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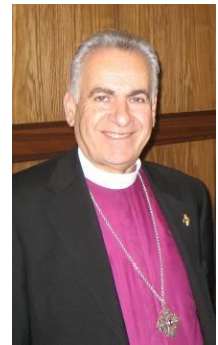
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Peace to you in the name of the Lord

Greetings from Bishop Suheil Dawani

Dear Friends,

The Diocese has welcomed several visitors this month including visits from Lambeth and Massachusetts. I have been privileged to pay a visit to the US to meet fellow Arab Episcopalians and greet a fellow retired Bishop of this Diocese, Bishop Samir, which provided the opportunity for fellowship and mutual encouragement. Thanks also go to Bishop Bruno and his wife for their generous hospitality. It reminds us yet again of the Christian community which extends across the globe.



I am also pleased to announce the launch of our new Diocesan website which has been in development since the beginning of the year and which I hope you will enjoy browsing. We hope you will find it easier to navigate and a better representation of the many projects and institutions across the Diocese. My thanks go to all the staff and members of the Diocese who have made this possible.

+ Suheil Dawani

Bishop Suheil greets Arab Episcopalians in California



Bishop Suheil and his wife Shafeeqa have just returned from a visit to the Diocese of Los Angeles where they were welcomed by Bishop Bruno and his wife Mary. They exchanged greetings and news from the Diocese of Jerusalem and greeted the Arab Episcopalians of that Diocese.

While in California, the Dawanis also took a day trip to San Diego to visit retired Diocese of Jerusalem Bishop Samir Kafity and his wife.

(Image: Bishop Suheil and retired Bishop Samir Kafity)

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International Baccalaureate at the Bishop's School, Amman,



April proved an important month for the Bishop's School. A team from the International Baccalaureate (IB) Head Office in Zurich came to visit and inspect the school with the view to granting IB Diploma Status. The application was submitted under the guidance of the School's Director, Mrs Haifa Najjar. With the support of staff and students Mrs Najjar welcomed the delegation and introduced them to staff and students.

The International Baccalaureate offers three educational programmes: the Diploma, the Primary Year Programme (PYP) and the Middle Years Programme (MYP). The IB seeks to create an environment for learning that has a high standard with intercultural understanding enabling the students to become inquirers, knowledge seekers and life-long learners. The programme aims to prepare them for life in a world in which they can use their individual skills. Subjects will be taught in English and Arabic.

During the two days Heads of Departments, teachers, and administrators were interviewed and the students took part in a series of presentations which included drama and classroom displays.

Subject to receipt of the official letter, the school was granted IB Diploma Status heralding a significant new stage in the life of the school.

A new library for the Bishop's School, Amman.



As part of the preparation for the International Baccalaureate (IB) inspection, the Bishop's Junior School has undergone a series of improvements and changes to meet the new requirements. One such change is the refitting and relocation of the library.

The library was moved from its old and restricted position to the first floor of the Junior building. The main aim was to create more space leaving room for expansion and to increase the stock levels to meet the new teaching methods as required by the new IB programmes.

In conjunction with the Upper School Library an electronic stock and issuing system was installed. This has allowed the creation of an online catalogue along with an electronic record of borrowing and usage.

Diocese of Jerusalem announces launch of new website

The Diocese of Jerusalem is pleased to announce the launch of a new Diocesan website which we hope will be a welcome and invaluable tool for all our clergy, parishioners, friends, supporters and visitors.

The main added features of the new site are regional headings, improved categorization, a clean layout and search function, and a link to a diocesan You-tube page where videos can be loaded and accessed.



Sample home page

Regional headings clearly show the geographical extent of the Diocese and make it easy to learn about the breadth of diocesan ministries in each country. Improved categorization, the clean layout, and the search function are designed to make accessing information simple and inviting, taking into consideration pilgrims' needs to find Cathedral and parish worship information and supporters' desires to follow the progress of the ministries they support.

Videos and other resources will be easily accessible for use in teaching and fundraising on behalf of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Thank you to all who have helped develop this new and exciting venture and we hope that it will be a valuable resource for all who work in, and wish to connect with, the Diocese of Jerusalem and its ministries.

Board Meeting and Summer fair at Christ's School



The Christ School Board meeting and annual Summer Fair took place earlier this month in Nazareth.

As Chair of the School Board Bishop Suheil attended the meeting and took part in the summer fair celebrations at the school.

The fair included presentations by the staff as well as the chance for pupils to show their creative skills in an extensive artwork display which included paintings and photo collages.

Alongside the art work pupils also presented their own poetry and prose creations. Bishop Suheil was also shown IT work designed by the children.

The summer fair marked the close of the academic year and was an opportunity for the school to come together and celebrate the creative achievements of the pupils and staff.

Speeches marked the close of the occasion with staff being thanked for their support this year and the skill of the children and their creative spirit given particular acknowledgement.



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The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, a diocese of the worldwide Anglican Communion, extends over five countries, including Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Israel, within the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. There are 27 parishes that minister to the needs of their communities, centered on the Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr in Jerusalem. The church supports 33 institutions, which include hospitals, clinics, kindergartens and schools, vocational training programs, as well as institutions for the deaf, the disabled and the elderly, reaching out to interfaith neighbors in mutual respect and cooperation.

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