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Funding Proposal to Caritas Committee, OESSH Netherland

Project title: Our Lady of Annunciation church's youth center for renovation and equipment in Irbid

Project ID: M3357

Project Year: Year 2019

Applicant Name: CNEWA/Pontifical Mission

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Task and position: Ra'ed A. Bahou, Regional Director

Description:

Earlier this year 2018, His Holiness Pope Francis has approved the proposal presented by the Synod of the Melkite Roman Catholics to transfer Bishop Joseph Jbara from the diocese of Our Lady of Paradise in Sao Paulo to the Greek Melkite Catholic Arch eparchy of Petra and Philadelphia, and was promoted to a higher ranking, namely Archbishop.

In April, Archbishop Jbara was welcomed in a ceremony that marked his assumption of duties, with vast number of attendees Christians and Muslims. After two years of the former Bishop's resignation, all are optimistic of the new leadership, as a step forward towards the future of the Melkite church in Jordan.

CNEWA as part of its mission continues to accompany and reinforces the oriental churches, its' clergies, institutions and parishioners.

Irbid (Arabella – as known in ancient times), is the largest city of the Irbid governorate. It has the second largest population in Jordan after Amman and located about 70 km north of Amman and 20 km south of the Syrian border.

The Greek Catholic Church has a very active parish and priest in Irbid, his attention is focused on youth and children.

The youth center building (200 sq. m.) consists of two floors, seven classrooms for the catechism, two rooms for the scouts and two rooms for the working and university youths, in addition to a kitchen and toilets. The space is well used, but due to several years of use, and the lack of finance, the place is in dire need for minor, but necessary renovation, in addition to new furniture including the teaching tools needed, in order to become more suitable and comfortable for all beneficiaries, and to enable them to keep up carrying their various activities.

Catechetical program for 130 to 140 participants, which conducted throughout the year, every Friday, for the children between 4 – 16 years-old. In addition to 28 – 30 University and working

youths, who are meeting on weekly basis. A sisterhood with 17 members, also are using the center for their continuous meetings, activities that aim to serve their church and parishioners.

In the year 2018, with the encouragement and support received from CNEWA Amman office, the Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary expanded the lay leaders formation program to Irbid, Mafraq and Kerak in order to prepare new blood of the youth leaders to join the CNEWA annual summer bible camps and to continue their catechetical program for children in their areas.

They are not the only beneficiaries, the parish priest serves around 400 families (1,600 individuals) for more than ten years, and it is a big parish with too many religious and social activities.

Itemized Budget:

Item	Cost US\$
Roof treatment and isolation, and fix the water tanks	2,900
Toilets and kitchen renovation including new kitchen cabinets and purchase of refrigerator, stove and gas cylinder	5,300
Full painting for the whole building	2,245
Plastic tables and chairs for the youth meeting rooms	635
Sound system	1,000
7 white boards for the classrooms	1,400
Follow-up, supervision and reporting	1,500
TOTAL	14,980

Financing Plan 2019:

Requested from	Amount US\$
CNEWA	10,000
OESSH	5,000
Total	15,000

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