

To: Partners in Parish/School Outreach

Re: Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem

Thank you for taking the time to consider supporting Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem.

The information in this packet provides background on Holy Family Hospital and some suggested ways schools and parishes can engage with the Hospital and raise funds to help deliver Life, Peace and Hope in the Holy Land.



Pope Saint John Paul II declared Holy Family Hospital to be one of the top priorities of the Catholic Church in the New Millennium. The following represent key reasons for His Holiness's support and encouragement.

- Holy Family Hospital is the only state-of-the-art maternity hospital with a neo-natal facility in this region of historical conflict.
- Support of Holy Family Hospital is a meaningful way for parishioners, students and staff to act on Our Lord's second greatest commandment "Love your neighbor as you love yourself."
- The Hospital delivers over 3,200 babies a year. This year the lives of 400 babies, who were premature and in distress, were saved because of the dedication of the staff to devote every resource possible made available through the Hospital's neo-natal unit – the only one in the region.
- The cost to save one life – deliver one baby – is \$250. A premature baby requiring neo-natal services would cost approximately \$1,500 a day.
- Contributions from generous donors and organizations support the mission and work of the Hospital; patient payments only cover one-third of Hospital expenses.
- The Hospital is located only **500 yards from where our Lord was born and lived** and serves ALL regardless of religion, nationality or ability to pay.

Many schools and parishes though out the U.S. have embraced the Hospital through prayer and financial support. The schools of the Archdiocese of Phoenix recently started a diocesan-wide program to support the Hospital. St. Catherine of Siena Church and School in Kennesaw, GA, are long-time supporters of the Hospital.

Please review the enclosed information and consider initiating a fundraising partnership through your school and, where appropriate, parish as well. The video is just wonderful. It is a compelling depiction of Holy Family Hospital's service to thousands of poor and at-risk women, children and families throughout the Bethlehem community, and, via the Hospital's Mobile Clinic, in nearby U.N. refugee camps and remote villages throughout the desert ensures it will never be said again that "**There is no room in the Inn.**"

In appreciation for your consideration of prayers and financial support for Holy Family Hospital, our Foundation's leadership will organize an Advent Mass at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem for all staff, students and families from your parish community. So, too, a candle also will be lit in the Church of the Nativity for your intentions.

Thank you and God bless.

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