

Yes, I am willing to become a sponsor for a Christian child in the Holy Land and am enclosing my tax-deductible gift.

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- Check
- American Express
- Visa
- MasterCard
- Discover

- \$500 annually
- \$250 semi-annually
- \$125 quarterly
- \$42 monthly (only through automatic deduction on credit card)

Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

Mailing Address: Child Sponsorship Program, FFHL, 9924 Cedar Ridge Dr., Carmel, IN 46032



The Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land is a worldwide organization founded in 1994 under the auspices of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.

The Foundation was created to safeguard the basic human rights and continued presence of the indigenous Christian minority living in the Holy Land by providing academic scholarships, subsidized housing, and employment opportunities. For these Christians trapped in a hostile environment of ethnic distrust, the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land has become their primary organized voice.

For information on the Child Sponsorship Program call toll free (855) 500-3345 (FFHL) or e-mail: info@ffhl.org.

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FRANCISCAN FOUNDATION

FOR THE HOLY LAND



Child Sponsorship Program

Christian Plight in the Holy Land

At the beginning of the twentieth century, Christians accounted for 25% of the population in the Holy Land—today they are under 2%. They feel abandoned and isolated from the rest of Christendom, yet they hold on to the faith of Christ from within the tempest. Our faith communities are directly descended from them. It is from them that the apostles and early disciples went forth to spread the Good News throughout the world.

When Pope John Paul II made his pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the turn of the millennium, he had a close look at the situation of the remnants of the original Christian communities formed almost 2000 years ago.



Pope Benedict XVI embraces the same compassionate appeal for the Christians in the Holy Land as his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

He was appalled to discover the true severity of their situation, and he appealed to all Christians to come to their aid.

He said that “all the Catholic faithful” must always be concerned about the Christian communities in the Holy Land, and must support them “in their needs, so that the names of Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem will inspire in the spirit of today’s and tomorrow’s Christians, sentiments of gratitude for the ineffable mystery that took place there, and the news of salvation that, thanks to the first communities of believers, reached the whole world from that land.”

Child Sponsorship Grants

Child Sponsorship grants are given to marginalized Christian children who come from families who cannot afford a Parochial primary education. An annual grant of \$500 provides one year of schooling and books.



If the sponsor elects to support a young child, it is desirable for the sponsor to commit for the full period of primary education or seven years. In this manner, the child attains a level of security, and will form an enduring personal appreciation for their sponsor furthermore, sponsors come to know and love their children from the Holy Land.

Each sponsor will receive a picture of their child and the child’s family, and Christmas greetings each year.



Terra Santa Schools

The Terra Santa schools, administered by the Franciscan Custody, are unique because the philosophy is to bring individuals together without any bias either to social class or to Christian or non-Christian students in terms of educational activities. The schools acquaint the student with the



values of family life and of society so as to benefit from both. Each school attempts to meet the needs of all those who are deprived physically, morally, economically, and to welcome the stranger.

Franciscan schools give religious instruction for every student according to his particular religious convictions recognizing the right of each individual to maintain his own faith. The teachers attempt to shun religious fanaticism while at the same time encouraging piety.

The policy of the Franciscan Terra Santa Schools has always been openness and service towards all.

