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To our very dear Christian Refugee Relief Director Sir Knight Hikmat Dandan and all the sponsors, councils, the Knights of Columbus members and their Ladies. From the Holy Land, from Jesus Christ's Manger, we send you our Christmas Greetings, our love, and our best wishes.

We believe God's peace is special here. It is the peace that fills the hearts with comfort, trust, and love. It is not like any other peace; it is the peace given by Jesus and sent to all, to comfort and strengthen people through their difficulties, fears, and sufferings. We hope that this faith and peace be present in all Christian and non-Christian communities.

I would like to inform you of what has happened during the past months due to covid-19. Unfortunately, we went through hard times and had to go under lockdown on the 5th of March 2020. Since then, we were persistent to keep the learning process going. We managed to start to continue teaching immediately by virtual means .

Anyway, Beit Sahour went through a major crisis because its main means of income is tourism. Many parents had to transfer their children to other public not Christian schools because the tuition fees were too much to handle during these times. However, we insist on keeping our children in their school and to be raised upon Jesus' teachings, words, light, and life. From here, I would like to thank you for your encouragement and help for our students who are in need . I assure you that our patriarchate is doing as much as possible to assist the school as well.

I really appreciate your support, which has been of great benefit for our needy Christian students in Beit Sahour- the town of the Shepherds. A lot of thanks to all the knights and ladies of Columbus as well as all the benefactors. Special thanks and appreciation for our beloved Sir Knight Hikmat Dandan.


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