Need	Church in Need	Fountain of Love and Life or Chinese Program	This Is The Day	11:30 AM
3:00 PM	Sunday Mass	Daily Mass		Daily Mass	Daily Mass	Daily Mass	Daily Mass	Daily Mass
3:30 PM (1.5 h)	Papal Event or Vatican Concert	Vatican Concert or Event	Vatican Concert or Event	Udienza Generale	General Audience Vatican Concert	Vatican Concert or Event	Udienza Generale	12:30 PM (1.5 h)
5:00 PM	Octava Dies	Messe du jour de l'Oratoire Saint Joseph						
5:30 PM	Aide à l'Église en détresse	Vêpres à Notre-Dame de Paris	Vêpres à Notre-Dame de Paris	Vêpres à Notre-Dame de Paris	Vêpres à Notre-Dame de Paris	Vêpres à Notre-Dame de Paris	Real Faith TV	2:30 PM
6:00 PM	Papal Angelus	Fountain of Love and Life or Chinese Program	The Choices We Face	In Your Faith	Facing Life Head-On	Real Faith TV	General Audience	3:00 PM
6:30 PM	Life is Worth Living	In Conversazione con Gaetano Gagliano	In Conversazione con Gaetano Gagliano	In Conversazione con Gaetano Gagliano	In Conversazione con Gaetano Gagliano	In Conversazione con Gaetano Gagliano	Fountain of Love and Life or Chinese Program	3:30 PM
7:00 PM	Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	Perspectives (EN) / Perspectives hebdo	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	Catholic Focus	4:00 PM
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10:00 PM	Word On Fire	Chapelet en Terre Sainte / Litanie des saints	This Is the Day	Mothering	General Audience	This Is the Day	TBA	7:00 PM
10:30 PM	Sunday Mass	Daily Mass	Daily Mass	Daily Mass	Daily Mass	Daily Mass	General Audience	7:30 PM
11:00 PM	REPEAT OF PRIME TIME							8:00 PM

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Passover - Easter 2011

Dear Readers / Friends,
Shalom,

We are witnessing exciting times significant to Catholics and other Christians as well as the Jewish people as it relates to an enhanced awareness and spiritual attraction to Israel, the land of the bible. Record numbers of Christians are visiting the Holy Land from around the world.



For more than 3,000 years the Holy Land has been the center of monotheistic faiths, and most recently, beginning in the year of the Millennium when His Holiness Pope John Paul II made his personal pilgrimage to the Holy Land, a new awareness was kindled in the hearts of millions of Catholics around the globe.

In May 2009, Pope Benedict XVI became the third pope to ever visit the Holy Land. This trip was the third in a series of bold steps along a path of historic reconciliation with the Jewish people already charted before him by Blessed Pope John Paul II in 2000 and Servant of God Pope Paul VI in 1964.

These two most recent Papal visits sparked a new generation of faithful eager to make journeys of faith's affirmation to the Holy Land - to visit Jerusalem, Nazareth and the Galilee among other sites of great religious significance- where Jesus ministered, performed his miracles, and planted the seeds of Christianity.

In his recent Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation "Verbum Domini" on the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church, Pope Benedict XVI dedicates an entire section to "The Word of God and the Holy Land." In paragraph #89, he writes: "The Holy Land today remains a goal of pilgrimage for the Christian people, a place of prayer and penance, as was testified to in antiquity by authors like Saint Jerome. The more we turn our eyes and our hearts to the earthly Jerusalem, the more will our yearning be kindled for the heavenly Jerusalem, the true goal of every pilgrimage, along with our eager desire that the name of Jesus, the one name which brings salvation, may be acknowledged by all (cf. Acts 4:12)."

These are very important and encouraging words for us as we foster Christian pilgrimages to the Holy Places in the land touched by God, by the prophets and by Jesus Christ.

This issue of Salt + Light Magazine was produced to encourage Catholics and other Christians to answer the "call" to understand the importance of Pilgrimage and plan their own journeys of faith to the Holy Land - in following the example and retracing the historic footsteps of Pope Benedict XVI in 2009. We understand the important significance and empowerment that Pilgrimage brings to Catholics and other Christians who visit the Holy Land, and most important is the solidarity that such visits present to the Christian communities who still live in the Holy Land and surrounding region. We can only echo the profound words of Pope Benedict in "Verbum Domini" that "Jesus of Nazareth was a Jew and the Holy Land is the motherland of the Church: the roots of Christianity are found in the Old Testament, and Christianity continually draws nourishment from these roots" (#133-134).

Together let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for continued peace in the Holy Land and surrounding region. We sincerely hope that you will share this inspiring edition with your colleagues, friends and your church family.

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God our Father, on a hillside in Galilee, your Son Jesus called us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Give us strength and wisdom to become the people of the Beatitudes in our day, so that our words may season the world with the flavour of the Gospel and our lives be shining examples of Jesus, who is the true Light of the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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