



THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE  
OF JERUSALEM

## CONCLUSION REPORT

SUMMER CAMPS ACTIVITIES 2019

JORDAN AND ISRAEL

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*"When families bring children into the world, train them in faith and sound values, and teach them to contribute to society, they become a blessing in our world."*

*(H.H. Pope Francis)*

## THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE

The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem (LPJ) was restored in 1847, and since then is promoting the best interests of the local communities it serves. Today, the Patriarchal Diocese oversees about 180,000 faithful in four countries, Palestine, Israel, Jordan and Cyprus, covering a rich tapestry of cultures, languages, religions and traditions. Serving all with special emphasis on the support and care of indigenous Holy Land Christians remains the enduring mission of the Mother Church, the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

## BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem has 55 parishes in Israel, Palestine, Jordan and Cyprus. Most of the parishes conduct summer camps every year. LPJ parishes have long strived to offer fun and safe summer programs for the children and the youth. Around 7000 children and youth from different parish areas participated in the yearly summer camp of 2019. The one-month summer camp programs provide the children and the youth with the opportunity to experience and discover new or emerging interests and to focus on special skills that may be set aside or even neglected during the academic year. The summer programs allow the children to get engaged in various extracurricular activities such as drama, arts, religion, music, voluntary work, community and social services.



*Huson Summer Camp 2019 - Jordan*

Summer camps have proved to be one of the best ways for the parishes to continue their pastoral mission, as well as the catechism programs, offering both youth and children, as a safe haven where they can have to grow within the parish campus and become productive members of their community.

With the financial support and the continuous contributions of the Netherlands Lieutenancy, the LPJ was able to conduct summer camps in 22 parishes in Jordan and 4 parishes in Israel.



## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Provided a safe, healthy and productive environment for children and youth to spend their summertime especially for those who come from unprivileged socioeconomic backgrounds and conflict areas;
- Provided regular daily activities to around 7000 children and youth from elementary, middle, high school and university students;
- Allowed youth and children to spend their summer time in educational and recreational activities to prevent them from bad behaviours like street violence, drug abuse, smoking, etc.;
- Organized activities to encourage the spiritual growth of children and volunteers alike;
- Arranged activities to develop a sense of trust, respect, understanding and empathy towards one another.



*Smakieh Summer Camp 2019 - Jordan*

## BENEFICIARIES

- Participants: Around 5000 children and youth who attended the summer camps at the different parishes in Jordan and Israel. The camps provided them with fun outdoor activities like hiking, swimming and sports and indoor educational, spiritual and pastoral activities.
- Families and parents: summer program hours provided a variety of enrollment options for the children to meet the scheduling needs of today's working parents.
- Youth volunteer leaders: their engagement in meaningful community service helped them plan an active role in the development of their communities and societies. They gained experience, knowledge, values and life skills necessary for success in their careers, education and personal lives.
- LPJ parishes: the children and youth involved in the camps promoted the parishes' presence and importance in their local villages and communities.
- The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem that strives to provide the best for its people, and to allow the continuity of the LPJ biblical mission in serving its communities in the Holy Land.



*Rameh Summer Camp 2019 - Israel*

## ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

Activities like arts and paintings, sports games, theatre, Holy Bible teachings. Religious tours to holy places, football, basketball and dancing were all carried out in all summer camps of the LPJ. Participants enjoyed a good time playing and having fun with their friends and colleagues. Final festivals were held at the end of every summer camp to celebrate their success.



*Sports Activities*

*Rameh Summer Camp 2019 = Israel*



*Playing the Guitar and singing Hymns*

*Eilat Summer Camp 2019 - Israel*



*Entertainment Games*

*Huson Summer Camp 2019 - Jordan*



*Sports Games*

*Smakieh Summer Camp 2019 - Jordan*

## DURATION

Summer camps were held during summer vacations in the months of June-August, depending on each parish's decision, lasting usually from 2 weeks to one month.



## SUCCESS STORIES

With the generous support and substantial contribution, the Latin Patriarchate was able to support all summer camps in Palestine, Israel and Jordan for the year of 2019.

### The Parish of Ajloun – Jordan

Parish of Saint Paul Latin Church in Ajloun had 76 participants from 6 to 11 years old. The camp encouraged them to spiritually grow in a pure Christian environment and foster the relationship with God and their fellow Christians. It helped them build their self-confidence and allowed them to acquire new leadership skills too.

The camp had many fun and interactive activities. There were artistic sessions that included Christian drawings, painting on cardboards and on their faces, as well as plastic and woody crafts. There was group dancing sessions, watching movies and different water games with balloons and plastic cups. It also had some educational sessions proposed by nutrition and dentistry university students. Likewise, for religious Christian educational sessions.



*Children Making Art Works  
- Ajloun Summer Camp 2019*



*Christian educational session  
- Ajloun Summer Camp 2019*

The children started to show passion for the church and the parish and view them as their second home, where they can spend time with their friends. Each day, there was a time for eating food all together to learn more about what sharing is caring means. The children go back home so happy, energetic and full of joy. The children enjoyed their last Friday of the camp so much because it had big inflatable games and a mini pool that filled the big yard of the church. Parents were so satisfied and thankful in their comments about the big effect this camp had made on their children's life, especially the love they had to the church and the desire of being daily present there.



*Entertaining Games in the Church Yard  
- Ajloun Summer Camp's Last Friday*

### **The Parish of Irbid – Jordan**

St. George Latin Church in Irbid organized two camps in 2019, one for children and one for teenagers, each camp with a different timing. There were 75 participants for both camps and 12 volunteers.

This camp had many different activities that promoted healthy growth and development. There were drama sessions to work on expressing their feelings and emotions, sports to stay physical, gaming activities and how to dance dabkah (cultural Palestinian dance). Spiritual activities followed everyday like celebrating mass, catechism, learning more about Jesus and building stronger bounds of love and faith with Him and between the participants, and a big Holy Bible contest, creating a well informed and self-dependent youth ready to start successful initiatives in the parish.



*Barbecue Activity*

*Irbid Teenagers Summer Camp 2019*



*Puzzle Game Activity*

*Irbid Children Summer Camp 2019*

### **The Parish of Fuheis – Jordan**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Fuheis organized a summer camp with traditional activities that brought around 800 young participants and 100 volunteers from all different ages. A lot of activities were done in different areas from drama training sessions to playing sports like basketball and volleyball. Watch family movies, sit and enjoy the company of friends. Spiritual, educational and recreational programs were done daily in the afternoon.



*Entertainment Activity - Fuheis Children Summer Camp 2019*



The children and youth demonstrated the ability to grow spiritually and socially. This camp will help maintain positive relationships and life lessons that will make them stand out in the community. And as for the parents, they were glad their children got to spend their summer doing something beneficial and not waste it at home.



*Social Activities - Fuheis Summer Camp 2019*



*Fuheis Youth Summer Camp 2019*

### **The Parish of Rameh – Israel**

Saint Anthony Parish in Rameh conducted a summer camp for children with around 85 participants, 14 councilors and 2 leaders. It had many activities like art, educational activities, entertainment activities, Christian education, and physical activities like rock climbing and paintball game competitions between teams. Children and youth showed positive relationships and accepting the other during the camp. Campers were taken for road trips to visit Churches in many places in the north like Tiberias and the old city of Acre to learn more about the history and how their heritage is connected. Small tours around the Churches in the towns as well to teach them more about their country and why is it called the Holy Land. In



*Arts Activities -Rameh Youth Summer Camp 2019*



*Rameh Youth Summer Camp 2019*

addition, they conducted two swimming trips in different swimming pools and one sleep-over day in Mi'ilya in the Western Galilee. On the last day, the leaders organized a farewell dinner for all campers, their parents, councilors and the Parish priest: a barbeque night where gift cards have been given to the councilors, a gift for the priest and leaders, medals for all the young campers for participation and finally, a cup for the winning team.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## PROJECT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

### Financial Summary

Project Name  
**Summer Camps 2019**

Project Code  
**80011**  
**85006**

Reported Period

01/11/2018 - 29/02/2020

Expectation Period

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### Project Statement of Activity

Currency  
**USD**

Donations		
	Netherland Lieutenancy - Galilee/ Israel summer camps	\$8,360
	Netherland Lieutenancy - Jordan Summer camps	\$47,264
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	Rameh Parish summer camp	\$2,280
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*R. Z. Ham*

*10/3/2020*

*Saint-Joseph*  
*10/3/2020*





## PHOTOS



*Smakieh Summer Camp 2019 - Jordan*



*Madaba Summer Camp 2019 - Jordan*



*Huson Summer Camp 2019- Jordan*



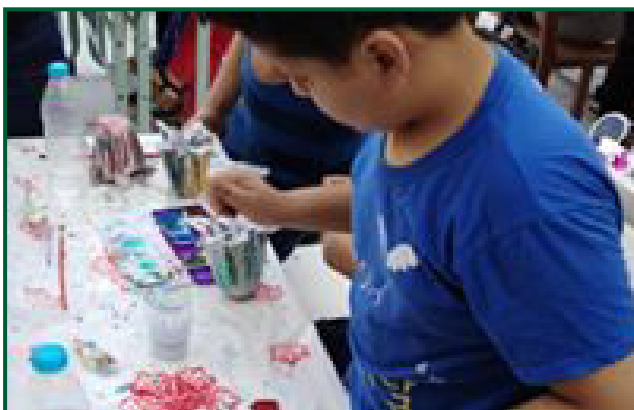
*Irbid Summer Camp 2019 - Jordan*



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