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Dear brothers and friends of the Seminary,

we wish to thank the Lord together with you for the gift of a new year of mission we are starting. This It will be the tenth year of life for our seminary, at the service of the Church of the Holy Land and the whole Middle East: ten years in which we have seen the work of God, his mercy and the power with which he has performed wonders through our poverty.

In these years we have had the joy of seeing ten of our seminarians be ordained priests, nine for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and one for the Maronite Archdiocese of Haifa and the Holy Land. Three of them are in mission (Kuwait, Jordan, Seminar), three are pastors (in Palestine and in Israel), others are inserted in the parishes, where the Christians suffer their minority status and weight of divisions and violence, another was sent to study in Rome.

This year three new seminarians became part of our seminary, so now we have thirty-three boys who are training here, from twelve different nations. Of these, eleven are carrying out a mission time in various parishes of the Middle East (Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Kuwait, Qatar, the Arab Emirates, Egypt). This is a valuable experience for the seminarians who gain the opportunity to experience a year of mission in which one can experience concretely what it means to dedicate his life entirely to the proclamation of the Gospel and the edification of the Church. We have also seen that only by experiencing an important time in a context where only Arabic is spoken, the seminarians succeed in adopting this language, so difficult to learn for us Westerners, but fundamental to show to Christians in the Middle East that the Church is truly a mother who takes care of them.

In these days we also had the honor of receiving the visit of Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches (we attach an article on the visit and the homily of Cardinal). They have been of great encouragement to us the words with which the Cardinal stressed the importance of supporting the Church On this frontier of the world: "You are in the Middle East, then you are called to bear witness in a land of martyrdom and persecution (...). you will always need to keep the pastoral care to know that, although we are all called to martyrdom in the generic sense of the testimony of life, but to you may be called something more in this field. "



Cardinal Sandri with our Archbishop Mgr Pizzaballa

Dearest brothers, many and very great are the challenges that this year the Lord places before us. We are confident that He precedes and preserves all our steps, responsive to our needs as He always has been in the past ten years, even using the eagerness of many friends who have truly participated to our mission accompanying us with prayers and with material aid.

We bless you and we salute you with the greeting that Pope Francis addressed a few days ago to the faithful present at the morning Mass in the House of Santa Marta: "May the Lord grant us the memory of the gratuity of God's salvation and closeness and of the concreteness of the works of mercy which he wants from us, be they material or spiritual: so will we become people who help open the door to ourselves and to others. "

The Lord bless you and give you peace.

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