

CURRICULUM VITAE

Fr Khalil Ibrahim JAAR

He was born in Bethlehem on the 10 of March 1953. Finished his elementary and secondary school in Bethlehem, and then started his study in the Seminary of the church in Jerusalem.

The 1967 Israeli Palestinian war was catastrophic, his family immigrated to Honduras (Central America) and they lost every thing there. He preferred to remain in Jerusalem and to continue his study for priesthood.

Ordination to priesthood was in June 1976. During his service in the church he continued his study and achieved a PHD in Philosophy and History.

In 1990, he was serving the Christian Community in Zarka – Jordan, when the first crisis in the Gulf started, with the occupation of Kuwait. Many thousands of evacuees from Kuwait went to Jordan, then many Iraqi families started to emigrate from Iraq and come looking for refuge in Jordan. Since that time he started to be involved in helping and assisting these families. In 1990 he was in charge of (Mercy Camp) for evacuees in the region of RWEISHED close to the Iraqi borders (there were 40,000 people in the camp!

He was also representing World Vision in the Middle East Region. Since that time he started visiting Iraq almost twice a month making a bridge of medical assistance. He had an agreement with LA PAZ hospital in Madrid, and Gazlini hospital in GENOVA Italy to send Iraqi children for special treatment. Each year he sent some 50-65 cases of sick children to these hospitals.

In 2002 he received an International award (ROBERT W. PIERCE AWARD) for Christian services and Reconciliation Leader. In 2004, he received the ARAB BUSINESS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION AWARD.

After the war of 2003 he started once again going to Baghdad to assist the Churches and the Christian Communities, until November 2005 when he was kidnapped by terrorist for 6 days and by miracle he was released !! since that time he is serving and assisting more than 1600 Iraqi families in Amman and the villages around Amman, with medical assistance, food assistance, and protecting them because many of them are in Jordan without legal stay.

Today he is the director of MESSENGERS OF PEACE assistant for Jordan and Iraq and Parish priest of Our Lady of Nazareth Church.