



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

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

## The Grand Master's visits - Fall 2017



Around 40 new members of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre received investiture on September 30 in Bordeaux, including Cardinal Jean-Pierre Ricard, archbishop of the diocese that hosted these celebrations of the Lieutenancy for France. Several hundred Dames and Knights gathered around Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, Grand Master of the Order, and Msgr. Bernard-Nicolas Aubertin, currently in charge of the Lieutenancy.

After having celebrated the Investiture ceremonies at **Valletta** (Lieutenancy for Malta) on September 22-23 and **Bordeaux** (Lieutenancy for France) from September 29 to October 1, the Grand Master Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, went to **Echternach** from 20 to 21 October for the Investiture of the Lieutenancy for Luxembourg.

A few days later, members of the Grand Magisterium gathered in Rome for their usual autumn meeting chaired by His Eminence. The **Grand Magisterium meeting** was also an opportunity to mark together one of the most important celebrations of the Order, the **feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Palestine**, for which the most beloved friends of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre joined the Grand Master at the Palazzo della Rovere, headquarters of the Grand Magisterium, just a few steps from the Basilica of Saint Peter in Rome, where on the morning of the 25th of October Mass was celebrated in honor of the Patroness of the Order.

At the end of October, Cardinal O'Brien returned to the United States to celebrate US Middle Atlantic Investitures in **Baltimore**. Before being called to Rome to lead the Order of the Holy Sepulchre the Grand Master was the Archbishop of Baltimore.

The last appointments of the year see the Grand Master engaged in Europe and Central America to preside at the Investiture ceremonies for new members of the Order: in **Gibraltar** (November 18-19) and **Mexico City** (December 1).

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