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## Press Release

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### *His Holiness Pope John Paul II Bestows Pontifical Honor upon Mr. Gary Krupp of Long Island, New York*

On July 29, 2000, His Holiness Pope John Paul II named Mr. Gary Krupp, of Long and, New York, a Knight Commander of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great.

Mr. Krupp, who is the seventh Jewish person since 1831 to receive this particular Pontifical Honor, has been recognized by the Holy See for his tireless and outstanding efforts in assisting the *Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza*, a health care facility in Italy started by Blessed Padre Pio. Through the generosity and commitment of Mr. Krupp, this state-of-the-art hospital has been able to acquire some of the most advanced medical equipment in Europe, thereby helping to expand the outstanding medical attention, care and compassion of the Catholic health care system for countless men, women and children.

The Pontifical Honor was conferred upon Mr. Krupp by His Excellency Archbishop Renato R. Martino, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations., who was assisted by His Excellency Riccardo Ruotolo, President of the Casa Sollievo dell Sofferenza, His Excellency Bishop Ignatius Catanello, of Brooklyn, and His Excellency Bishop Luigi Sposito, of Italy, during a ceremony at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church in West Hempstead, New York on August 19, 2000.

The Order of Saint Gregory the Great was founded by Pope Gregory XVI in 1831, who named it after his predecessor, Pope Saint Gregory the Great, and is most frequently bestowed as a special mark of favor of the Holy See for persons who diligently serve the Catholic Church, or who have distinguished themselves by their accomplishments benefitting society, regardless of their religion or gender.



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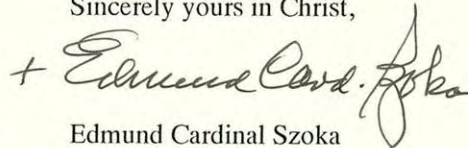
Dear Mr. Krupp,

Thank you for the information you sent me regarding your efforts in conjunction with the Maimonides Research Institute. I remember you well from the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle and I am happy to hear that all is going well with you and your project. I am particularly pleased with regard to your correspondence with Fr. Farina, the Prefect of the Vatican Library, and especially with the generous response of the Maimonides Institute. News of any undertaking which advances interreligious relations must certainly be enthusiastically received.

I pray that God may continue to bless you and these efforts.

With best wishes, I am always

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Edmund Cardinal Szoka

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LORD CAREY OF CLIFTON P.C.

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3 March 2003

Dear Garry :

I am grateful to hear through Sir Siggie Sternberg that you have been so supportive of the Alexandrian Declaration and are interested in our work. We are due to have a meeting at 09.30 on 1 April at the Institute of Business Ethics and I have great pleasure in extending an invitation for you to be with us if you are able to be in London then.

Yours ever

George



CONSULATE GENERAL  
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הקונסוליה הכללית של  
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קונסול כללי

Gary L. Krupp, KCSG  
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April 11, 2003

Dear Mr. Krupp,

Allow me to thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Israeli people and the Palestinian people. Your work with Pave the Way Foundation and the prosperity plan, which you sent me, are examples of a realistic attempt to build a better economic future for the Palestinian people, and consequently benefit Israel.


Israel fully appreciates the need for a viable economy to exist in the Territories, in order to hopefully help in stemming the hostilities that exist today.

Your prosperity plan is different because it will allow the gradual building of an economic structure today, irrespective of political progress.

Twinning Israeli companies, with newly formed Palestinian business is an intriguing method of benefiting all parties. The fact that each Palestinian will own each business and each building, will make the project more acceptable, because it is not just giving a man a job but giving him a real potential future.

While I cannot commit on an official basis, since the final plan has not yet been formulated and submitted to the relevant Israeli authorities, I believe you are certainly of the right track and I encourage you to move ahead with this. As I mentioned to you at our earlier meeting, Israel Defense Forces authorities must approve this or any plan, dealing with movement from Israel to the Territories. Keeping this in mind, I will pledge my personal help to you in all aspects of this most noble project.

Alon Pinkas

  
Consul General of Israel  
New York



**Sir Sigmund Sternberg KCSG**

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8 May, 2003

Mr. Gary Krupp, KCSG, President  
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Dear Mr Krupp,

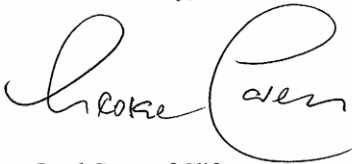
We very much appreciated the presentation you made during your visit to London in April to the religious leaders who are working in association with the World Economic Forum.

With the publication of the "Road Map" for Middle East peace, the kind of plan developed by the Pave the Way Foundation for a comprehensive economic strategy in the area takes on a new significance.

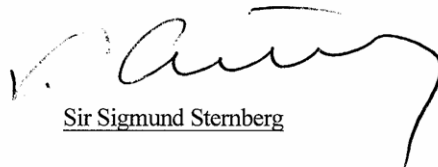
Certainly, the idea of twinning small Palestinian owned businesses with Israel firms would provide mutual benefit and a platform on which to build real working relationships between the two peoples.

Lord Carey, as former Archbishop of Canterbury, initiator of the Alexandria Declaration and religious adviser to the World Economic Forum, and I as a member of that Forum, appreciated your support for the Alexandria Declaration and will remain actively interested as you push forward with your endeavour.

Yours sincerely,



Lord Carey of Clifton



Sir Sigmund Sternberg



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20 August 2003

Dear Mr. Krupp,

Please allow me to thank you - and the Pave the Way Foundation - for your committed efforts to help promote a positive outcome to the negotiations underway between the Catholic Church and the State of Israel on completing the initial normalisation of relations, initiated on 30 December 1993 by the signing of the Fundamental Agreement between the Holy See and the State of Israel. Having been involved since the beginning, as the legal adviser to the delegation of the Holy See on the Bilateral Permanent Working Commission between the Holy See and the State of Israel - and now also as a member of the Governing Board of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land (entrusted with the care of the Holy Places on behalf of the Catholic Church) - I am particularly anxious to see the current negotiations succeed, and particularly grateful to find you fully sharing this concern.

Essentially the Fundamental Agreement was intended to accomplish the normalisation of formal relations - it soon led to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the State of Israel (June 1994) - together with security for the acquired rights of the Church in the territory that became the State of Israel in 1948. To this end, the Church has sought recognition of the fiscal exemptions that were in place when the State of Israel was created. A commitment to negotiate a treaty on these matters was included in the Fundamental Agreement, and the treaty was expected to be ready by 1996. It was to include other matters too, notably property matters. The Church is seeking the return of certain properties, including certain Shrines, as you know, as well as some property unjustly occupied by public bodies, notably the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The negotiations have proved to be difficult and protracted, and today, on the eve of the tenth anniversary of the Fundamental Agreement, are not yet concluded. The failure of these negotiations - God forbid! - would cast a pall over the achievement of the Fundamental Agreement (which would thereby remain without much actual substance) and complicate the Catholic-Jewish relationship generally. On the other hand, success in the negotiations would re-validate the Fundamental Agreement, give the lie to the "prophets of doom," and signal a major, historic qualitative advance in the relationship, opening the door to many more developments of genuine benefit to both sides. It is therefore imperative that we succeed, together. To do this, it is



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essential to persuade Israeli decision-makers of the importance of this relationship - with the worldwide Catholic Church - to the State of Israel and to the Jewish People everywhere. What is required for this is essentially very little: effective confirmation of numerous Israeli promises through the decades to respect the acquired rights of the Church, and the restitution of a small, finite number of properties, mostly. I know you have been trying to sensitise Israeli leadership to this, both directly and through friends of Israel in America, and, once more, I am more grateful than I can say.

Your personal position, as you have shared with me, as one of seven Jewish men invested as as a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, a leading Papal honour, evidently constitutes for you a unique motivation to reach out to individuals in the Israeli government and in the American Jewish community. I believe you are singularly suited to interpreting our concerns to each other, and to helping all to focus on the common goal. To me personally your commitment is very consoling. As you know, it has been my life's work to help bring the Church and Israel together, and I shall therefore, on my part, spare no effort, and leave no road untaken, in the endeavour to validate and make succeed the Fundamental Agreement.

May God bless you and yours!

Yours truly,

(Fr.) David-Maria A. Jaeger. O.F.M., J.C.D.



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His Excellency Daniel Ayalon  
Ambassador of the State of Israel  
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am writing you today to alert you to growing situation, which you may or may not be aware of, between the State of Israel and the Vatican. A fellow Long Islander, Mr. Gary Krupp, KCSG, has reached out to me, to try to garner support for an effort to finalize the relations between the two States. Mr. Krupp has the unique distinction of being one of only seven Jewish men in history to be Knighted by the Pope to the Order of St Gregory the Great and is now only one of three who are still alive. It is in his position as a Jewish member of the Papal Household that he has been a strong advocate for improving relations between Israel, the Jewish people and the Worldwide Catholic Church. In addition, Mr. Krupp has been attempting to create gestures of inter-religious goodwill by bringing about important cultural exchanges through his foundation, the Pave the Way Foundation. For more information, please visit Pave the Way's website at [www.pavethewayfoundation.org](http://www.pavethewayfoundation.org).

The problem, as Mr. Krupp has informed me, is that the Holy See has been in negotiations for over 4 ½ years with representatives of the Israeli Government. In 1993 the Holy See initiated normalization with Israel but there were a few incomplete items which were, according to the original agreement, to be finalized by 1996. These items are still incomplete. Many negotiated solutions for the final agreements have languished simply because they Prime Minister's office has not given this issue a priority for completion.

Father David Jaeger, spokesman of the Franciscan Custody in Israel and lead legal council to the Holy See, has been disappointed by recent Israeli cancellations of all future mandated talks. To make matters worse, certain Israeli tax authorities have initiated enforcement action against Catholic Institutions, notably St Joseph's Hospital in Jerusalem counter to Israel's undertaking to refrain from such action pending the outcome of negotiations.



1 billion Roman Catholics and the Vatican. There are a few extremely small problems, which if addressed, can result in this new improved relationship. I would appreciate your forwarding this information to the Prime Minister's office, where I encourage the full attention to finalizing negotiations.

The Vatican and Israel were both hoping that agreements could be reached by December 30, 2003 in time for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of Israel's normalization with the Holy See.

Father David Jaeger can be reached in Rome on his American mobile phone (202) 437-5416 or in Israel on his cell 972 53 933090. His email in Rome is [75257.1563@compuserve.com](mailto:75257.1563@compuserve.com). In addition, Mr. Dov Weissglass has Fr. Jaeger's contact information. Mr. Krupp is available to you at any time on his cell phone at (516) 432-7560 or at (516) 770-4234. He can be reached by email at [Krupp@optonline.net](mailto:Krupp@optonline.net)

I would like to thank you for your time and consideration in this matter, since I sincerely believe that if properly resolved this can only be a "win win" situation for all parties.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Garry Krupp  
Pave the Way Foundation  
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via facsimile

17 November 2003

Dear Garry,

Please allow me to write you once more to express my gratitude and appreciation for the enormous efforts you are expending for the furtherance of the relationship between the Jewish People and the Catholic Church.

This is a time when the relationship appears both more necessary and more needy than ever before in my experience over the last quarter century or so. The very great advances that had been made must be preserved, and the risk of deterioration averted. Further progress to this end is imperative. The inexplicable decision of the Government of Israel to cancel all planned meetings of its delegation with that of the Holy See, in the framework of the Bilateral Permanent Working Commission, has cast a pall over relations, and has rendered it all but impossible to celebrate properly the tenth anniversary of the Fundamental Agreement. Grave questions remain while no negotiations are taking place, and while implementation of previous Agreements hangs in the balance.

Given the daily news, I trust it is not necessary for me to expand here on the vital need to mend the bilateral relationship to allow us all to join forces in opposing any recrudescence of antisemitism, and in promoting friendship, good will and cooperation across religious demarcation lines. It is absolutely vital therefore that the State of Israel be encouraged to return to the negotiating table, and to comply with its existing commitments in relation to the Catholic Church.

At a time when official contacts have been curtailed by the withdrawal of the Israeli Government from the talks, your personal diplomacy has been invaluable, and if and when talks are resumed, I have no doubt whatsoever that



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significant credit will belong to you.

I have heard the most encouraging "echoes" of your contacts with officials, diplomats and other influential persons in Israel, and in Israel's missions abroad.

It was my privilege to accompany you, in a purely personal capacity on my part, to your recent meeting with the Director of the Vatican Library, and to witness the respect and friendship with which you were received, and the great receptivity to your project of arranging for the public exhibition of unique Jewish manuscripts, as a way to promote cultural exchanges at a time when positive events are so truly needed.

So much may depend more directly on your ability to continue the good work. I am thinking particularly at this time of the poor Franciscan Sisters whose modest convent is occupied in part by the Hebrew University under the most improbable pretenses. Your personal diplomacy in this matter, the rapport you have established with persons at the university, looks so very promising to me. The gesture we are asking of the university could be very powerful in creating the positive climate for which we all long so much.

Take heart, and thank also any who may be supporting you in this enterprise, for which your ties to the Catholic Church, through your Papal Knighthood, together with your just pride in your Jewish heritage, and your palpable love for, and loyalty to, the Jewish People, make you so exceptionally well fitted.

Yours in friendship,

*David Maria A. Jaeger*  
(Rev. Dr.) David-Maria A. Jaeger, O.F.M., J.C.D.





*From the desk of Rabbi David Rosen  
Director of the Department for Interreligious Affairs and  
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February 17, 2004

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Dear Mr. Krupp,

I am sending this letter of support to express my deep appreciation for your remarkable work to promote good relations and cooperation between the Holy See and the State of Israel.

In particular your efforts to galvanize Israeli compliance with its commitments made in the Fundamental Agreement and to demonstrate gestures of goodwill to the Vatican are of enormous importance, both for the bilateral relations themselves and for Catholic-Jewish relations around the world.

This moment in time is of particular significance as we draw close to the conclusion of John Paul II's pontificate, requiring us to do all we can to ensure that the new era will continue on the historic path that the present Pope has forged for Catholic-Jewish relations.

I fervently hope that Israel's leadership will recognize the wisdom of your approach and pray the Almighty will strengthen your hand in all your endeavors.

Behatzlachah,

**Shmuel Hadas support letter – Feb. 04**  
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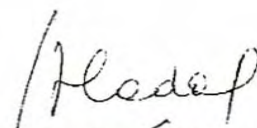
Dear Mr. Krupp,

I am writing you today to lend my support to the Pave the Way Foundation . As the first Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Holy See, I am keenly aware of the importance that the relations between Israel and the Holy See be strengthened. This is not only very important for the well being of Israel but for the situation of the Jewish People throughout the world un combating anti-semitism. As many of the individual items you are working on may seem difficult, I encourage you to persever in your efforts. The notion of arranging cultural exchanges as the exhibits you hope to launch here in Israel and the return of religious property to the Church, will most assuredly promote gestures of good will between the religions and will ultimately be extremely beneficial. Additionally, we hope to see the prosperity plan you submitted, be implemented one day between the Israelis and the Palestinians to contribute to create an economic foundation which the peace we all long for. can be built upon.

As an advisor for Intercultural Cooperation of the Peres Center for Peace, I am happy to submit the package you gave me in New York, to the Center for possible consideration as well.

If you believe I can be of further assistance to you and the projects of Pave the Way Foundation, please feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Best regards,



Ambassador Shmuel Hadas

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April 14, 2004

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Dear Mr. Krupp,

Many thanks for keeping me up to date on what you are undertaking.

I am happy that Ms. Cardin is agreeing to see you. She is a person of great influence in the Jewish community in the United States.

Also, I am happy to hear that you are weighing in on the visa problem. Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I co-signed and sent to the Israeli ambassador to the United States last week.

May the Lord bless you with gifts of health and peace.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Gary KRUPP, KCSG  
Pave the Way Foundation  
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Dear Mr. Krupp,

Pleas allow me to send you this further message expressing heartfelt - and growing - appreciation for your unique role, with the Pave the Way Foundation, in "rescuing" and building up the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish People, specifically the State of Israel. I apologise for the e-mail format, but am travelling, and will be for a while, and have not wished to delay discharging this obligation. After decades of growth in friendship between Catholics and Jews, the Fundamental Agreement between the Holy See and the State of Israel (1993) was expected to consolidate these achievements and show the road to further progress. In recent times though, serious difficulties have emerged, repeatedly, and there has been a need for brave persons and organisations to step into the breach, to heal rifts, and to help put the relationship once more on a positive track. While I keep in touch on this with a great number of persons and entities, I can and must say that your role has been precisely unique. I do not think I can thank you enough. Just in recent months you were able to be decisively instrumental in resolving quickly a truly major problem before it got out of control when you intervened to have the Israeli government withdraw what was, in effect, a warning to pilgrims not to visit Bethlehem. It was a move not meant to have that effect, but which would have had it, and would have provoked a major clash, had it not been especially for your timely and fruitful intercession. All sides owe you thanks!

It is also my sense that your intercession is having a very significant effect towards resolving an even larger crisis, the two year old problem of visas denied in large numbers to Church personnel in the Holy Land. I cannot say that it is resolved yet, but things have definitely taken a turn for the better, and you are a very significant part of that. Most of all though, I am grateful for your grasp of the need for



negotiations between the State of Israel and the Holy See to resume, after Israel walked out on them on August 28 last. As all concerned acknowledge, only serious and sustained suasion from influential individuals and bodies in the United States, can achieve a purposeful return by Israel to the negotiating table. You have already proved your ability at such suasion, and I hope you keep at it! For Israel to continue to stay away, would cast a pall over the entire historic relationship and endanger the achievements of the Fundamental Agreement, by suggesting to Catholics that it was not sincerely meant, and was all in vain anyway, with consequences possibly reaching far into the future that I prefer not to contemplate. I refuse to contemplate them because I am not giving up. And it is comforting to know that Pave the Way is not giving up either!

Quite recently I have the sense that the goal is achievable. I have been to Israel recently and have met people close to the Prime Minister. We need just that extra (mighty) "push" from the U.S. for the Israeli delegation to be sent back to the table, and for a reasonable bilateral agreement to come out of it. You know better than I just how important that would be to the cementing of the friendship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish People, so necessary at this time.

With great respect for your skill and devotion, and with the deepest gratitude, I am,  
Yours truly,

(The Rev. Dr.) David-Maria A. Jaeger, O.F.M.

(The Official Spokesman of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land)

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June 11, 2004

Louis Ciliberti  
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Dear Mr. Ciliberti

In his passion to bridge the Catholic world with the State of Israel, Gary Krupp has enhanced relations with members of the Catholic clergy and the Consulate General of Israel in New York. During the three years that I have known Gary, he has been instrumental in developing the Maimonides project, a joint venture between the Vatican library and the Israel Museum to put the works of this great philosopher and rabbi works on display in Israel.

Gary is a committed individual with a kind heart. He has utilized his unique position within the Catholic Church and commitment to his own heritage, Judaism, as a springboard for dialogue between the two faiths.

May God continue to give Gary the strength and resolve to pursue his dream in the world of interfaith relations.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Alon Pinkas  
Consul General of Israel in New York



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Mr. Gary KRUPP, KCSG  
Pave the Way Foundation  
New York  
via facsimile

Rome, 13 June 2004

Dear Mr. Krupp,

Once more I feel impelled by events - this time happily positive developments - to express my profound gratitude and appreciation for the unique contribution you have been making, with the Pave the Way Foundation, to securing onward progress in building up the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish People.

It should please you to learn that, thanks in a truly significant measure to your efforts, the Government of Israel has now resolved to return to the negotiations with the Holy See, from which the Israeli delegation pulled out on 28 August last year. The talks are set to resume on 5 July, and it is hoped to have made substantial progress by the middle of September.

When the Government of Israel withdrew from the negotiations last August it was a crisis of unprecedented seriousness, with possible dire consequences for the entire edifice that both sides had been constructing with such shared determination since the Fundamental Agreement of 1993. For some of us, on both sides, it was a time of tremendous anxiety, and even despondency, but you held fast to the hopes we all share, refused to give up, moved heaven and earth, as the saying goes, to help bring about the healing of the relationship. Your unrivalled, unparalleled access to officials and others on both sides, has been crucial to the enterprise. And it has got results!

Please allow me to insist on the uniqueness of the role of Pave the Way. There are, of course, many organisations devoted to advancing Catholic-Jewish dialogue and friendship. None, however, has equally grasped the indispensable requirement of a healthy relationship between the Church and the State in Israel as

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a condition of possibility, and a powerful stimulus, for that continuous growth in friendship between the Catholic Church and Jewish People that the Fundamental Agreement called for. A rules-based relationship between Church and State in Israel is the essential requirement for avoiding friction, and increasing cooperation, there and everywhere else. To allow that relationship to fail might have had reverberations well beyond Israeli territory itself. It was a prospect none of us cared to contemplate, and now - thanks to your extraordinary dedication and ability - may indeed never have to consider.

On the verge of the resumption of the negotiations, with prospects for their ultimate success as yet somewhat uncertain, I respectfully urge Pave the Way not simply to rest on its well-deserved laurels, but to continue to work mightily for the talks to conclude positively, for new Agreements to be forged, for the way ahead to become truly paved. Thus my words of thanks and praise for the Pave the Way Foundation come together with an appeal, an appeal for you to stay the course, to maintain - and increase - the effort to mobilise both Jews and Catholics to support the sincere shared striving for concord and prophetic working together, starting from Israel, and centred on Israel.

With renewed assurances of my highest consideration,

Yours sincerely,

(The Rev. Dr.) David-Maria A. Jaeger, O.F.M.

(The Official Spokesman of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land)

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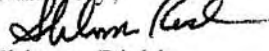
Dear Mr. Krupp,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for including me in the historic audience with Pope John Paul II on January 18, 2005, which was arranged by Pave the Way Foundation. Myself, along with the other Rabbis, Cantors and Jewish leaders were very glad to have had the opportunity to simply thank this great man of peace for all he has done for the Jewish people and for the State of Israel. Although our history with the Catholic Church has not always been positive, prior to the second Vatican Council's declaration *Nostra Aetate*, certainly one must acknowledge the major changes in theology and diplomacy that have occurred. I also very much enjoyed the historic Cantorial concert the evening before, at the Great Synagogue of Rome.

Sadly, with the Pope's passing we pray that this relationship will continue in the same spirit that Pope John Paul II invigorated by his meaningful gestures. I would like to thank you again for the insight to have been able to deliver this message of thanks thereby setting the precedence that the Jewish people do appreciate acts and gestures of kindness and are not afraid of expressing this.

Please keep up the good work of Pave the Way Foundation in your quest to end the use of religion for justifying acts of violence and for your work in initiating repatriation of Hebrew manuscripts and other cultural and educational projects.

Sincerely,

  
Shlomo Riskin

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12 July 2005

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Anne and Jerome Fisher Director

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Chairman  
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USA

Via telefax: 001-516-432-7561

Dear Elliot:

I am writing in response to your letter of June 13, 2005, and also to update you regarding our plans for the forthcoming opening of our display of "Rome to Jerusalem: Four Jewish Masterpieces from the Vatican Library."

You will recall that this very special loan is coming to the Museum in the context of our series of "Timeless Masterpieces," being singular loans in Art, Archeology, and Judaica, from major world museums, celebrating our Museum's three curatorial wings on the occasion of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. "Rome to Jerusalem" will be the last in this series, opening in Jerusalem on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. We would be happy to have representatives of the Foundation among our guests on that occasion.

We are grateful to the Pave the Way Foundation for its assistance in introducing our project to the Vatican and in helping to initiate our loan request of the Vatican Library, and our appreciation will be acknowledged in our press materials, in the exhibition's accompanying publication, and in the exhibition galleries.

Please let me know of any further questions at this time, and please also let me know if you will be joining us in Jerusalem in September.

With warm regards in the meantime.

Sincerely,

James S. Snyder  
Director



**UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY**  
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May 24, 2005

**Mr. Gary L. Krupp, KCSG**  
**President, Pave the Way Foundation, Inc.**  
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Dear Mr. Krupp,

I was honored to meet you at the Shomrim Society Breakfast of Nassau County on Sunday, 22 May 2005. You gave me your card and told me to look at your website concerning the work that you do. I have and I must tell you how impressed I am.

You don't need me to tell you this, but your work is so important. Without organizations like yours, our world would be far worse than it is and religious intolerance would be so rampant. I only pray that G-d gives you the strength to continue this important work.

I do not know how if I can ever help you directly, but I do try in my own way through talks and articles to let anyone who will listen know that we are all connected. I try to let them know that all roads by people of good faith lead to G-d. Enclosed please find an article that "Islamic Horizons" published about my work in Iraq. It is interesting that an Islamic publication published an article by a Rabbi.

There are many people of good faith like you out there working quietly, but with great determination, behind the scenes to heal the rifts between us. May G-d continue to bless you in your work.

**Carlos C. Huerta**  
**Chaplain (Major) United States Army**  
**Jewish Community Chaplain**

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FOR RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH THE JEWS  
Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

May 6, 2005

Prot. N. J.95/2005/h

Dear Mr Krupp,

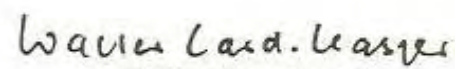
Forty years ago, on October 28, 1965, the Second Vatican Council's Declaration *Nostra Aetate* was promulgated. This groundbreaking document opened new ways for the Catholic Church to relate to other religious traditions. Of particular importance is Section 4 of the Declaration which paved the way for new relations and strongly recommends dialogue with the Jews in order to discover the great religious heritage which Jews and Christians have in common: "Since the spiritual patrimony common to Christians and Jews is thus so great, this sacred Synod wishes to foster and recommend that mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit above all of biblical and theological studies, and of brotherly dialogues".

In the year of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Nostra Aetate* we can look back with gratitude and satisfaction because during the last four decades the dialogue between Jews and Christians has made much progress. Under the leadership of Pope John Paul II, and thanks to the commitment of many people engaged in this important dialogue, understanding between Jews and Christians has improved in a way we never expected forty years ago.

Therefore our Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews wishes to celebrate this anniversary. On Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the "Palazzo della Cancelleria" (Piazza della Cancelleria, 1 - 00186 Roma) we plan to hold a commemorative event to which we warmly invite you. An evaluation of *Nostra Aetate* after forty years will be offered from a Jewish viewpoint by Rabbi David Rosen, Jerusalem, and from a Catholic viewpoint by Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, Paris. The speakers have been asked to offer future perspectives for the Jewish-Christian dialogue. A reception will follow. We would be most pleased if you could accept this invitation, and we ask you to give us a response as soon as convenient.

With my very best wishes and cordial regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
Walter Cardinal Kasper  
President

Mr Gary L. Krupp KCSG  
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Prot.: 2004/2166/P-B741  
Vatican City, September 2, 2004

Dear Gary,

I received your fax of August 28, 2004, with the interesting proposal of George Blumenthal to offer the Vatican Library the digital technology for reproducing the manuscripts and the software which would allow the possibility of consulting the reproductions via Internet.

The size and implications of such a project requires that it be discussed by the Library Council, which will meet sometime between the end of September and beginning of October of this year.

I will keep you informed.

I take this occasion to extend once again my deep respect and my very warmest greetings,

  
Don Raffaele Farina, sdb  
Prefect

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קונסול כללי

September 10, 2004

Mr. Gary L. Krupp  
President  
Pave the Way Foundation  
47 Farrell Street  
Long Beach, NY 11561

Dear Mr. Krupp,

I am writing to say that it was a pleasure to meet you at last night's reception hosted by the Conference of Presidents at B'nai Zion. It was a distinguished honor to meet a Papal Knight, let alone one of the Jewish faith.

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 20<sup>th</sup>, in which you describe the Pave the Way Foundation and the upcoming event being held on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Fostering the cooperation between the Vatican and Israel, as well as the Jewish and Catholic communities at large, is an important undertaking, and I commend you for your efforts.

I look forward to learning more about your organization. Until then, please accept my best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arze Mekel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ambassador Arze Mekel



SECRETARIAT OF STATE

FIRST SECTION - GENERAL AFFAIRS

N. 7

From the Vatican, 4 July 2005

Dear Mr. Krupp,

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has asked me to acknowledge the thoughtful message of good wishes which you sent to him on the occasion of his election to the See of Peter.

He is most grateful for the devoted sentiments which you expressed and he thanks you for the support of your prayers as he begins his ministry as Supreme Pastor of the universal Church.

Assuring you of a remembrance in his own prayers, the Holy Father cordially invokes upon you, your wife and all your associates in Pave the Way Foundation an abundance of joy and peace in the Lord.

With every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely,

+ Leonardo Sandri  
Substitute

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April 4, 2005

Mr. Gary Krupp  
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Dear Mr. Krupp,


I read with great interest the feature story in The Jewish World about the good deeds of your foundation. Your goal of having Christian, Jew, and Muslim living together in harmony is truly worthwhile.

In our small way, I believe that we are accomplishing that goal at JFK Airport. In IAT/Terminal 4, we have four chapels side-by-side. The Catholic chapel shares a wall with the shul; the Protestant church is to the left of the Catholic, and the Multi-faith chapel (converted into a mosque) is along side the Protestant church. Each chapel can accommodate approximately fifty people.

All the clergy members are friendly. We each have our own approach to God, but we are tolerant of our differences. The lobby outside the chapels is common holy space. Our parishioners learn to be tolerant. We are all children of one God.

I only wish that every town, village, and city would have their houses of worship on the same block so that everyone could interact with each other. When we recognize our similarities, our vulnerabilities, our common-ness, then we will no longer feel superior one over the other.

I invite you to visit the International Synagogue, Our Lady of the Skies Chapel (Catholic), Christ for the World Chapel (Protestant), and the Multi-Faith Chapel (which appears as a mosque but is meant to serve the Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist worshippers).

Truly yours,  
  
 Bennett M. Rackman  
 Rabbi

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
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November 4, 2004

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to this evening's reception of the Pave the Way Foundation.

On behalf of the residents of New York City, I congratulate Russ and Angelica Berrie, Bishop Ignatius Catanello, C. Raymond Radigan and Rabbi Jack Bemporad upon being honored here tonight. Their exemplary leadership within their communities and strong commitment to making a difference in the lives of others are commendable. The efforts of tonight's honorees are a tribute to the Pave the Way Foundation's mission to unify people of all religions and improve the quality of life in communities throughout the world.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor





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20 April 2005

Dear Mr. Krupp:

I write to acknowledge that I am in receipt of your kind letter on the sad occasion of the passing of His Holiness Pope John Paul II on 2 April last. I am very appreciative of your expressions of condolence and solidarity. It is a great comfort to learn in these days of the respect and admiration the Holy Father was held by so many.

It was my pleasure to have been able to facilitate the arrangement for you to meet with Rabbis and the Holy Father before he passed away. I am heartened by the memories you have of that privileged encounter as were all your other meetings with him.

I concur with the sentiments you expressed in that one never left an encounter with John Paul II the same as when one entered to meet with him.

We pray that the good works begun by Pope John Paul II in Catholic-Jewish relations continue under this new pontificate.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Archbishop Celestino Migliore  
Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See  
to the United Nations

*PS I saw your picture with Cardinal, now Pope Benedict XVI: good for you!*

Mr. Gary L. Krupp, KCSG  
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*On the occasion of the 59<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly  
and in commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Holy See Mission to the UN*



*The Secretary for Relations with States of the Holy See  
Head of the Delegation to the 59<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly  
His Excellency Archbishop Giovanni Lajolo  
requests the pleasure of the company of  
Mr. Gary Krupp*

*at a Reception*

*on Wednesday, 29 September 2004, 1:15 pm - 3:00 pm*

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August 19, 2006

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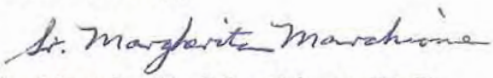
Dear Gary,

It is with sincere appreciation that I acknowledge your interest in my work on Pope Pius XII and the Catholic Church. In particular, I thank you wholeheartedly for your letter to the Board of Directors of Yad Vashem, dated June 7, 2006, in an effort to correct the misrepresentation of the contribution of this Pontiff toward saving the lives of hundreds of thousands of Jews during the Holocaust. I believe there is a pattern of deliberate exclusion of the truth in the media. Only organizations like *Pave the Way Foundation* are in a position to counteract the past calumnies that have been presented to the general public. I want to assure you that Pius XII will bless your efforts to promote the truth.

Jews firmly believe in justice and truth. They were unanimous in their praise of Pius XII and expressed their gratitude. I agree with you that the statement below the portrait of Pope Pius XII in Yad Vashem, must be repudiated. It is contrary to the truth and is unjust. With your insistence, I am sure Yad Vashem will correct the following errors beneath this photo. My comments follow in italics: "Pius XII's reaction toward the killing of Jews during the period of the Holocaust is controversial. In 1933, as the Vatican Secretary of State, in order to maintain the rights of the Church in Germany, he signed a Concordat with the Nazi regime even at the price of recognizing the racist Nazi regime. When he was elected Pope in 1939, he put aside an encyclical against racism and anti-Semitism prepared by his predecessor." *Pius XII wrote his own encyclical, Summi Pontificatus, which did deal with racism. "Although reports about the assassination of Jews reached the Vatican, the Pope did not protest either by speaking out or in writing." This is not true. Whenever Pius XII spoke out, there was immediate retaliation by the Nazis. There were more than 60 protests! "In December of 1942, he did not participate in the condemnation by members of the Allies regarding the killing of Jews. Even when the Jews were being deported from Rome to Auschwitz, the Pope did not intervene." The Pope did indeed intervene. After that first day, the SS were ordered to stop the deportation of the Jews in Rome. "He maintained a neutral position except toward the end of the war when he appealed on behalf of the government of Hungary and of Slovakia. His silence and the absence of directives obliged the clergy in Europe to decide independently how they should behave toward the persecuted Jews." This is not true. Members of the Church were ordered to protect all refugees and Jews.*

Again, I thank you and *Pave the Way Foundation*. With kind regards, I am

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Margherita Marchione, Ph.D.



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To the kind attention of Mr. Gary L. Krupp – President

Milan, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Subject: Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza**

Dear Mr Krupp,

We are more than pleased to inform you that Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza in San Giovanni Rotondo – Italy just signed the contract with General Electric Healthcare, for the supply of one PET-CT Discovery STE 16 system.

The state of the art of this technology will give to this very prestigious site a completely new and powerful tool for the detection and early diagnosis of diseases in the field of oncology, neurology and cardiology, providing a unique medical service to the community that is referring to Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza for diagnosis and treatment

On behalf of GE Healthcare and personally I would like to thank "Pave the Way Foundation" and you Mr. Krupp for the generosity and engagement in the follow-up of this project

For the worldwide community of Saint Pio da Pietralcina we believe, it must be of great pleasure and satisfaction to see this innovative project coming true.

From now on GE Healthcare efforts will be focused on execution, speeding up as much as possible delivery and installation time, in order to have the system ready for scanning patients as soon as possible

We would be extremely pleased if you attended the inauguration ceremony, where we could meet in person again and celebrate.

Thank you very much again!

Yours sincerely

Livio Orlando Contucci

Region Sales Manager Italy, Greece, Israel





SECRETARIAT OF STATE

No. 46.082

From the Vatican, 22 September 2006

Dear Mr. Krupp,

I am writing to acknowledge the thoughtful greetings which you sent to me following my appointment as Secretary of State to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

I am grateful for the words of congratulations which you expressed and very much appreciate the description which you gave me of the important work being done by Pave the Way Foundation. Indeed Jews, and Christians share a rich common patrimony. In many ways this distinguishes our relationship as unique among the world religions. The Church can never forget the chosen people with whom God entered into a Holy Covenant (cf. *Nostrae Aetate*, 4).

Thanking you for the support of the prayers offered for my intentions and assuring you of a remembrance in my own prayers, I am

Yours sincerely,

Secretary of State

Mr. Gary L. Krupp KCSG  
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*Il Vice Prefetto*

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Vatican City, October 9, 2006

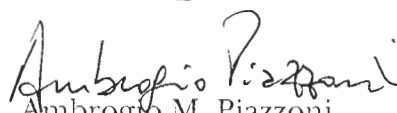
Dear Gary,

Thank you for sending the press release about the symbolic gift given to the Vatican Library by the Pave the Way Foundation. You beautifully describe the significant ways in which we've been able to work together to promote understanding and harmony among people of different faiths. Sam Philipe has hit on a deep truth in saying we should be exchanging art instead of bullets and bombs. Thank you for your absolute dedication to making his sentiment a concrete reality for our world.

The exhibit entitled "Pope John Paul II & and the Jewish People - A Blessing to One Another" sounds fascinating.

I hope that you are well. I look forward to our next opportunity to work together.

Warm regards,

  
Ambrogio M. Piazzoni  
Vice Prefect

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יועץ מדיני לראש הממשלה  
Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister

June 28, 2007  
י"ב תמוז, תשס"ז

Mr. Gary L. Krupp KCSG  
President: Pave The Way Foundation  
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New York, NY 10001-1907  
USA

Dear Mr. Krupp,

We acknowledge receipt of your fax dated June 6, 2007, and thank you for taking the time to write to Prime Minister Ehud Olmert advising him of your Foundation's worthy efforts to improve relations between the religions. We heartily support your endeavors in this regard.

We also appreciate your warm words and compliments in regard to the assistance and cooperation which you receive from the Ministry of Tourism, and hope that you will continue to be in touch with them in your efforts to promote and encourage tourism to Israel.

With warm greetings and best wishes from Jerusalem,

Sincerely,



Shalom Tourgeman  
Foreign Policy Adviser  
to the Prime Minister





*Il Prefetto*

Prot.: 2006/0226/P-B741  
Vatican City, January 26, 2006

Members of the Templeton award committee,

I was pleased to have been asked to write a letter of endorsement for Mr. Gary Krupp for application to the Templeton award.

I have known Mr. Krupp for more than five years and during that time have come to know him as a man of dignity and determination. His vision extends far beyond himself and his personal interests, recognizing the value of cultural and religious differences and collaboration in achieving goals which bespeak the common good of all religions. Undaunted by history or improbability, Mr. Krupp pursues challenge with dialogue, personal conviction and sensitivity.

The Vatican Library is noted for its collections which stem from all parts of the world and thus hold a history common to all of humanity. Mr. Krupp has been tireless in his efforts to assist the Library in making these precious collections available, by means of photographic and facsimile reproductions, to a much larger population than those who would be able to consult the actual documents on the premises of the Library. Among other efforts, one of his most successful and advantageous for both the Library and for scholars in other parts of the world is the connection with and funding for the services of a company which is providing the exceptional photographic equipment and expertise to make photographic reproductions of the Vatican Library manuscripts collections. This effort was inaugurated with the reproduction of four Hebrew manuscripts, which are presently on exhibition in Jerusalem, also thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Mr. Gary Krupp.

This is only one of many of Mr. Krupp's efforts, and successes in prompting relationships between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people. He is indeed to be commended.

With my personal gratitude and appreciation, and as a clergyman of the Catholic Church, I fully support the bestowal of the Templeton award on Mr. Gary Krupp, in recognition of the goodness of God working through a committed individual.

Don Raffaele Farina, sdb  
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18 January 2006

Dear Sirs:

I write this letter of endorsement for Mr. Gary I. Krupp for the application of the Templeton Award.

I have known Gary Krupp since my arrival in New York three years ago at my new post as the Permanent Observer of the Holy See Mission to the United Nations. Mr. Krupp has been a friend of this Mission pre-dating my tenure.

On 29 July 2000 Mr. Krupp, a Jewish man from Long Island, New York, was honored by the late Pope John Paul II for his 18 years of work to benefit the hospital of *Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza* (Italy), founded by St. Pio of Pietrelcina. Mr. Krupp was invested as a Knight Commander in the Pontifical Order of St. Gregory the Great, being one of seven Jewish men to be so honored.

Mr. Krupp is an unassuming and extremely effective person who realized that his position as Jewish man of talent, good will, and openness could give an impetus to the mutual understanding and cooperation between religions. His vision goes beyond Catholic-Jewish dialogue. Last July, Mr. Krupp was invested into the Anglican Order of St. John for his efforts in being a conduit with the Protestant churches.

Gary and his wife Meredith, formed the Pave the Way Foundation to facilitate the common message of benevolence of each faith to remove the misuse of religion to justify acts of violence, hatred and bigotry within each religion. According to Mr. Krupp, this is the cause of every major conflict on earth.

One of Mr. Krupp's first goal was to cooperate in removing any possible obstacles or breaches of relations between Israel and the Holy See. He vigorously supported fruitful

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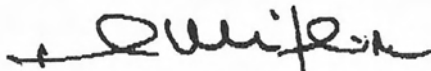
negotiations when necessary, while lobbying international support for this effort. It is Mr. Krupp's conviction that if a good will gesture from one religion to another was initiated and completed, the gesture would open the opportunity to deliver the message of benevolence through the international media. This was accomplished with his initiating the largest Jewish audience in history to meet and thank the late Pope John Paul II for all he had done for relations with the Jewish people. Conversely, he initiated the first loan of Jewish manuscripts from the Vatican Library to the State of Israel.

In light of the above, it is my great pleasure to add this endorsement for Mr. Gary I. Krupp for the Templeton Award.

If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Archbishop Celestino Migliore  
Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See  
to the United Nations





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Sir/Madam:

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I am writing in support of the application of Mr. Gary Krupp for the Templeton Award. I believe Gary deserves this recognition in view of his pioneering and innovative contribution in the area of using spirituality as a means to promote good and well being among the world's religions, and to advance learning about each other.

I have met Gary at a variety of events and have been privileged to host him at the Islamic Center of Long Island in Westbury which is a thriving institution which has established the following vision and mission for its rapidly expanding community of Muslims on Long Island, New York.

#### ICLI Vision:

To be a center of excellence for developing and sustaining a vibrant Islamic community and a nurturing environment for the society at large.

#### Mission of ICLI:

To serve and engage Muslims by promoting the progressive values and teaching of Islam and to advocate inter-faith harmony in a multicultural environment in accordance with the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah.

Gary's contributions are indeed remarkable and deserve recognition, he has a unique achievement in that as someone of Jewish faith he was honored by Pope John Paul II. Not a particularly wealthy man, not an educator, a scholar, or a diplomat, he is a simple man who realized that his position as a Jewish man, within the Papal household, could effect some very important changes, with this enormous vision Gary and his wife Meredith, decided to change the direction of their lives and use their unique position to change the course of events between the worlds' religions. Mr. and Mrs. Krupp formed Pave the Way Foundation to effect his vision of the commonality that exists between the world's religions. They use the common message of the true benevolence of each faith, to affect the overall goal that the religions, universally, must act to remove incorrect use as a tool of religious dogma and the intentional misinterpretations of holy text, to justify acts of violence, hatred and bigotry, within each religion. This, Mr. Krupp believes, is the cause of every major conflict on earth. How can such a monumental task be accomplished? Well sometimes the easiest and the simplest way will accomplish great things. Gary has proven this and, if his



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methodology becomes a format for dealing with the world's problems, I'm convinced that solutions, to some of the international problems, would be achieved. We the members of the Islamic Center of Long Island have directly benefited from Gary's ground breaking interfaith outreach. He invited the ICLI community to participate in the Pope John Paul 11 Memorial Concert held at the Saint Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Center, New York on Sunday Oct 16, 2005. It was clear that Gary was one of the main and driving force behind this unique and commemorative events. A Jewish man arranges for the Muslims to participate in a concert honoring the late John Paul 11 and held in a Cathedral.—only in America. This in itself speaks volumes regarding Gary's vision, contacts and outreach. ICLI in the summer of 2005 hosted a live transnational interfaith meeting at ICLI in which leaders from Israel, Palestine and Washington participated via the internet with the objective of bringing the various stakeholders from the Holy Land to a common platform, Gary's contributions and comments during this three hour meeting were very well received and appreciated.

The Templeton award is a prestigious internationally respected testimony to the work of an individual who simply cares enough to make a difference. If you access the website of Pave the Way you will see that, through the work of Gary Krupp historic changes have taken place and advancement has occurred directly because of his work.

I am delighted to write in support of Mr. Krupp, his ground breaking work needs and deserves to be recognized and the Templeton award would be an ideal avenue for that. His work in initiating gestures of good will, such as the largest Jewish audience in history to thank Pope John Paul II in January 2005, and the loan of the manuscripts of the Vatican Library to the State of Israel are major example of how gestures go much further then words. He has obtained a gift of digitizing process of the manuscripts for internal archiving for both the Vatican Library and the Franciscan Custody in the Holy Land. These are gestures that, one day, will open these enormous collections up for worldwide learning, this should also be acknowledged to the Templeton award committee. We in the Muslim community of New York have benefited enormously from Gary Krupp's wisdom, outreach and friendship and are delighted to support and endorse this nomination with great deal of enthusiasm.

Thank you so much for your time and considering this request, as I remain,

Most Sincerely Yours,

Dr Faroque Khan

Chairman Board of Trustees

Islamic Center of Long Island.



*From the desk of Rabbi David Rosen  
Director of the Department for Interreligious Affairs and  
Director of the Heilbrunn Institute for International  
Interreligious Understanding*

February 5, 2006

To: The Templeton Award Committee

It is my pleasure and honor to recommend Mr Gary Krupp, KCSG, for the Templeton Prize.

In addition to being a Knight Commander of the Pontifical Order of St. Gregory the Great, he was also invested this year into the Anglican Order of St John. This recognition across Christian denominational boundaries attests to Mr Krupp's remarkable capacity to build bridges and obtain philanthropic support for noble causes across confessional lines.

His commitment and efforts to highlighting shared values and ethical obligations in the different religious traditions has contributed significantly to Interfaith harmony and progress

Sincerely,

Chief Rabbi David Rosen, KCSG



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23 January 2006

Templeton Prize Office  
Canyon Institute for Advanced Studies  
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USA

Gentlemen,

Gary L. Krupp, awarded a Knight Commander in the Pontifical Order of St. Gregory the Great for his work to benefit the St. Pio di Pietrelcina Hospital, Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza in Italy, is a simple man who realized that he could effect some very important changes in the course of events between the worlds' religions. This past July, Mr. Krupp's vision was further sustained by his investiture into the Anglican Order of St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Krupp formed Pave the Way Foundation to effect his vision of the commonality that exists between the world's religions. He uses the common message of the true benevolence of each faith to affect the overall goal that the religions must act universally to remove the abuse of religious dogma and the intentional misinterpretations of holy text as justification for acts of violence, hatred and bigotry, within each religion. This, Mr. Krupp believes, is the cause of every major conflict on earth.

Mr. Krupp observed some of the practical obstacles that exist, between the faiths. His first targeted goal was to move the stalled diplomatic relations between Israel and the Holy See. Not bound by diplomatic protocol, Gary charged in to move both parties to seriously negotiate and he lobbied international support for this effort to move forward.

Mr. Krupp also noted that if a gesture of good will, from one religion to another was initiated and completed, this would provide the opportunity to deliver the message of benevolence through the international media. As ignorance about one another is one of the biggest obstacles, such gestures of benevolence would teach each of us as well. This he accomplished by initiating the largest Jewish audience in history simply to thank the late Pope John Paul II for all he had done for relations with the Jewish people. On the other side, he initiated the first loan of Jewish manuscripts from the Vatican Library to the State of Israel.

His work in initiating gestures of good will, such as the largest Jewish audience in history to thank Pope John Paul II January 2005, and the loan of the manuscripts of the Vatican Library to the State of Israel are major examples of how gestures go much further than words. He has obtained a gift of digitizing process of the manuscripts for internal archiving for both the Vatican Library and the Franciscan Custody in the Holy Land. He is also working hard on gestures between Muslims and the Christian Church as well.

I thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Sir Sigmund Sternberg



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June 21, 2006

The Templeton Prize  
Canyon Institute for Advanced Studies  
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Dear Prize Committee:

I am writing to recommend Mr. Gary Krupp for the Templeton Prize. Mr. Krupp has long been involved in promoting improved relations between the Catholic and Jewish communities, in his role as a Knight of the Vatican, and his tremendously important work deserves to be recognized and encouraged in every possible way.

Mr. Krupp's work is unique in a number of ways. One of its important aspects is that he has encouraged not only human relations between Catholics and Jews, but also has done much to advance the cause of shared scholarship and to help this scholarship to bring about greater interreligious understanding and education. I have seen the importance of this kind of work through my own teaching and research on the Dead Sea Scrolls. These documents, because of their importance for the early history of Judaism and for the background of Christianity, have fostered a level of interreligious study that has crossed boundaries and has done much for Jewish Christian understanding.

In the same way, Mr. Krupp has undertaken efforts to make available for exhibit and study some of the rare Vatican Hebrew and Judaic manuscripts. One of his greatest successes has been the arrangements of exhibits of these manuscripts in Israel at the Israel Museum. One cannot underestimate the importance for Jewish Christian relations of tens of thousands of Israelis going to see Vatican manuscripts sent for exhibit at the Jewish people's most important museum. A very important byproduct of this work has been the digitization of some of the important illuminated Vatican manuscripts, which will greatly aid in the study and research of these manuscripts.

There can be little question that such exhibits and the common interreligious research that they engender will be continued in a myriad of ways by Mr. Krupp and the Pave the Way Foundation. One of the most important areas in which he is hoping to succeed is in opening the Vatican archives and making them available for research with the help of digital technology.



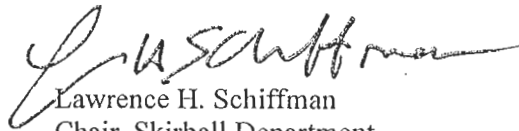
We should also point out that in the age of growing secularity, the sharing of important religious texts, their study, and exhibits devoted to them help to make the point again and again of the great contribution that our common religious tradition has made to the history of Western Civilization. Krupp's efforts have helped this cause immeasurably.

Krupp's projects are unique in that they attempt to reach both the large-scale popular audience and a smaller scholarly audience. In this way, the general community is encouraged to understand the important role of religion and the shared culture of Judaism and Christianity. However, at the same time scholars are given the opportunity to inspect and study material that would otherwise have to be kept under lock and key to protect it

A further example of this kind of achievement is his success in arranging the gift of the Bodmer Papyrus to the Vatican library. This manuscript constitutes the oldest version of the Gospel of Luke and John with the oldest written version of the Lord's Prayer in existence. The manuscript was copied circa 175-225 CE. Here again, we can expect that the exhibit and study of this material will do much to advance the cause of Jewish Christian understanding and to throw light on the importance of religion and spirituality for the history of our culture and its current maintenance.

Full these reasons I heartily recommend Mr. Gary Krupp for this distinguished prize. I hope you will give him your every consideration.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence H. Schiffman  
Chair, Skirball Department  
Edelman Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies



# The U.S Association for University for Peace

1923 Calvert Street, N.W.  
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June 22, 2006

The Templeton Prize  
Canyon Institute for Advanced Studies  
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This letter serves as an endorsement and recommendation of Gary Krupp and Pave the Way Foundation for progress toward the advancement of spiritual discoveries. The U.S. University for Peace has elected to co-sponsor, with Pave the Way Foundation, in association and cooperation with the Vatican, an academic summit in Rome establishing dialogue with religious leaders in order to address extremism and terrorism "in the name of God". In this endeavor, we fully support the work and the mission of Pave the Way Foundation and its founder.

Mr. Krupp, a Jewish man and a Knight Commander of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great, has received numerous awards for his work in helping bridge the gap between the world's great religions through cultural, technological, and intellectual exchanges. Most recently Mr. Krupp received the Servitor Pacis (Servant of Peace) Award from the Vatican's Ambassador to the United Nations and the President of the Path to Peace Foundation. The Servitor Pacis Award is bestowed upon those who devote their lives to the greater good in finding solutions to achieve peace.

We find Mr. Krupp to be a credible voice concerning these issues and endorse his application for Templeton Fund support.

Yours truly,

Dennis Dubin  
Board Member  
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22 June 06

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am so very pleased to nominate Gary Krupp to receive the Templeton Prize. No doubt there are other worthy candidates to receive this great honor and your considerations must be very difficult. Notwithstanding, my convictions about Gary and his mission are so deep that I feel compelled to share them with you.

For me, The Peace of Jerusalem is at the core of every value which I try to reflect. I believe that all humans relate directly to The Peace of Jerusalem, not just the People of The Book. If humankind is to continue, all people must be able to subordinate their personal inclinations and impulses for the common good of all people. Your Prize seeks to celebrate a person who both lives these values and inspires others to seek their own ways to contribute. Gary is such a person.

"The Lord works in mysterious ways" and "Holy mysteries" are often reflections of people who are deeply contemplative about spiritual realities. Often,



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When I think about Gary, these concepts flow through my mind. One of his great gifts is to engage people of very different predispositions to recognize their mutual interdependencies. This very special quality most certainly has inspired many people to discoveries about the possibilities for progress through tangible expressions of mutual respect. In the Holy Land, where even hope for reconciliation often is abandoned out of exhaustion and despair, Gary is relentless in his optimism and spiritual energy.

I am inadequate to articulate the true nature of his effectiveness, but I can bear witness to the impact for good that Gary produces. I am blessed to be his friend and I commend him to you.

Sincerely,  
The Prior



יועץ מדיני לראש הממשלה  
Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister

June 28, 2007  
י"ב תמוז, תשס"ז

Mr. Gary L. Krupp KCSG  
President: Pave The Way Foundation  
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New York, NY 10001-1907  
USA

Dear Mr. Krupp,

We acknowledge receipt of your fax dated June 6, 2007, and thank you for taking the time to write to Prime Minister Ehud Olmert advising him of your Foundation's worthy efforts to improve relations between the religions. We heartily support your endeavors in this regard.

We also appreciate your warm words and compliments in regard to the assistance and cooperation which you receive from the Ministry of Tourism, and hope that you will continue to be in touch with them in your efforts to promote and encourage tourism to Israel.

With warm greetings and best wishes from Jerusalem,

Sincerely,



Shalom Tourgeman  
Foreign Policy Adviser  
to the Prime Minister



To Mr. Elliott Hershberg  
The Chairman  
Pave the Way Foundation

Rome, 5 September 2007

Please permit me to write in support of the Pave the Way Foundation and its founding President, Mr. Gary Krupp. As a canon law professor in Rome, and an academic expert and occasional adviser in the field of Church-State relations in the Holy Land, specifically in Israel, I have followed closely the tremendous efforts that they have been making, not unfruitfully, to support and advance the process of normalising relations between the Catholic Church and the State of Israel.

I witnessed the Foundation and its President, Mr. Krupp, involving themselves in the matter, with the greatest energy, in the sad summer of 2003, when the process of dialogue and negotiation – in the framework of the *Bilateral Permanent Working Commission between the Holy See and the State of Israel* was abruptly halted by the inexplicable decision of the Israeli side – on August 28, 2003 – to withdraw, without being available to speak of an eventual resumption. Mr. Krupp, an American Jew, characterised by an evident profound attachment to the Jewish People and at the same time by a remarkable relationship with the Catholic Church (resulting in high Papal honours) as well as boundless energy and optimism, took it upon himself to work very hard, relentlessly, to bring about the renewal of the dialogue, the resumption of the talks. It was then that he started his ongoing effort to sensitize Israeli and other Jewish leadership to the crucial importance for the future of the Jewish Community of the

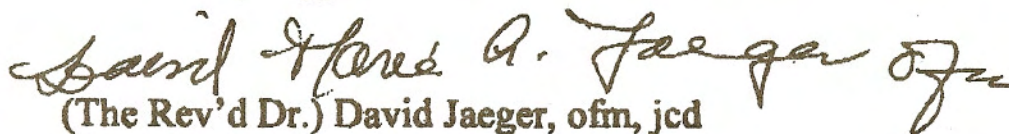


friendship with the Catholic Church.

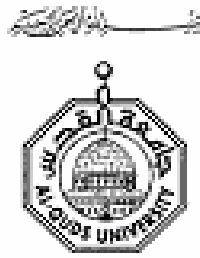
Israel agreed to return to the negotiating table in late April 2004, and negotiations were actually resumed in the beginning of July that year. There is every reason to believe that Pave the Way made a contribution to that outcome.

Since then too, the exceptional reputation of the Foundation, and the unique ability of its President to speak confidently – and confidentially – to both sides of the relationship, have been instrumental in helping the talks flow – helping, among other things, to send and exchange delicate yet very significant messages between the negotiators.

After my three decades of personal involvement in advancing Catholic-Israeli relations; I can say plainly that Pave the Way and its President are truly unique in their commitment as well as their abilities. They deserve to be very amply, generously and consistently supported.

  
(The Rev'd Dr.) David Jaeger, ofm, jcd





## AMERICAN STUDIES

Professor Ole Danbolt Mjos

Chairman,

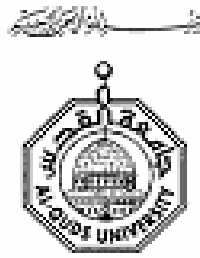
The Norwegian Nobel Committee  
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Dear Professor Mjos,

I am writing to you today to nominate Mr. Gary L. Krupp for the 2008 Nobel Prize for Peace. As a Professor of American Studies at Al Quds University, a Muslim of Palestinian lineage I wish to nominate Mr. Krupp who is a Jewish man working quietly and behind the scene for several years for international peace. Mr. Krupp has come to identify religious extremism in every faith and contributing factors of the media as forces which need to join the bandwagon for the promotion of world peace.

While there are literally thousands of worthy organization trying to make a difference, Gary Krupp's work is very different. Not a wealthy man or a scholar but just a simple man who has come to realize that we must collectively come to recognize the cause and most prevalent tool used to justify conflict and violence. Mr. Krupp focuses on the dangers of religious extremism in all faiths, and how negative journalism and media fuels conflict. He recognizes the power of religion in a practical sense and uses his relations with religious leaders to advance this most important message. Mr Krupp recognized many years ago that if one institutes a gesture of good will he can use the positive warmth of that gesture to establish trust and in turn move the agenda of opposing religious zealots. He and his wife Meredith formed Pave the Way Foundation in order to promote his vision of a peaceful world.

Mr Krupp a Jew, was knighted by two Pope's and the Anglican Church for his humanitarian work and works hard to establish a peace network with international religious leaders worldwide. He has been credited with improving Vatican-Israeli relations by furthering the fundamental agreement establishing full diplomat ties thereby improving relations with the other religions in Israel. He has worked for the rights of the Greek Orthodox Church in Israel and travels extensively working to repair the rifts between the Macedonian, Ukrainian, Greek and Serbian Orthodox and Catholic Churches. In addition, he has been working very hard within the Islamic world with many positive gestures between Muslims and Jews and in supporting our own Wasatia Forum in Palestine, which focuses on positive approaches to promote Islamic



## AMERICAN STUDIES

moderation within Palestine. We hope to give the Palestinian people a real chance for establishment of an independent democratic Palestinian state rooted in peace with Israel.

Some enormous gestures that Gary Krupp initiated which have been felt world wide have been the following: He requested and was granted permission to bring the first loan of manuscripts from Maimonides from the Vatican Library to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. Symbolically, Maimonides is revered by Christians, Muslims and Jews. He organized and sponsored the largest Jewish audience to simply thank Pope John Paul II for his work on religious reconciliation. He was able to obtain the Bodmer Papyrus, the Gospels of St. John and St. Luke written in 175 AD, through a private donor to be placed on permanent loan with the Vatican Library for world wide learning for the first time in history. He is working on building bridges of understanding with the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and other important Islamic leaders worldwide, including the Islamic community in the United States. He is organizing events like a secular congress on religious extremism which will feature Jews meeting on Jewish extremism, Christians on Christian extremism and Muslims on Islamic extremism, in order to reach out to and raise the awareness of the secular rather than the religious world. He has sponsored many cultural and educational events to highlight awareness of the common messages of the religions of mercy and love, rather than hatred and bigotry.

His Pave the Way Foundation has now attracted people of like belief from the US, Italy, Israel ,Poland ,Serbia, India and many other countries all working to end the use of religion for hatred and violence.

I humbly suggest that Gary L. Krupp be considered for this the most prestigious prize which would focus world attention on his message. His work can be viewed on the website [www.ptwf.org](http://www.ptwf.org)

As I remain,

Most respectfully yours,

Professor Mohammed S. Dajani Daoudi



**Att: Mr Gary L. Krupp**  
President  
Pave the Way Foundation  
253 W 35Th St  
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Dear Mr. Krupp,

I wish to write to you and to thank the Pave the Way Foundation and you personally, for your efforts in helping to defend religious freedom in the State of Israel as well as elsewhere around the world.

In light of the many religious leaders and organizations, who have supported our efforts, Pave the Way Foundation and your personal action has distinguished yourselves as true movers and defenders of religious freedom through sincere committed action.

Your work has been very effective in helping to move forward the various affairs of our Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

The protection of religious freedom to all is a principle that must be defended for the sake of stability and the sake of the international religious community.

Thank you again for all you have done, and please send our personal regards to your wife Meredith.

With best regards,

With our Best Wishes and Patriarchal Blessings,

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**THEOPHILOS III**

Patriarch of Jerusalem

Jerusalem

Tuesday, September 25, 2007





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OFFICE OF THE FORMER ARCHBISHOP

November 6, 2007

Mr. Gary L. Krupp  
President  
Pave the Way Foundation  
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Long Beach, NY 11561-2603

Dear Gary,

I was delighted to meet you and your wife in Macedonia last week.

I just wanted to thank you for all your wonderful service to the Church and to the cause of peace and justice throughout the world. We need a lot of people like you and I am grateful to God for the inspiration that has moved you to work for all these great aims.

I commend myself to your prayers and those of your wife that God may use me as He desires in bringing us all together to the heavenly kingdom.

With every good wish, I am

Devotedly yours,

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick  
Archbishop Emeritus of Washington

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**December 20, 2007**

**Elliot Hershberg**  
**Chairman**  
**Pave the Way Foundation**  
**47 Farrell Street**  
**Long Beach, NY 11561**

**Dear Mr. Hershberg,**

**I wish to congratulate you and your Board of Directors on the dedicated work of "Pave the Way Foundation."**

**You are probably aware of the fact that Pave the Way's mission has included the fair and impartial opening to public scrutiny the true facts of the Papacy of Pope Pius XII. With the help of the Foundation, we hope to eliminate the historical inaccuracies and distortions associated with his papacy.**

**Inaccuracies started as Soviet propaganda and has become a fertile topic for fund-raising purposes. The net result has been the demonizing of the one man responsible for saving more Jewish lives than any other world leader.**

**I wish to acknowledge your work in eliminating this major obstacle between Jews and Catholics. I look forward to participate in the Symposium Pave the Way has proposed in order to finally tell the true story.**

**With best wishes for a Blessed Christmas Season, I am**

**Sincerely,**

  
**Sr. Margherita Marchione, Ph.D.**