



GRAND MAGISTERIUM – VATICAN  
EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF  
THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

*At the service of the living stones in the Holy Land*

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE GRAND MASTER AND THE ORDER  
OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE TO THE NEW LATIN PATRIARCH OF  
JERUSALEM



From its ancient name, a vast territory between Syria and the Sinai desert, Palestine was chosen to welcome divine revelation and Jesus' life; a land which still evokes extraordinary beauty and spiritual attraction, geography and history of salvation. At the same time, it is a melting pot of peoples and religions, tensions and conflicts, for centuries home to fervent Christian populations, monastic communities, renewed ecumenical commitment, and relations with the Jews and the Muslims.

His Excellency Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Franciscan, becomes today the new Latin Patriarch.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, of which he is now the Grand Prior, extends its warmest wishes.

The Order intends to support him in his pastoral service and welcome his suggestions in order to be significantly involved in the vocation of Jesus' Land as an open and welcoming place, loved by all, where people and hopes coexist.

*Congratulations.*

**Fernando Cardinal Filoni**

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