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Gift of The Bodmer Papyrus Most Important Manuscript in Christianity

The Bodmer Papyrus, containing the oldest written versions of the Gospels of St. John and St. Luke, as well as the Lord's Prayer, is recognized as the most important document in Christianity. Gary Krupp and PTWF arranged for the purchase of this artifact and donation to the Vatican Library for worldwide study.

A Gesture in
Education

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The Bodmer Papyrus

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Jan 7, 2007

Pave the way Foundation worked with Reverend Richard Donahoe, Rector of the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham, Alabama on this project. Father Donahoe was able to identify the availability of the Bodmer Papyrus, which is the oldest written version of the Gospels of St. John and St. Luke and contains the oldest written version of the Lord's Prayer which was written sometime between 175 and 225 AD.

Pave the Way initiated contact between Fr. Donahoe with the Vatican Library. It was also through the efforts of Pave the Way that a donor was identified, Mr. Frank Hanna III of Atlanta, Georgia, who helped make available this historic acquisition for worldwide study. It remains in the care of the Vatican Library. Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, was instrumental in helping to realize this historical event.

Pave the Way Foundation is extremely pleased to have played a key role in The Bodmer Papyrus Project.



Pave the Way Foundation board members greet Bishop Raffaele Farina SBD just prior to the presentation of the Bodmer. From left to right: Dr. Rolando Clementoni KCSG, Gary and Meredith Krupp, Bishop Farina, Richard Kandel and Harry Epstein.

Pope Benedict XVI and Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican Secretary of State receive Gary Krupp of PTWF at the presentation ceremony on January 22, 2007.

Video presentation of the Bodmer Papyrus to Pope Benedict XVI – January 2007.



Loan of Maimonides Manuscripts – Frist Ever Loan in History from The Vatican Library to Israel

Maimonides is the most prominent Jewish philosopher of the Middle Ages, and his works are among the most important writings in Judaism. Gary Krupp and PTWF arranged for this historic loan from the Vatican Library for the commemoration of the Jerusalem Museum's 42nd anniversary.

A Gesture in
Culture

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2005

PTWF initiated the interreligious gesture of the first loan in history from the Vatican Library to the State of Israel.

The Vatican library is the largest repository of medieval Hebrew manuscripts in the world. The Maimonides manuscripts are among the most important writings in Judaism. A most notable event in Jewish-Catholic



<https://www.ptwf.org/maimonides-manuscript-loan-to-the-israel-museum-from-the-vatican-library>



Pave the Way Foundation initiated the first loan in history from the Vatican Library to the State of Israel. Opening the exhibit, from left to right: Sam Phillipe PTWF representative to Israel, Gary Krupp President of PTWF, Yonatan Peres, son of President of Israel Shimon Peres, Chief Ashkenazy Rabbi of Israel Yona Metzger, and Chief of Staff to Rabbi Metzger Oded Weiner.

<https://www.haaretz.com/2005-09-29/ty-article/rare-manuscripts-from-vatican-go-on-display-at-israel-museum/0000017f-f54e-d47e-a37f-fd7ea60a0000>

<https://www.imj.org.il/en/exhibitions/together-again>

<https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4664960,00.html>

<https://www.chron.com/life/houston-belief/article/Vatican-s-loan-to-Israel-seen-as-goodwill-gesture-1921711.php>

https://www.ptwf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/PTWF_Maimonides_Loan18JAN2005.pdf

<http://www.comeandsee.com/view.php?sid=599>

Phase Three Pave the Way arranged for the digitization of the Vatican Library manuscript collection from a private donor. This was extremely significant in that it “paved the way” to the future opening of one of the worlds’ largest collections to international learning and scholarly study.

Sending our message of benevolence through music, art and commemoration.



The Maimonides Project

by Pave The Way Foundation | Jan 30, 2006

Maimonides was an enlightened Rabbi, philosopher and physician, whose writings are revered by the Christian, Jewish and Muslim religions. He died 800 years ago, but his writings and message of reconciliation, born of understanding the similarities of the three faiths, is extremely relevant today. He wrote in both Hebrew and Arabic and his manuscripts highlight the convergence of these faiths. Some of these writings have been housed in the Vatican Library. Many of these important historical and theological works have never been available for public viewing before this project.

Phase One, September 2002. Pave the Way Foundation requested and was granted permission to bring Jewish scholars to view the original manuscripts of Maimonides to the Vatican Library. The library was specially opened for this occasion by Fr. Raffaele Farina SBD, Prefect of the Library and H.Em. Jorge Cardinal Mejia, Vatican Librarian and Archivist.



This was a great and historic event. Please watch the video below describing the unique and providential events that occurred that day.

Phase Two Pave the Way initiated the first loan in history of the Vatican library loan of Maimonides works, along with other rare Hebrew manuscripts, for exhibit in Jerusalem, at the Israel Museum's 40th anniversary on September 27, 2005. This historic commemoration was the first loan from the Vatican Library to the State of Israel .

Opening of the Israel Museum Exhibit with the two Chief Rabbis of Israel, the Director and Curators of the Israel Museum, the Apostolic Nuncio to Israel, and the Prefect of the Vatican Library.



Largest Jewish Audience in History to Meet Sitting Pope 150 Jewish Leaders Meet Saint Pope John Paul II

In recognition 26-years of extraordinary efforts in religious reconciliation, Gary Krupp and PTWF organized a private audience with Pope John Paul II, now a saint. This historic event was the largest Jewish audience with any pope in history. Sadly, the pontiff's last major private audience.

A Gesture in
Peace

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January 18, 2005

We organized the largest Jewish audience in history at the Vatican, to recognize Pope John Paul II's establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel, and the Pope's declaration that Anti-Semitism is a sin in Christianity. Sadly, this was His Holiness' last major audience.



<https://www.ptwf.org/pave-the-way-foundation-honors-and-recognized-the-religious-reconciliation-of-pope-john-paul-ii/>



Pave the Way Foundation Honors and Recognizes the Great Efforts Towards Religious Reconciliation Made By Saint Pope John Paul II

by Pave the Way Foundation | Jan 17, 2005

January 2005, PTWF organized the largest Jewish audience in history to meet privately with a sitting pope, John

Paul II, to thank him for his great strides and leadership regarding religious reconciliation.

NEW YORK, January 5, 2005 – Pave the Way Foundation announced today that it has been granted a special private audience with His Holiness Pope John Paul II in Vatican City on Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

A group of some 160 Jewish leaders, rabbis and cantors from throughout the United States, Europe and Israel – which is the largest group gathering of Jewish leaders to ever meet with a sitting pope – will attend the audience and thank the Holy Father for all the work he has done to reconcile the two faiths. They will recognize the Pope's efforts during his 26-year pontificate in bringing down the walls of hate, as well as his contribution towards religious reconciliation with the Jewish people and the State of Israel. The Rabbis intend to recite a special prayer in his honor at the ceremony.

Gary Krupp, President and founder of the Pave the Way Foundation, stated, "Our mission at Pave the Way is to bring together men of good will, no matter what their religious background and to ruthlessly tear down any wall that stops this from happening."

"Pope John Paul II has been doing just that for decades. It is only fitting that we humbly thank him for all he has done for the Jewish people of Earth and, in turn, making inroads toward true peace on Earth," added Mr. Krupp, who is the seventh Jewish man in history to be knighted by the pope to the order of St. Gregory the Great. The group attending the audience will include Oded Ben-Hur, Israeli Ambassador to the Holy See; Amire Ofek, Israeli Consul for Media in New York; Rabbi Adam Mintz, president of the New York Board of Rabbis; Rabbi Shmuel Rene Sirat, Former Chief Rabbi of Europe and France; Rabbi David Lincoln, Chief Rabbi of the Park Avenue Synagogue, New York; Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, Chief Rabbi of Efrat, Israel, Rabbi Joseph Arbib of the Great Synagogue in Rome and Gadi Golan, former Director of Religious Affairs for the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

The group also will include over 12 Cantors, who on Monday, January 17, at 8 p.m. will present a concert at the Great Synagogue in Rome for the delegation and representatives of the Vatican and the Roman Jewish Community. Mr..

Krupp pointed out that Pope John Paul II has a very long history of supporting the rights of the Jewish people and of speaking out against anti-Semitism and, factually, of discrimination of any group. In 1978 he characterized anti-Semitism as “opposed to the very spirit of Christianity.” In 1987, he called on all Christians to develop, together with the Jewish community, “common educational programs which...will teach future generations about the Holocaust so that never again will such a horror be possible. Never again!”

“Pave the Way Foundation has been instrumental in helping to close the gap between the Vatican and the State of Israel in their talks to finalize full diplomatic relations”, says Elliot Hershberg Chairman of Pave the Way.

As further evidence of the effectiveness of their efforts, Mr. Krupp announced that the Vatican has given permission for the loan of the Maimonides Manuscripts along great Jewish writings to the Israel Museum for its 40th anniversary exhibit in spring 2005.

Mr. Krupp, who initiated the loan request of the manuscripts from the Vatican Library, commented that. “This is the first time these historic manuscripts will be on Israeli soil.”

Video: Pope John Paul II Welcomes Pave the Way Foundation

- Gary Krupp’s Address to Pope John Paul II
- Pope John Paul II responds
- Rabbis bless the Pope
- The Delegation meets the Pope



Pope greets Meredith Krupp, Elliot Hershberg, Chairman of Pave the Way and receives a gift from Pave the Way.



Rabbi Barry Dov Schwartz, Rabbi Benjamin Blech and Rabbi Jack Bemporad bestow the Priestly Blessing upon Pope John Paul II.



Pope John Paul II presents a gift to Commendatore Gary Krupp,



Bishop Brian Farrell and Fr. Norbert Hofmann finalize details of



Investigation of the Pope Pius XII – Major Jewish-Catholic Conflict Addressed by Unearthing the Truth

The papacy of Pope Pius XII, who was pope during the entirety of WWII, has generated much conflict. With no agenda other than finding the truth, benefiting from the trust they had developed with the Holy See, PTWF researched primary source documents, filmed eyewitness testimonies, and obtained Vatican permission to publish over 100,000 primary sourced documents.

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[Investigating the Papacy of Pope Pius XII](#)

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Jun 18, 2006

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With the opening of the new Yad Vashem (Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem) exhibit in 2005, there was an historically incorrect placard placed above a photo of WWII Pope Pius XII in the “Hall of Shame.” There was international outcry to remove troubling remarks about the Church’s supposed inaction during the Holocaust.

PTWF was asked to help resolve this issue, which has plagued Jewish Catholic relations for the past 47 years.

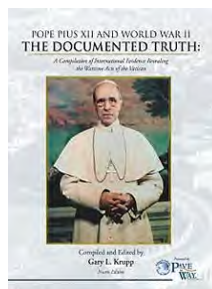
On July 1, 2012, after six years of work to identify and post online 76,000 pages of documents, news articles, official published works, and videotaped, eye witness testimonials from survivors, Yad Vashem revised their controversial placard to reflect a more accurate and balanced view. **PTWF applauds this move** towards historical accuracy, which Yad Vashem has clearly taken.

In furtherance of the mission of PTWF, we are attempting to remove obstacles between the religions. Mindful of this, we have initiated an independent investigation of the Papacy of Pope Pius XII. This time in history has been a source of friction between the Jews and Catholics for over 70 years.

PTWF has privately undertaken an extensive investigation of this important and controversial historical period. We believe that our work will eventually result in eliminating one of the greatest obstacles to religious unity between these two groups.

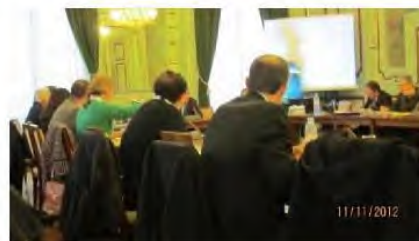
The complete collection of over 76,000 pages of documents, newspaper articles, live video testimonies, and other important information relative to the papacy of Pope Pius XII, is on our [Vatican document and video eye witness page](#)

[Download our book](#)



To bring clarity to the Pius XII controversy.

PTWF sponsored conference at La Sorbonne in Paris. This event was hugely successful since the defenders of this papacy were able to confront the critics in a scholarly, educational environment. The chair of this historic study was Professor Eduard Husson, former Vice Chancellor of La Sorbonne and current Dean of ESCP Europe. The workshop concluded with a 2-day symposium in November 2012. PTWF participated in conferences in Dublin and sponsored a 3-day symposium and at the Military College in Rome



[Letter of acknowledgment and gratitude \(PDF\) from Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican Secretary of State,](#)

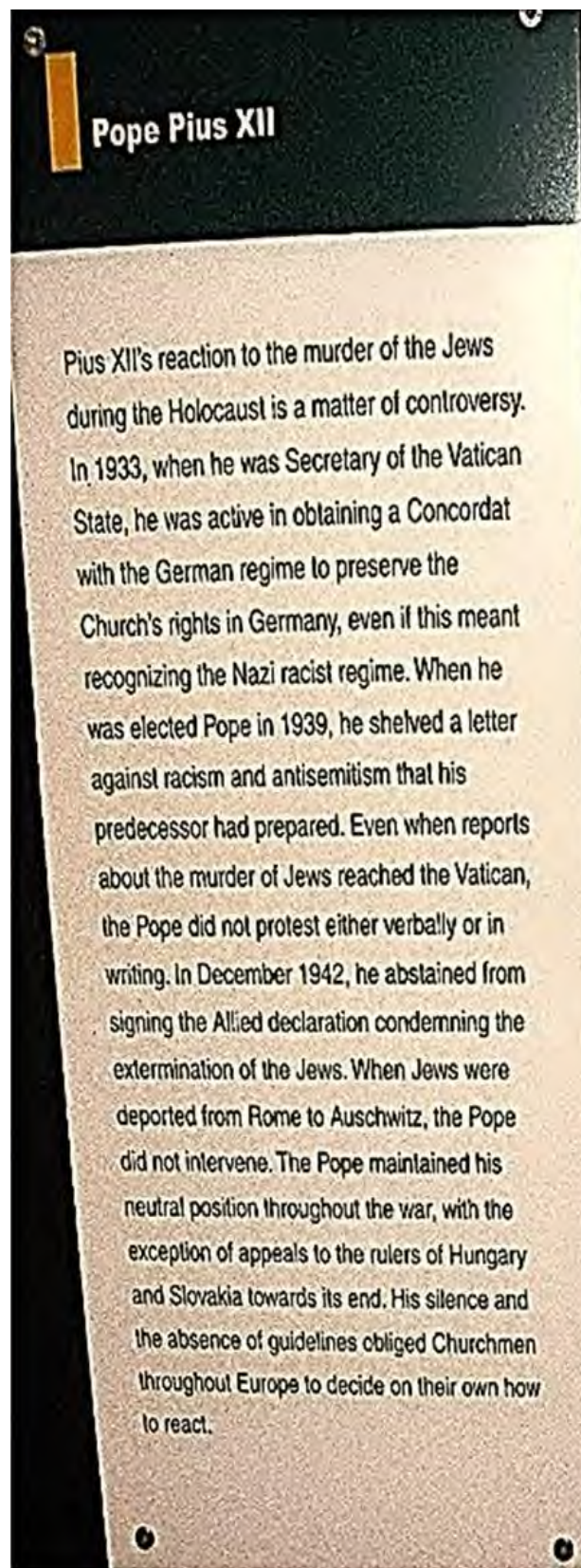
For a PTWF initiative to digitize the Acts and Documents of the Holy See during the Second World War and the Acts of the Holy See 1909-1961.

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Left- New placard, placed July 1, 2012- Right-original placard at Yad Vashem





Helping Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza – Hospital for the Poor Now Most Advanced in Southern Italy

This hospital was founded by Saint Padre Pio to serve the poor in rural Italy. Since 1990, long before PTWF was founded, Gary Krupp has helped advance the technological superiority of this hospital with the acquisition of equipment to support cancer treatment, diagnostic, and rehabilitation modalities.

A Gesture in
Compassion

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Medical Technology for the Italian Hospital of Saint Padre Pio Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza in San Giovanni Rotondo

by Pave The Way Foundation | Apr 5, 1986

Since 1990, we have worked tirelessly to advance the technological superiority of this special hospital for the care for the poor, the sick and suffering in Europe. Today, it one of the best equipped hospitals in all of Europe. Over the years we have helped with the acquisition of cancer treatment, diagnostic and rehabilitation modalities.

Recently, through the efforts of Pave the Way Foundation, the hospital, Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza in San Giovanni Rotondo Italy, has acquired a state of the art General Electric PET-CT Elite scanner. This enormous technological gift further advances the medical care for the poor of Europe, through the benevolent works of the hospital of St. Padre Pio.

Delivery of the machine was March 29, 2007 and the dedication ceremony occurred May 5, 2007 with H.Em. Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone, Vatican Secretary of State and H.E. Archbishop Domenico D'Ambrosio, President of the hospital. This technology will enable enormous advances in cancer detection, treatment and research in Neurology and cardiology for the poor in Europe. PTWF is proud of it's contribution to this project, which will save many lives through early, accurate diagnosis.

Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy



Letter of Thanks to PTWF from General Electric



Digitizing of Historic Priceless Manuscripts – Vatican Library and Franciscan Custody in Israel

Gary Krupp and PTWF are helping to make vital historic documents available for worldwide access and study. They organized and arranged for the funding of a project that provides technology and training in state-of-the-art digital imaging. This also includes use of infrared to make obliterated text readable.

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Education

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NY Times article on our intervention to clarify the issue

Digitization of Priceless Manuscripts

by Pave The Way Foundation | Jun 24, 2006

Jewish gift to the Vatican Library and the Franciscan Custody in Israel

PTWF was instrumental in “paving the way” for the digitization of priceless manuscripts from the Vatican Library and from the Franciscan Custody in Israel. This archiving, for the purposes of worldwide access and education, was made possible through the generosity of the George S. Blumenthal Foundation. Expertise and state of the art techniques in digital photography by famed Israeli photographer Ardon Bar-Hama were used and made available through this gift. PTWF arranged to teach Vatican Library personnel the techniques of digitization. Ardon Bar Hama was teaching the infra-red imaging to bring obliterated text forward



Ardon Bar-Hama (right with H. Em. Raffaele Cardinal Farina, Librarian and Archivist for the Holy Roman Church and Dr. Ambrogio Piazzoni, Vice Prefect



Ardon Bar-Hama and Gary Krupp of PTWF with the Franciscans in Israel. Letter of Gratitude from the Custos of the Franciscan Custody.

PTWF facilitated the digitized preservation of over 8,000 rare manuscripts in the archives of the Franciscan Custody in Jerusalem, as well as the digital study of the Vatican Library’s most prized possession, *The Codex Vaticanus*.



The Jerusalem Medal and the mother of pearl Star of David was awarded to PTWF by the Custos of the Franciscan Custody in the Holy Land in recognition for of our work.

PTWF Facilitated the photographic study of the 14 meter bronze doors at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.





Resolving Controversy Resulting from Incorrect Information – Lifting of Ban on Society of Pius X

Pope Benedict XVI lifted the excommunication of a group that included a known Holocaust denier. This action upset both Jewish and Catholic leaders. PTWF interceded and helped quell the firestorm by releasing correct and full information to the public and advising the Vatican to openly address the issue.

A Gesture in
Peace

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2009

PTWF interceded to define the action of Pope Benedict XVI, as he attempted to reach out to the 1970 breakaway, schismatic Society of Pius X, to bring them back to the Roman Catholic fold.

His Holiness lifted the ban of excommunication, decreed by the illicit ordination of bishops, which only allowed the Vatican to negotiate the return to church teachings. Many of the world's religious leaders and organizations perceived that the Pope was lifting the ban against Richard Williamson, an illicitly ordained bishop who is an infamous Holocaust denier. This action raised major international concerns. Pave the Way Foundation immediately acted to advise the Vatican to issue a press release explaining to the public that the ban did not bring the group back to full communion with the Catholic Church.

<https://www.ptwf.org/lifting-the-ban-of-excommunication-by-the-vatican-2/>

President of Pave the Way

the meeting Gary Krupp.

Lifting the Ban of Excommunication by the Vatican

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Sep 2, 2009

Recently, The Vatican lifted the ban of excommunication to the Society of Pius X, an ultra-right wing group, and to its four illicitly ordained Bishops. The bishops were ordained by the breakaway Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. Archbishop Lefebvre split from the Vatican for several reasons, one of which was the action of the Second Vatican Council in adapting and passing *Nostra Aetate*.

This is a document of tolerance of other religious beliefs. On the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict XVI used this occasion to lift the ban of excommunication, which was generated when Archbishop Lefebvre ordained four Bishops in direct violation of a papal order not to, issued by Pope John Paul II. It was this act of defiance against the Papal order that generated the excommunication. After the announcement of the lifting of the ban was made on January 21, 2009, a video interview with one of the Bishops, Richard Williamson, surfaced where he quite plainly denied the holocaust impact on the Jewish people and stated that not one Jew had perished in any gas chamber. This Holocaust denial set off a firestorm of protests and negative remarks, which created a temporary rift in Jewish Catholic relations.

Unlike many other inter-religious organizations, Pave the Way did not immediately release a statement condemning the Church for lifting the ban. Instead, we launched an investigation to discover the facts behind this alleged action.

In furtherance of our mission to identify and eliminate obstacles between the faiths, we issued the following statement of our findings and the role the media played in exacerbating this highly explosive and sensitive issue.

In Letter to Bishops, Pope Admits 'Mistakes'

By RACHEL DONADIO

MADRID — Pope Benedict XVI has written an unusually personal letter to bishops worldwide explaining why he revoked the excommunication of a Holocaust-denying bishop and admitting mistakes in how the Vatican handled the case.

The letter, which the Vatican will release Thursday, is a further attempt to calm the waters after Benedict pardoned four schismatic bishops, including Richard Williamson, who in a television interview broadcast in January said that there had been no Nazi gas chambers.

The revocation provoked worldwide outrage and caused Catholics and Jews alike to question Benedict's commitment to ecumenism and the reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

In passages of the letter that appeared on Wednesday in the Italian newspaper *Il Foglio*, the Vatican admitted "mistakes" in handling the case, and said that in the future it would pay more attention to how news spreads over the Internet.

A YouTube video of Bishop Williamson's television interview, in which he denies the Holocaust, was widely viewed online in the days before the pope lifted the excommunications in late January.

The four belong to the ultra-conservative Society of St. Pius X. They had been excommunicated by Pope John Paul II after being consecrated without a papal mandate, causing the only formal schism in the church.



Pope Benedict XVI, waving to the faithful Wednesday, admits that the Vatican mishandled the lifting of an excommunication.

whose ordinations were "valid but illicit."

"Instead," Mr. Tornielli quotes the letter saying, "it suddenly appeared something completely different: as the denial of reconciliation between Christians and Jews."

The blog posting said the pope wrote that he had been "saddened" that "even Catholics, who should have been better able to understand things," instead seemed poised with "a hostility ready for the attack." He added that he thanked "the Jewish friends who quickly helped remove the misunderstandings and to re-establish the atmosphere of friendship and trust."

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said he had no comment on the letter before its official publication.

In May, Benedict will make his first papal visit to the Holy Land, with stops expected in Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian territories.

In news accounts this week, Archbishop Antonio Franco, the apostolic nuncio to the Holy Land, said Benedict would not enter the Holocaust museum at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem because it had a contentious plaque criticizing Pope Pius XII for not doing enough to help save Jews during the Holocaust.

The legacy of Pius is a main sticking point in Vatican-Jewish relations. Benedict, like other popes, has said Pius worked "secretly and silently" to save Jews.

Father Lombardi said that the pope would visit the Holocaust memorial at Yad Vashem, as John Paul II did on his historic visit to Israel in 2000, but that a museum visit had never been considered.

The pope is also expected to visit Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, Father Lombardi said.

On Thursday, Benedict is expected to meet a delegation from the chief rabbinate of Israel at the Vatican.

[Pave the Way Foundation statement \(PDF\)](#)

[Vatican Statement of Facts Issued by the Secretary of State \(PDF\)](#)

[Article by Dr. Eugene Fisher explaining some of the required obligations for full communion \(PDF\)](#)

[News coverage of our remarks \(PDF\)](#)

NY Times 3/12/09



Ended Delay in Greek Orthodox Patriarch's Affirmation Intervened with High Court of Israel

Theophilos III was duly elected as the Patriarch of Jerusalem. His election was endorsed by Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, and other Christian churches, but not by Israel. Gary Krupp intervened with the High Court, bringing this unjust situation to their attention, and the situation was quickly resolved.

A Gesture in
Human Rights

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2007

We interceded to successfully obtain Israeli
affirmation of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch
of Jerusalem Theophilos III



<https://www.ptwf.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Theophilos-IIIThku.pdf>

<https://www.ptwf.org/finalise-affirmation-of-his-beatitude-theophilos-iii-greek-orthodox-patriarch-of-jerusalem/>



Finalize the Affirmation of His Beatitude Theophilos III Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem

by Pave The Way Foundation | Mar 1, 2007

The Greek Orthodox Church has duly elected a new Patriarch of Jerusalem. This process was legally conducted and the newly elected Patriarch, His Beatitude Theophilos III, immediately enjoyed full endorsements by all other Christian Churches, by the Jordanian Government and by the Palestinian Authority.

These are the required approvals. The Israeli government must also affirm the legal status of the Patriarch. The Israeli's process is taking additional time and consequently the new Patriarch cannot discharge his duties or take possession of the residence or business affairs of his Church.

In the interest of inter-religious harmony and positive, improved relations, Pave the Way Foundation has requested that the Prime Minister of Israel and the King of Jordan give this problem their attention. We have requested that the required affirmation be granted as soon as possible, in the interest of religious freedom, harmonious relations, and the separation of politics from religious practice.

October 2006, the Israeli Inter-ministerial Director advised the government of Israeli that he recommended Theophilos III be affirmed. We are now waiting for the conclusion of this process. PTWF urges the government of Israel to complete this process quickly, in the interest of positive interreligious relations. PTWF intervenes by Fedexing a letter to the high Court of Israel. After receipt of our **letter**, this endless 6 month trial postponements ended, and Theophilos III was named Patriarch

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2007, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THEOPHILOS III AS GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM.

- [Letter to the High Court of Israel \(PDF\)](#)
- [Letter of Gratitude from THEOPHILOS III TO PTWF\(PDF\)](#)
- [Press release of PTWF \(PDF\)](#)



Improving Relations Within the Orthodox Church

by Pave The Way Foundation | Oct 30, 2012

PTWF is exploring the notion of removing historic obstacles between those within the same faith. We are exploring historic projects that will “pave the way” to improve relations between good people of all religions.

Picture above: PTWF with the Syrian and Russian Orthodox Churches.



Gary Krupp and Bennett Solberg of PTWF meet with the Ukrainian Archbishop of the United States H.Em. Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos.



Gary and Meredith Krupp meeting in Macedonia with Stefan Archbishop of Ohrid and Macedonia and with H.E. Agatangel, Metropolitan of Povardarie and H.E. Pimen, Metropolitan of Europe. Negotiations to solve the problems over dinner with PTWF Director for the Balkans Aleksandar Simic

SUCCESS:

Constantinople Ends Schism with North Macedonia Church

Acknowledgment of our efforts by Gjoko Gjorgjevski, Assistant to Archbishop Stefan of North Macedonia and former Macedonian Ambassador to the Holy See (PDF)



Etiquette Training for Airport Personnel Working with Israeli Airport Authority

Complaints of Tel Aviv Airport security's abrupt and disrespectful treatment of religious clergy were common, impacting tourism. PTWF created a manual, now required reading for airport personnel, on how to properly treat persons of various world religions. Complaints have markedly decreased.

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HELPING YOUR CUSTOMERS TO
FEEL WELCOME WHILE VISITING
THE STATE OF ISRAEL



Israeli Airport Security Education by Pave The Way Foundation | Jun 7, 2007

In our quest to increase tourism in the Holy Land and to Israel, we discovered that many Christian clergy were complaining about “abrupt” security measures taken at Ben Gurion Airport. Many expressed a negative sense when they underwent questioning at the airport and felt somewhat violated when searched or questioned about their religious vestments. Certainly no one denies the necessity of strict security measures at Ben Gurion Airport, but the way security personnel

were treating Christian clergy needed to be addressed.

The Airport Authority, working in tandem with the Ministry of Tourism, understood this problem existed and was very happy to accept our offer to help. PTWF developed a “Manual of Etiquette” specifically designed to help educate airport personnel in these delicate matters. This informative book is now required reading, and it has been reported to PTWF that there is now a marked *decrease* in complaints.

PTWF wishes to compliment the Israeli Airport Authority for recognizing this problem and so quickly acting to eliminate it. Responding to such concerns is a very important factor in increasing tourism to the region. Tourism helps everyone in the Holy Land.

- [PTWF MANUAL OF ETIQUETTE \(PDF\)](#)



HELPING YOUR CUSTOMERS TO FEEL WELCOME WHILE VISITING THE STATE OF ISRAEL



January 2007

Trained Israeli tourism and airport personnel on understanding religious etiquette and recognizing various religious vestments, to make visitors and pilgrims feel welcome in the Holy Land. <https://www.ptwf.org/israeli-airport-security-education/>

<https://www.ptwf.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Airportmanuel.pdf>



Supporting the Wasatia Movement Teaching Palestinian Students to Respect Other Cultures

Middle East Peace continues to elude all people of the region. Palestinians and Israelis desperately want peace, but strife continues. PTWF supports Wasatia which educates children in Hebrew Scriptures, the Holy Bible, and the Holy Qur'an, to increase knowledge and encourage respect toward other groups.

A Gesture in
Peace

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2007

Supporting the Palestinian Peace movement WASATIA, teaching young Palestinian students to learn and respect the Hebrew Scriptures, the Holy Bible, and Holy Quran.

<https://www.ptwf.org/palestinian-israeli-peace/>



Embrace the Similarities Savor the Differences

The wasatia concept is reflected also in many other verses in the Quran such as: {Be neither miserly nor prodigal, for then you should either earn reproach or be reduced to penury.} Al-shurah Islamic tradition advocates collective and consultative decision-making.

The goal will remain to seek peace and move to the center away from radicalism. The Wasatia road taken in conflict resolution is negotiation, not confrontation. It is not win-lose situation but the win-win situation” – Dr Munther S. Dajani, Professor, Dean, Faculty of Arts Al Quds University, Jerusalem



Professors Munther and Mohammad Dajani meeting in Jerusalem with Aleksandar Simic, Gary Krupp, and Meredith Krupp of PTWF. Wasatia Office. Holy books of all religions are displayed at the Wasatia office with the teachings of tolerance and understanding of other faiths:

[PTWF Hebrew Translation of WASATIA Book \(PDF\)](#)

[English translation of the WASATIA book \(PDF\)](#)

[New Islamic party seeks the center \(url\)](#)

[Article in Arabic on the Wasatia Party \(PDF\)](#)

[Explanatory article on true Islam and Wasatia by Prof. Mohammad Dajani \(PDF\)](#)

Palestinian – Israeli Peace

by Pave The Way Foundation | Nov 5, 2012

Throughout the history of the modern State of Israel, peace has eluded all of the people of the region. PTWF is working with prominent Palestinians who wish to give the Palestinian people another choice. Contrary to media coverage of this region, both the Palestinians and the Israelis desperately want peace. The media seems to only report on the exceptional few extremists. The truth is, people from both sides have the same message. For three generations we have been at war and we don't want our children to have to continue this. It is the special interest of an elite few, which has driven this region to constant conflict.



Left – Gary Krupp brings the Manual of Wasatia to the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. Center – Gary Krupp delivers the book of the Covenants of the Prophet Muhammad by Dr. John Andrew Morrow (Right). Here, the Prophet ordered his followers to protect the people of the book, Jews, and Christians, until the end of days. Very Muslims know these fifty sustained covenants even exist. They carry the legal authority of the Holy Q'uran.

The Dajani family is beginning a movement towards starting a third electoral party in Palestine, called Wasatia. PTWF is committed to help make this a reality.

In Dr. Dajani's own words, the essence of the Wasatia Party:

“wasatia is a concept extracted from the Arabic word “wasat” which means “middle of the road”, and “center of the circle.” It is used in Arabic to mean also “balance” “moderation”. In the Holy Quran, it is used to mean “goodness”, “righteousness”, “justice”, and “straightforwardness.” Wasat is said to be that which is in the midst of extremes such as hot and cold, rich and poor, empty and full, generosity and stinginess, courage and cowardice.

It is time for wasatia creed to emerge and rise in the Moslem world that it may draw the best and the brightest from among the Moslem community. The new initiative adopts the wasatiah Islamic tradition and the shura Islamic concept as its' main pillars. Al-Wasatiah calls for Muslims to take mid-ground that stands between those who sanctify strict tradition and those who opt for rational thinking in reading and explaining the Holy Quran in compliance with the Surah in the Holy Quran: {And so we have created you a midway nation.}



Finalizing Vatican-Israeli Relations – Identifying Obstacles to the Fundamental Agreements

Efforts for full diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Israel have been stalled since 1994, leading to legal actions and animosity. Since 2002, PTWF has worked with officials to overcome obstacles in legal, fiscal, and property matters. Progress has been made but the effort is still ongoing.

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Since 2002, we have been attempting to help to finalize the fundamental agreements between Israel and the Holy See. These are critical agreements dealing with legal, fiscal, (taxation issues) and property issues that have remained unfinished since 1994. The absence of which have caused many legal conflicts and malevolent attitudes.

We have met with three Israeli ambassadors to the Holy See, three Israeli Prime Ministers, the President of Israel two Vatican Secretaries of State and the Foreign Minister of the Vatican State to move the negotiations to a successful conclusion.

To date the taxation schedules have been assembled and the legal personality and property agreements have been completed. As of this writing the agreements must be translated into Hebrew for ratification by the Knesset.





Donations for Muslims, Christians, and Jews in Need Those Helped Include Holocaust Survivors

Recognizing a desperate need for life's necessities, Gary Krupp and PTWF sponsored the charitable giving of baby gifts, tea kettles, comforters, and other items to disadvantaged persons of all faiths, and Holocaust survivors letting recipients know they'd been helped by people of other religions.

A Gesture in
Compassion

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PTWF Directors Gary and Meredith Krupp, Sam Phillipe, John Drexel IV, and Harry Epstein distribute down comforters, Electric tea kettles to needy Holocaust survivors and baby gifts to Muslim, Christian, and Jewish moms.



Suspended Deportation of Filipino Pilgrims Allowed to Worship Without Fear During Holidays

PTWF interceded to request that Philippine pilgrims to may have overstayed their visa be allowed to remain in Israel without fear of deportation throughout the Christmas season.

PTWF's Director for Israel, Sam Philippe, received a personal message of gratitude from Philippine's President Duterte.

A Gesture in
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Our Gestures payoff



PTWF Intercedes to Allow Philippine Christian Pilgrims to Worship Without Fear of deportation

In December 2012, Sam Philipe, PTWF Director for Israel, made a plea on behalf of Pave the Way Foundation to the government of Israel to suspend any planned deportation of Philippine pilgrims who had overstayed their visas during the Christmas season. Sam is thanked by Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte for our intersession



We successfully intervened to end illegal Catholic bank account seizures by 2 Israeli mayors through Druze Knesset Member Ayoob Kara. The mayors claimed unpaid taxes which is not settled because of the unfinished fundamental agreements fiscal schedules.

Cross Gesture gifts to Jewish, Christian and Muslim Moms. Islamic Center of NY, donated the funds for the Jewish mother, Synagogues and churches donated the money for the Muslim moms and the Christian moms





Sponsored Exhibitions – Expanding Historical Knowledge to Achieve Understanding and Peace

PTWF sponsored multiple museum exhibitions to inform the public of little-known historical instances of cooperation, protections, and respect between faiths. These highlighted Pope John Paul II's relationship with the Jews and the heroic actions taken by citizens of Assisi in WWII to protect and save Jewish lives.

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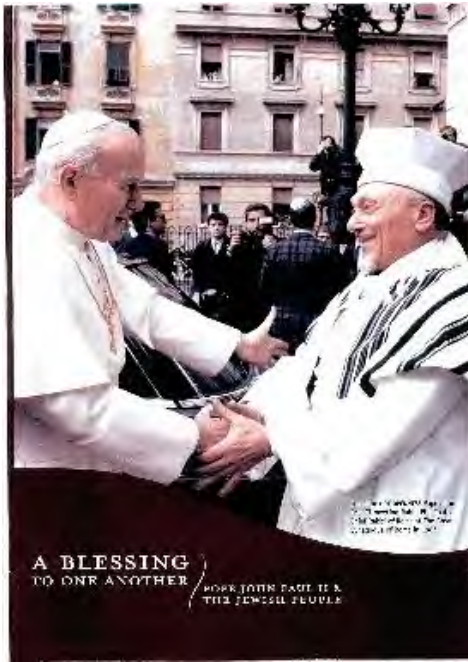


Exhibit of “A Blessing to One Another” Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People

by Pave The Way Foundation | Feb 2, 2007

Pave the Way Foundation co-sponsored this exhibit, with the Center for Interreligious Understanding and the Museum of Jewish Heritage.

September 6, 2006, through February 23, 2007, the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City hosted an historic exhibition: “A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People.” Celebrating Pope John Paul II’s contribution to repairing and strengthening relationships between members of the Catholic and Jewish faiths, this informative and inspiring exhibit includes photos, video footage, documents, and priceless artifacts. The exhibit opened to rave reviews in

Cincinnati and Washington DC, serving as an opportunity for people of different faiths to come together and understand what Pope John Paul II did to improve Catholic/Jewish relations and to recognize all that can be done to carry forward his great mission – to increase understanding and tolerance between all religious groups.

“Baruch ha ba be Adoshem Adonai.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”

The words of Rabbi Elio Toaf, Chief Rabbi of Rome, upon the occasion of welcoming Pope John Paul II to the Great Synagogue of Rome March 1986.



Opening speakers left to right: Gary Krupp, President of PTWF; Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Vatican Ambassador to the UN; Dr. Jerzy Kluger board member of PTWF and childhood friend of Pope John Paul II; Governor of the State of New York, George E. Pataki.



PTWF Board members Richard Kandel, Director; Elliot Hershberg, Chairman of the Board; Gary Krupp, President of Pave the Way Foundation (sponsor of the exhibit.)

“A Blessing to One Another, Pope John Paul and the Jewish People” was created and produced by Xavier University (Cincinnati), Hillel Jewish Student Center (Cincinnati), and the Shtetl Foundation in New York. http://www.mjhnyc.org/exhibitions_special.htm#pope
<http://www.blessingexhibit.org>

April 3-9, 2022



Pave the Way Foundation sponsored the Museum of Remembrance of the lifesaving efforts of the clergy and citizens of Assisi Italy during WWII. The citizens and clergy saved over 300 persecuted Jews earning them 7 "Righteous Among Nations Awards" in recognition by the Holocaust Memorial Yad Vashem in Jerusalem Israel. We held two museum exhibits one at Temple Israel of New Rochelle and the second at St. John's University in Queens, NY. The delegation from Italy included Archbishop of Assisi Domenico Sorrentino, Canon of the Basilica of St. Francis Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo, Journalist, and curator of the Museum Marina Rosati, Professor Johan Ickx, Archivist of the Vatican Secretary of State.

<https://www.ptwf.org/assisi-museum-of-memory/>

Assisi Museum of Memory

by Pave The Way Foundation | Feb 27, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

Pave the Way Foundation Recognizes the Historic Significance of Assisi in Protecting Jewish Refugees with Upcoming Exhibition

Wantagh, NY, January 27, 2022—Pave the Way Foundation (PTWF), whose mission is to initiate historical projects and remove obstacles between religions, is sponsoring an historic presentation in New York with the Diocese of Assisi, Italy, recognizing the lifesaving actions taken by clergy and citizens of Assisi in protecting Jewish refugees during the Holocaust. With Northern Italy occupied by German troops in 1943, the historic town of Assisi, home of Saint Francis of Assisi, found itself thrown into the atrocities of war. Archbishop Nicolini, acting on requests from Rome, rallied Assisi's citizens and clergy to come together and save the lives of their Jewish brethren, being hunted down by the Nazis.

Elliot Hershberg, Pave the Way Foundation Chairman, remarked "at a time in history when forces around the world would strive to divide rather than unite, we are reminded by this exhibit of the historic, lifesaving acts of conscience Roman Catholics performed, at their own peril, to help and save so many Jewish victims of Nazi barbarism."

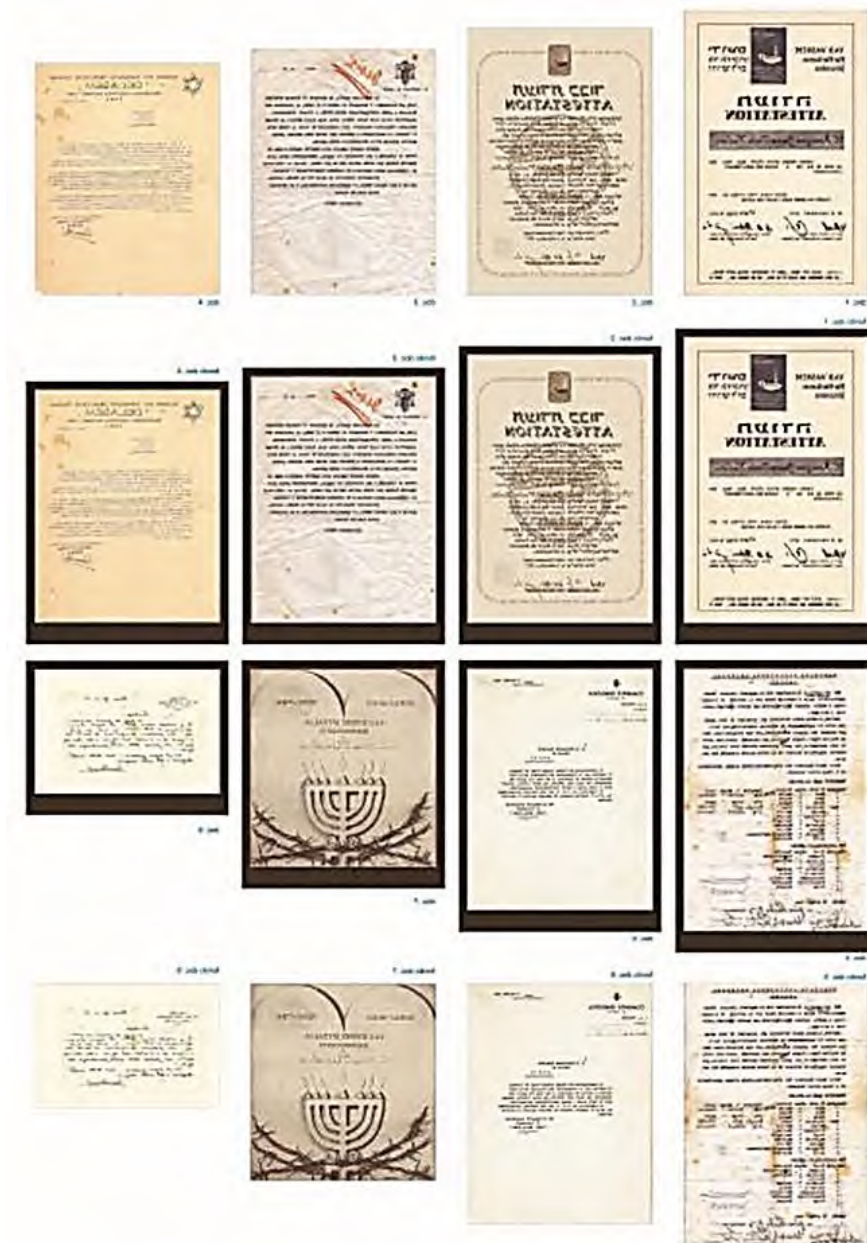
The exhibit features panels from the "Museo della Memoria Assisi" (The Museum of Memory) and includes a roundtable discussion led by Professor Johan Ickx, Archivist for the Historical Archives of the Vatican Secretary of State, and Elizabeth Bettina, author of "It Happened in Italy." Also attending: Archbishop of Assisi, Domenico Sorrentino; Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo; and the Mayor of Assisi, Stefania Proietti.

"How happy we are to bring our museum to America," Archbishop Sorrentino notes. "Not only to remember a light that shone through a dark time in history, but also to tell the world that good can and must win over evil. Like the Jews, too many people are stripped of their dignity as human beings. St. Francis stripped himself to be a universal brother. In his footsteps, we welcome the initiative of Gary Krupp, his Chairman and Board and thank all of our gracious hosts who help us 'pave the way' together to witness fraternity and peace."

The museum's founder and curator, Marina Rosati, also attending, looks forward to, "this important opportunity to make known the extraordinary history of Assisi in the dark period of the Holocaust. Some 300 Jews were welcomed and saved, not one was deported or killed. Yad Vashem has recognized seven of the heroes of Assisi as Righteous Among Nations."

Two events are planned: April 5, 2022, at Temple Israel in New Rochelle, and April 6 at St. John's University in Queens. Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum and Temple Israel stated "We are honored to host The Assisi Museum Exhibit, and excited to lead the roundtable discussion. The congregation of Temple Israel and I welcome this unique opportunity to fulfill the Mitzvah of Zachor, remembrance of the Shoah in a world seemingly filled with moral amnesia. With this exhibit, we not only memorialize the 6,000,000 Jews who were murdered by the Nazis, but the righteous of Assisi who risked everything to save innocent Jewish lives. May their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life, as we honor them through this project of reconciliation and hope with the light of love."

"It is a privilege and honor to welcome the Assisi Museum of Memory Exhibit to St. John's," commented Joseph Sciamé, Vice-President for Community Relations at St. John's University. "By doing so, we honor the memory of so many who afforded our Jewish sisters and brothers in those dark days in Italy, what one might call 'the gift of life' from the citizenry in that area, as well as so many other communities in Italy at that time."



Certificates of gratitude from Jews saved by the clergy and citizens of Assisi



Revealing Islamic Covenants of Protection Documents Imprinted with the Hand of Muhammad

Researching with the Greek Orthodox Church, PTWF located and revealed documents imprinted with Prophet Muhammad's own hand. These documents command Muslims not to attack Christians and Jews, but to protect them, until the end of days, removing the basis for violent acts in the name of Islam.

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Muslims are Commanded by Muhammad to Protect Christians and Jews Until the End of Days

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | May 3, 2013
During our research with the Greek Orthodox Church, we located numerous documents hand signed by the Prophet Muhammad, (BPBUH), granting permanent protection to Christians and to their churches. These documents have been in existence since the original order given by Muhammad in 628 ACE. We have located several recent documents which confirm the original charter of rights. These mandates are not widely known to the Muslim world.

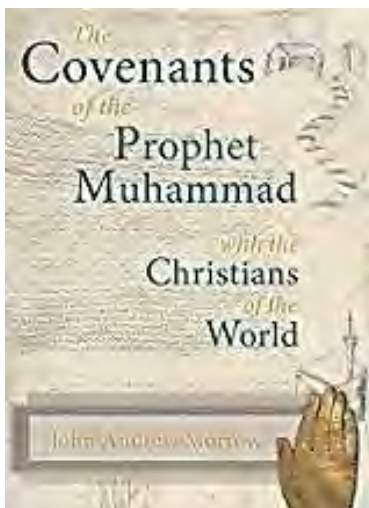
Any Muslim who violates these mandates is insulting Islam and insulting the Prophet Muhammad, Blessings and Peace be upon him.

- Recently, a Pakistani court acquitted Asia Bibi, a Christian mother who was sentenced to death for blasphemy. The Court cited Dr. John Andrew Morrow's research of the Prophet

Muhammad's Covenants of Protection, Blessings and Peace be upon him, in her defense. **(More...)**

- Hear Dr. Morrow's interview on the **NYC radio show "Cats Roundtable"** (run to timeline 33.)
- Endorsements and reviews are available in multiple languages. (PDF)
- Signatories to the Covenants Initiative (PDF)

Important book by Dr. John Andrew Morrow (Imam Ilyas Islam) – The Covenants of the Prophet Muhammad with the Christians of the World



Pave The Way sponsored a running feature of the Covenants of Protection in **the International New York Times**. (PDF)

"The images of these manuscripts are copies of covenants, which contain a picture of a hand. This image, plus original wax seals, shows that the originals were touched and approved by the Prophet Muhammad, Blessings and Peace be upon him. As authenticated primary documents, which predate the compilation of the Sunnah, these covenants carry the same legal authority as the Holy Qur'an.

These covenants order the followers of the Prophet, Blessings and Peace be upon him, to protect peaceful Christians, Jews, and other allied communities

until the end of days. They order that the churches and synagogues and Holy Shrines equally must be protected. They declare that Christians and Jews are believers in one God who form an integral part of the Muslim Ummah or Community. They are not infidels or non-believers.

What has happened? The existence of these covenants has been hidden from the believers, by agents of Satan who lie and pervert the goodness of Islam for their evil purposes. These agents of Satan are disguised as religious leaders to trick the good people into performing evil acts, which are not in service of Allah but only serve Satan. How many of these false leaders, who preached violence and hatred, have sent their own children out to die?

We want to warn all true Muslims who listen to the lies of these agents of Satan to repent if they wish to save their souls. Do not act on their evil demands, do not give them money or any support, shun them and denounce them if you truly wish to enter paradise.

We urge to true believers to join us and sign the Covenant Initiative, to expose the evil doers who only bring international hatred and fear of Islam.” – Dr. John Andrew Morrow (Imam Ilyas Abd al-Alim Islam) above in Arabic, Spanish, French, and Italian. (PDF)

- [Prophet Muhammad's Promise to Christians.pdf](#) (PDF)
- [PTWF Press release on the Covenants of Protection.](#) (PDF)
- [Historical commentary of examples of mandatory Islamic tolerance.](#) (PDF) With Gratitude to Prof. Faroque Ahmad Khan, MB, [Our interview in Rome on the Charter of Privileges MACP](#), Director IMANA International Collaboration.



Pave the Way Foundation gratefully acknowledges Dr. John Andrew Morrow for his images of the Covenants

Muhammad's Promise to the Monks of St. Catherine's Monastery Until the End of Days:

"This is a message from Muhammad ibn Abdullah, as a covenant to those who adopt Christianity, near and far, we are with them.

Verily I, the servants, the helpers, and my followers defend them, because Christians are my citizens; and by Allah! I hold out against anything that displeases them.

No compulsion is to be on them. Neither are their judges to be removed from their jobs nor their monks from their monasteries. No one is to destroy a house of their religion, to damage it, or to carry anything from it to the Muslims' houses.

Should anyone take any of these, he would spoil God's covenant and disobey His Prophet. Verily, they are my allies and have my secure charter against all that they hate.

No one is to force them to travel or to oblige them to fight. The Muslims are to fight for them. If a female Christian is married to a Muslim, it is not to take place without her approval. She is not to be prevented from visiting her church to pray. Their churches are to be respected. They are neither to be prevented from repairing them nor the sacredness of their covenants.

No one of the nation (Muslims) is to disobey the covenant till the Last Day (end of the world)."



بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

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In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

This is a book written by Mohammed bin Abdullah to all people together; A bearer of glad tidings and a warner, and entrusted with a deposit of God in his creation, so that mankind will have no argument against God after the messengers, and God is Mighty and Wise. He wrote it to the people of his religion and all who follow the Christian religion, from the East to the Western of the earth, near or far, natives or foreigners, known or unknown. A book made covenant with them, he who violates the covenant that is in it, disobeyed it for something else, and trespassed: his affair is nothing but a violation of God's covenant; he voids his pact, and mocks his religion, and deserves a curse, whether he was a sultan (authority) or someone else from the Muslims believers:

- Do not foreseeably change a bishop of his bishopric, nor a monk of his monkhood, an anchorite from his cell (cave), or a hermit of his hermitic; and do not destroy nor sell any patrimony of their churches. Do not utilize anything (capital or materials) from church construction into the construction of a mosque or that of the homes of Muslims. He who does something like that, has broken the covenant of God and has violated his Messenger. Jizya (a fine tribute) or penalty is not to be taken from monks, bishops or worshipers, and I preserve their pact wherever they are on land or sea, East or West, North or South. They are in my conscience and charter, and protection from all evil.*
- Do not argue with them except in a way that is best, have mercy on them, and protect them from hated harm wherever they are and wherever they go.*
- Assist in reconstruct (patch, remodel) their churches and monasteries, and this would be as aid to them in their religion and for their commitment to the covenant.*

Ali bin Abi Taleb wrote this covenant with his handwriting in the Prophet's Mosque, and witnessed this covenant the Companions of the Messenger of God, peace be upon him.

Meaning: bring the good news to the believers a warner to the disbelievers.

Meaning: covenant.

Capital letters used in Mighty and Wise because these are some of the many synonyms for the word God in Islam.

“hermit of his hermitic” is the closest translation to سياحة من سياحته. The verbatim translation for سياح is tourist. However, the author was not referring to our current day tourist and tourism; he refers to a spiritual ranking in the Coptic Orthodox church that can only be achieved through prayer, fasting, and being in hermit. When one reaches the level “tourist” in the Coptic Orthodox church, it means that he can travel from point A to point B without using transportation and he can enter a building without having to go through the doors or window.

Jezya: a fee that was paid by non-Muslim men to Muslims for protection. Women, children, and elders were exempt from paying it.



Translation of the supporting documents

God is great and governeth, from whom all the prophets are come, for there remaineth no record of injustice against God; through the gifts that are given unto men, Mohammed, the son of Abdallah, the Apostle of God, and careful guardian of the whole world, has written the present instrument, to all those that are his national people, and of his religion, as a secure and positive promise to be accomplished to the Christian nation and relations of the Nazareen, whosoever they may be, whether they be the noble or the vulgar, the honourable or otherwise, saying thus:

I. Whosoever of my nation shall presume to break my promise and oath which is contained in this present agreement, destroys the promise of God, acts contrary to the oath and will be a resister of the faith (which God forbid!) for he becometh worthy of the curse, whether he be the king himself or a poor man, or what person soever he may be.

II. That whenever any of the monks in his travels shall

happen to settle on any mountain, hill, village, or in any other habitable place, on the sea or in deserts, or in any convent, church, or house of prayer, I shall be in the midst of them, as the preserver and protector of them, their goods and effects, with my soul, aid and protection, jointly with all my national people, because they are a part of my own people, and an honour to me.

III. Moreover, I command all officers not to require any poll tax of them or any other tribute, because they shall not be forced or compelled to anything of this kind.

IV. None shall presume to change their judges or governors, but they shall remain in their office without being deposed.

V. No one shall molest them when they are travelling on the road.

VI. Whatever churches they are possessed of, no one is to deprive them of them.

VII. Whosoever shall annul any of these my decrees, let him know positively that he annuls the ordinance of God.

VIII. Moreover, neither their judges, governors, monks, servants, disciples, or any others depending on them, shall pay any poll tax or be molested on that account, because I am their protector, wheresoever they shall be, either by land or sea, east or west, north or south; because both they and all that belong to them are included in this my promissory oath and patent.

IX. And of those that live quietly and solitary upon the mountains, they shall exact neither poll tax nor tithes from their incomes, neither shall any Mussulman partake of what they have, for they labor only to maintain themselves.

X. Whenever the crop of the earth shall be plentiful in its due time, the inhabitants shall be obliged, out of every bushel, to give them a certain measure.

XI. Neither in time of war shall they take them out of their habitation, nor compel them to go to the wars, nor even then shall they require of them any poll-tax.

In these eleven chapters is to be found whatever relates to the monks; as to the remaining seven chapters they direct what relates to every Christian.

XII. Those Christians who are inhabitants, and with their riches and traffic are able to pay the poll-tax, shall pay no more than 12 drachmas.

XIII. Excepting this, nothing more shall be required of them, according to the express word of God, that says: 'Do not molest those that have a veneration for the Books that are sent from God, but rather, in a kind manner, give of your good things to them, and converse with them, and hinder every one from molesting them.'

*XIV. If a Christian woman shall happen to marry a Mussulman, the Mussulman shall not cross the inclination of his wife to keep her from her chapel and prayers and the practice of her religion.**

XV. That no person hinders them from repairing their churches.

XVI. Whosoever acts contrary to this my grant, or gives credit to anything contrary to it, becomes truly an apostate from God and his divine Apostle, because this protection I have granted to them according to this promise.

XVII. No one shall bear arms against them, but, on the contrary, the Mussulmans shall wage war for them.

XVIII. And by this I ordain that none of my nation shall presume to do or act contrary to this promise until the end of the world.

Witnesses:

Ali the son of Abu Thaleb. Homar, the son of Hattavi. Ziphir, the son of Abuan.

Saith, the son of Maat. Thavitt, the son of Nesis. Amphachin, the son of Hassan.

Muathem, the son of Kasvi Azur, the son of Jassin. Abombaker, the son of Ambi Kaphe.

Ottoman, the son of Gafas. Ambtelack, the son of Messutt. Phazer, the son of Abbas.

Talat, the son of Amptolack. Saat the son of Abbatt. Kasmer the son of Abid. Ambtullack the son of Omar.

This present was written by the leader, the successor of Ali, the son of Abu Thaleb; the prophet marking it with his own hand at the mosque of the Prophet (on whom be peace!) in the second year of Hegira, the third day of the month of Machorem.

** Turkish lawyers give as an example of this point, that the Mussulman son of a Christian mother is bound to convey her, when old or infirm, to the church door, upon a beast (horse or a mule etc.); and should he be poor and possess no beast, he is bound to carry her on his shoulders."[1]*

(John Davenport. An apology for Mohammed and the Koran. 1869. Pages 147-151. The book is available on Archive.org)

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- Mr. Michael Even
- Dr. John Andrew Morrow

Improving Israeli Christian Relations

by Pave The Way Foundation | Mar 15, 2007

PTWF is Responding to Disproportionate Educational Funding in Israel

Pave the Way Foundation has partnered with the Center for Jewish-Christian Understanding & Cooperation in order to respond to the recent disproportionate funding of Christian schools, declared by the Israel ministry of Education. Bear in mind, that only in Israel are Christians fully protected and free to practice their faith in the Middle East. The problem of disproportionate educational funding will only become more acute.

- Since the beginning of September 2015, Christian schools have been on strike, protesting the severe budget cuts by Ministry of Education. Prior to 2008, Christian schools received 75% of state funding, but now, they receive just 29%. The Center for Jewish-Christian Understanding and Cooperation (CJCUC) and the Galilee Center for Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations (CSJCR) at Yezreel Valley College, in cooperation with Pave the Way Foundation believe it is time for both Jews and Christian around the world to join forces and advocate for 100% funding for Christian schools in Israel.
- We have created a campaign letter (efcs.cjcuc.com) asking both Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Minister of Education Naftali Bennett to find a quick and just solution to the budget crisis of Christian school education. Please review the letter, fill in the details and hit "submit." It will be emailed to both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education. I kindly ask you to promote this email to your networks of influence.
- Next month, the official celebrations for the 50th anniversary of Nostra Aetate will be occurring around the world. Part of the festivities will be honoring the unprecedented dialogue between Jews and Christians in the last half century, which has created long lasting friendships and brought millions of Christian visitors to Israel. Particularly at this time, it is important that both Jews and Christians around the world make this issue of funding Christian education in Israel a number one priority.

Improving Tourism in Israel and the Holy Land.

Continuous violence and conflict has had an enormous adverse financial impact on the regional tourism industry. Both sides of the conflict suffer profound loss, not just in terms of life and human dignity, but in terms of economic and financial losses as well. During the Intifada, Israeli unemployment hit 11%. The rate in the territories has been as high as 30-60%. Everyone is suffering. Pave the Way is trying to change the course of this harsh reality, by encouraging special visits to the Holy Land, by Christian leaders. Some of these prelates have been charged with the pastoral care and diocesan responsibility of millions of faithful Christians.

It is our belief that, as economies improve, the seeds of violence and radicalism will fail to take root. Pave the Way is working with the Israeli Ministry of Tourism to encourage these most important pilgrimages.

Partnering with Israeli government officials, Pave the Way has been successful in facilitating the removal of several protocol and procedural barriers that have long been problematic to an already decimated tourism industry.

Above left, Pave the Way meets with Senior Deputy of the minister of Tourism to plan projects to increase and enhance tourism from Christian communities. Above right, meeting with the Armenian Archbishop Nourhan to discuss Armenian pilgrimages. We have worked to encourage Catholic and other Christian pilgrims to come to Israel.

Planning projects that benefit the tourism industry of Israel with Raphael Ben-Hur First Deputy General Minister of tourism in Israel. The Ministry of Tourism is trying to encourage Christian tourists to stay longer at the holy sites in Bethlehem, in order to help the local Palestinian population. This is an on-going effort of both the Israeli and Palestinian ministries of tourism. More tourism means a boost to the local economies, and (hopefully) less violence.

May 2007, PTWF was asked to help the security personnel at Ben Gurion airport and prepared a manual of information on addressing and dealing with religious leaders of every faith. The manual was prepared and the airport personnel were very grateful for this information.

- [What We Have Been Doing \(PDF\)](#)
- [Airport Etiquette Manual \(PDF\)](#)
- [Letter of Thanks from the Ministry of tourism \(PDF\)](#)
- [We Helped to Eliminate Non-security Travel Restrictions \(PDF\)](#)



Removing Ban on Educating Priests in Halki Seminary Progress Made but Project Still Ongoing

The Turkish government closed the only Greek Orthodox Seminary in Turkey in 1970. PTWF and Gary Krupp's have achieved partial success in reopening it, with the religious basis removed with Muhammad's Covenants of Protection. PTWF continues to petition the Prime Minister for reopening and has been working with the Turkish ambassadors to the EU, United States, and United Nations.

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May 2012, PTWF intervened based on the [Prophet Muhammad's Covenants of Protection of the Christians and Jews](#), through the Turkish Ambassadors for the EU, the United States and the United Nations with a [letter addressed to the Prime Minister](#) requesting the reopening of the Greek Orthodox Halki (Heybeliada) Seminary.

In 1970 the Turkish government declared that the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople can on be a Turkish citizen. The government then closed the only Greek Orthodox Seminary in Turkey

Partial success- Islamic director in Turkey Mehmet Görmez stated: “ As the Religious Affairs Directorate, we see non-Muslim citizens living in Turkey as an integral part of this country. Regarding religious freedoms — freedom of religion, freedom to receive an education and the sacredness of places of worship — we demand for them the same rights that we demand for ourselves. We think it is a fundamental right for people from every ethnicity and religion not only in our country but also in every part of the world to practice their religion freely, educate their children in accordance with their beliefs and raise their own theologians,”

We effectively removed the Islamic excuse for the closure.

<https://www.ptwf.org/working-to-re-open-the-halki-seminary-in-turkey/>



Meeting with the representatives of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece in Athens, Greece. Fr. Stephen Arrnides Archimandrite Fr. Gabriel Papanikolaou.



PTWF meeting with Bishop Christomos and Nebojsa Topolic of the Serbian Orthodox Church.



Meeting with Theophilos III Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem



Responding to Disproportionate Education Funding in Israel – Christian Schools Unfairly Treated

In September 2015, Israeli Christian schools announced a strike, protesting severe budget cuts with their portion of state funding reduced from 75% to 29%. PTWF interceded by creating and circulating a campaign letter asking the Prime Minister and Minister of Education to correct this disparity.

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Improving Vatican Israeli Relations

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Nov 1, 2012

When diplomatic relations began with Israel on Dec 30, 1993, a few important issues were never settled and remain outstanding today. Improved relations with the Holy See, will have enormous benefits to Israel, both economically and politically. Better communication will also

ensure that this relationship will continue into the next Papacy. Through recurrent, ongoing meetings with Father David Jaeger, spokesperson for the Franciscan Custody and legal representative of the Holy See in Israel, and [Archbishop Antonio Franco](#), Apostolic Nuncio and Papal Delegate for the Holy See in Israel and the Holy Land, we have been able to focus on specific, problematic issues between Israel and the Vatican.

Several problems have been identified, which the Vatican would like to resolve in order to further this cordial relationship. Similarly, Pave the Way has raised a number of issues to the Israeli government's attention, which were easily rectified. For example, the issuance of Christian visas and other low level restrictions on travel in Israel and the territories, which hampered the resurgence of Christian pilgrimages, have been successfully addressed.

PTWF also acted immediately when behind the scenes obstacles were hampering advancement of the bilateral negotiations. We are proud to have been acknowledged as the one organization which acted decisively in order to keep these negotiations on track. We continue to monitor [progress](#) as an outside interested party, in order to see these problems resolved.

We have pledged the support and action of Pave the Way to further normalize this relationship. In encouraging and supporting productive relations between Israel and the Vatican we hope to establish a major cooperative liaison, resulting in broad cultural exchanges of artifacts between both Israel and the Vatican. Pave the Way continues to address unresolved issues, which remain open from the original negotiations and [agreement from the 1993 accords](#).

Further reference material:

- [CIU Interview with Gary Krupp \(PDF\)](#)
- [Vatican Condemns Anti-Semitism \(PDF\)](#)
- [Endorsements \(PDF\)](#)
- [Vatican Israeli Relations \(PDF\)](#)



Constructing Monuments of Commemoration Honoring Great Heroes

PWTF has conceived, arranged the funding of, and constructed several permanent commemorative monuments. Among other gains, this has led to improved relations and cooperation with Israel and PTWF was able to request and gain permission for the ending of an illegal travel ban to the Holy Land.

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PTWF Generations Projects – Memorials in Jerusalem, Israel

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Nov 12, 2012

In the spirit of the mission of PTWF, we are proud to sponsor this project in Israel.

Made possible by the generosity of Florence and Michael Edelstein, Mr. Richard Kandel and Mr. Jonathan Kandel, Pave the Way Foundation salutes the artistic effort of famed Israeli Sculptor Mr. Sam Philipe in creating this moving tribute to those who protect the Jewish homeland and to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



[Letter of gratitude from the mayor of Jerusalem](#)

- [The Story of Ammunition Hill and our monument](#)
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Director of Pave the Way Foundation and project sponsor, Mr. Richard Kandel, delivers his opening remarks.

Monument sponsors left to right: Richard and Jonathan Kandel; Rabbi J. Marcus of the Western Wall Archeological Project; Eli Alony of the City of David Archeological Project.





Pave the Way Foundation Erects Monuments of Importance in Jerusalem to Teach the Next Generation



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WF monument at the Children's Holocaust Memorial on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem

PTWF Director in Israel and sculptor, Sam Philipe creates a moving bronze depiction of the famous photograph of little Stella Knobel holding her teddy bear and suitcase just before boarding the train to the Nazi camps.



Pictured above is the bronze monument placed at the entrance of the Children's Holocaust

Memorial. Right is Mr. Peter Geleris representing the Geleris family, whose donations made this monument possible. Next to Peter is Sculptor Sam Philipe and Stella Knobel who survived the Shoah and lives in Tel-Aviv.



Below are photos of the packed crowd attending the dedication ceremony on April 2012 Day of Remembrance of Yom Hashoah.



Yom Hashoah Commemoration on Mt. Zion April 19, 2013

PTWF continues to sponsor Holocaust Remembrance memorial ceremonies. Below, Gary Krupp lights candles of remembrance along with PTWF directors Meredith Krupp, Dan and Cindy Buttafuoco, and Sam Philipe. They are accompanied by Benny Katz, and Rabbis Goldstein of the Yeshiva of the Diaspora. PTWF gratefully acknowledges the continuous help of Benny Katz representative the Municipality of Jerusalem.



PTWF President and Foundation Gary Krupp addresses the Holocaust remembrance

PTWF Director Howard Appel dedicates the Magav Menorah Model in Jerusalem. Finished



product on the right.



PTWF Paratrooper Menorah Jerusalem

PTWF Board member Richard Kandel, chief sponsor of the Generations projects, (center) dedicates the Paratrooper menorah.



Pave the Way Initiates Gift of the Tikkunei Zohar to The Vatican Library

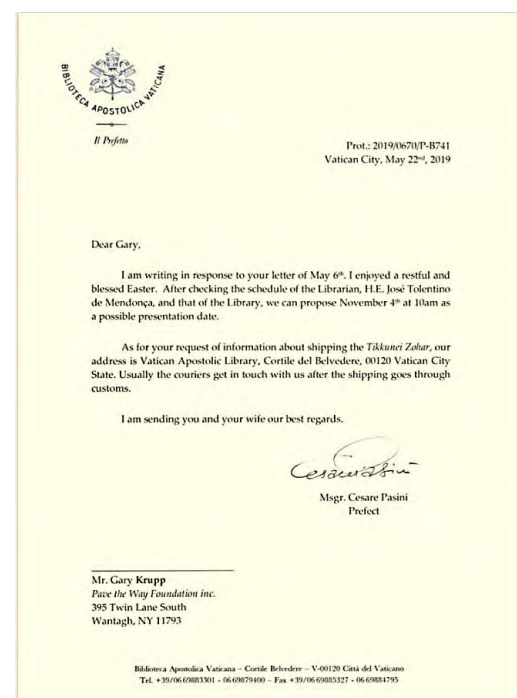
by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Dec 18, 2019

Late last month, Pope Francis received a local gift from New York that served as a goodwill gesture to promote greater understanding among people of different faiths.

Pave the Way Foundation — a Wantagh, L.I.-based organization whose mission is to “end the malevolent use of religion” — organized a trip to Rome to present the pope with a copy of a Jewish sacred text for use in the Vatican Library.

The document was a replica of the English translation of the “Tikkunei Zohar,” an ancient sacred text of the Jewish Kabbalah, a mystical movement that interprets the Bible. The Tikkunei Zohar is a collection of 70 commentaries written in Aramaic on the opening of the Torah, the Hebrew Bible.

“It was a special opportunity to be able to present the texts in the presence of the Holy See, and it opens the doors of religious and cultural exchange,” said Gary L. Krupp, co-founder of Pave the Way.





Ended Illegal Travel Restrictions for Pilgrims to Holy Land – Successfully Ended Restrictions

Gary Krupp was informed that travel to the Holy Land was restricted unlawfully with arbitrary requirements imposing an undue burden on Jewish, Christian, and Muslim tourists and pilgrims. PTWF successfully helped bring an end to this injustice and improved religious tourism overall.

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Welcome to the State of Israel

Information on entry into territories under the control of the Palestinian Authority

1. We would like to bring to your attention, that entry into the territories under the control of the Palestinian Authority, in the Gaza Strip, Judea and Samaria (Area A), is forbidden without the attainment of prior written authorization.
2. Entry into the aforementioned territories, without prior authorization, may result in legal measures being taken against you, including deportation and refusal of future re-entry into the State of Israel.
3. Those interested in entering the Gaza Strip via the "Erez" crossing are required to fill out a form requesting entry (into the territories controlled by the Palestinian Authority) and to submit it to the Foreign Relations Office in the Coordination & Liaison Administration in the Gaza Strip, situated at "Erez" crossing.
4. Requests will be processed with the utmost effort to authorize them within 5 working days.
5. Additional information can be obtained at the Foreign Relations Office in the Coordination & Liaison Administration in the Gaza Strip reachable by telephone (08-674-1556) or by facsimile (08-689-2613).
6. The submission of a request to authorize entry into the above mentioned areas does not constitute permission to do so, until written authorization has been received.

مرحباً بكم في دولة إسرائيل

الدخول إلى المناطق التي تخضع لمسؤولية السلطة الوطنية الفلسطينية

1. نسهل لإقامتكم في إسرائيل تسرع في اتباعكم إلى منع الدخول بدون إذن إلى مناطق السلطة الوطنية الفلسطينية في قطاع غزة والأراضي الواقعة تحت مسؤولية السلطة الوطنية الفلسطينية في منطقة יהודה والسامرة (الضفة الغربية) - مناطق (أ).
2. إن دخول المناطق المذكورة بدون إذن من شأنه تعريض المخالفين للعلاحة القضائية بإفهام الإبعاد عن دولة إسرائيل ومنع إمكان العودة إليها مستقبلاً.
3. على الراغبين في دخول منطقة قطاع غزة عن طريق معبر (إيرز) تعبئة نموذج طلب الدخول إلى مناطق السلطة الوطنية وتقديمه إلى مكتب الأجانب الكائن بمقر الارتباط في منطقة قطاع غزة.
4. وسيتم الاعتناء بالطلب والسعي للرد عليه خلال 5 أيام عمل.
5. للحصول على مزيد من التفاصيل يرجى الاتصال بمكتب الأجانب في مقر الارتباط على الهاتف رقم 08-6741556 أو على الفاكس رقم 08-6892613.
6. لا يجوز اعتبار مجرد تقديم طلب تنسيق المرور إذاً بدخول المنطقة إذ يجب انتظار ورود الرد على الطلب أولاً.

October 2012

Identified and intervened to end unauthorized restrictive travel in Israel, affecting Jewish, Christian, and Islamic travel in the Holy Land. <https://www.ptwf.org/promoting-christian-tourism-to-the-holy-land-and-to-israel-2/>

BEFORE date January 22,2004

Asia News Article dealing with the Handout



AsiaNews.it

22 January, 2004

ISRAEL - PALESTINE

Pilgrims: A not so big "Welcome" to Bethlehem, Jericho and Emmaus.

Jerusalem (AsiaNews) – There are obstacles placed in the way of pilgrims wanting to visit the Holy Land. Over the past few days Israeli border officials have been passing a leaflet in English and Arabic to travelers arriving in Israel and Palestine. Written In large print is a great big "Welcome to the State of Israel". However the leaflet specifies that "entry into the territories under the control of the Palestinian Authority" (i.e. Gaza, Judea and Samaria) "is forbidden". This means that it is impossible for pilgrims to reach Bethlehem, Jericho, Emmaus and Qumran, traditional destinations for all Christian pilgrims

A written request is necessary to enter these territories, while waiting for the authorization from the Israeli military government, which promises to respond within 5 working days.

The request itself does not authorize any entry. Only a written response from the military government's Foreign Relations Office constitutes a valid authorization.




Anyone daring to enter these territories without authorization risks serious sanctions: "legal measures" and even "deportation and refusal of future re-entry into the State of Israel".

Special instructions are given for those requesting entry into the Gaza Strip. The request must be submitted directly to the Foreign Relations Office, located in the "Erez" crossing, recently the stage of a suicide attack.

To make further inquiries, the leaflet gives the Office's telephone numbers: 08-674-1556; fax: 08-689-2613).

Below we attach the original text of the "Information" leaflet:

Welcome to the State of Israel



19 February, 2004

ISRAEL - PALESTINE - VATICAN

Pilgrims no longer limited to travel through Judea and Samaria

Rome (AsiaNews) –There are no longer problems and obstacles for pilgrims wanting to reach Bethlehem and the Occupied Territories. Israel's ambassador to the Holy See, Oded Ben Hur, told *AsiaNews* today that the Tel Aviv airport no longer passes out leaflets stating that visits to the Occupied Territories are limited and that it has "returned to previous procedures".

Last Jan. 22 *AsiaNews* reported that Tel Aviv airport military personnel handed out leaflets to pilgrims wanting to travel to the Occupied Territories (Bethlehem, Jericho, Emmaus, Qumran, etc.), informing them they needed special authorization to visit these places.

Military authorities were given the final authority to grant permission or not. Israeli sources confidentially told *AsiaNews* the procedure risked stopping tourism in the Holy Land.


The Ministry of Tourism, worried about the procedure's consequences on the flow of tourism (which was already tested by problems with terrorism and Israeli-Palestinian tension), attempted to put the brakes on requiring such special authorizations.

Yesterday, Feb. 18, the Israeli tourism minister, Raphael Ben Hour, issued a statement in Hebrew, asking "to get rid of the leaflet informing tourists that their travel to Palestinian Authority territories , in Judea and Samaria, was prohibited."

In the statement he said "instructions have been given to border police to stop passing out the leaflet ...at Ben Gurion airport" so that "tourist travel to Judea and Samaria will be permitted according to the rule and norms" of the past. In his statement he makes no mention of Gaza, which has been placed under tight control following the latest terrorist attacks."

During a telephone call with *AsiaNews*, Ambassador Oded Ben Hur said "all this (the leaflet and its stipulated travel restrictions) was a mistake and we have corrected it."

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Exposed Propaganda Bus Ads in Rome – Ads Intended to Create Controversy Quickly Removed

International uproar ensued when ads using Vatican Travel Office logos without authorization appeared in Rome and purported to separate Jews and Catholics. This was detrimental to Jewish/Catholic relations. Gary Krupp took swift action using contacts and trust gained from previous gestures, exposed this as intentional propaganda, and the ads were promptly removed.

A Gesture in
Peace

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Who is behind the bus ads in Rome for a 'trip to Palestine?'

Is the Vatican's travel agency involved in the "Palestine trip" bus ads whose itinerary includes Jerusalem sites holy to Christians?

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Is the Vatican's travel agency really involved in the "Palestine trip" bus ads exposed on Arutz Sheva?

2016

Identified and exposed intentional propaganda, which was created to cause a controversy, resulting in distrust between Christians and Jews in Israel and Rome.

https://www.ptwf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Bus-Ad-Rome_PTWF.pdf



Discovered Historic Documents on Armenian Genocide – Search of Secret Vatican Archives

In PTWF's research into the actions of Pope Pius XII, PTWF's director for Germany, a noted historian and author, discovered multiple documents showing the Vatican's efforts to end the Armenian Genocide in the Holy Land. This led to scholarly research and a book titled *Vlkermord an den Armeniern (Genocide of the Armenians)*.

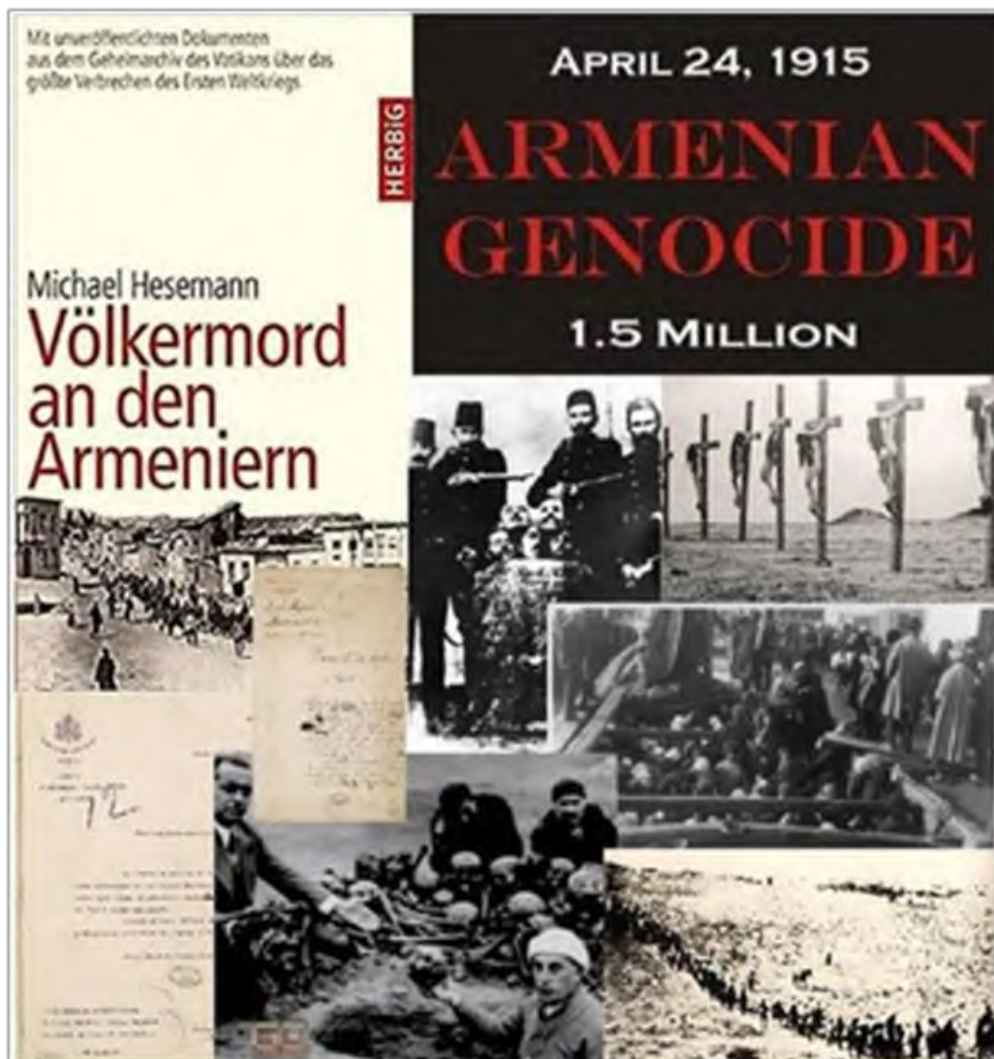
A Gesture in
Education

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2015

PTWF director for Germany, archival researcher, noted historian and author, Dr. Michael Hesemann, discovered countless documents in the Apostolic (Secret) Archives on the Vatican's Attempt to end the Armenian Genocide by the Ottoman Turks.

Dr. Hesemann's research unearthed these documents during his research of Eugenio Pacelli's (future Pope Pius XII) effort to protect the Jews of Palestine from the fate suffered by the Armenians. This discovery led to the Armenian documents. Dr. Hesemann's book the Vatican and the Armenians. <https://www.ptwf.org/armenian-holocaust/>



The Armenian Genocide

by [Pave The Way Foundation](#) | Jul 31, 2018

PTWF Director for Germany, Dr. Michael Hesemann, has for years researched the Vatican Apostolic Archives (formerly known as the Secret Archives) for Pave the Way in an attempt to uncover evidence of the Vatican's life-saving actions undertaken to protect and save Jewish lives during WWII. In conducting this research, he discovered over 2,000 pages of primary source documents, evidencing the Ottoman Turkish Empire's systematic murder of over 1.5 million Armenians from Constantinople. He was also able to find documentation proving that the Holy See had intervened to stop this tragedy from occurring.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia **Armenian Genocide** ([Armenian](#): Հայոց ցեղասպանություն,[\[note 3\]](#) *Hayots tseghaspanutyun*), also known as the **Armenian Holocaust**,[\[9\]](#) was the [Ottoman government](#)'s systematic extermination of 1.5 million [Armenians](#),[\[note 2\]](#) mostly citizens within the [Ottoman Empire](#).[\[10\]\[11\]](#)

The starting date is conventionally held to be **24 April 1915**, the day that Ottoman authorities rounded up, arrested, and deported from [Constantinople](#) (now Istanbul) to the region of [Ankara](#) [235 to 270 Armenian intellectuals and community leaders](#), the majority of whom were eventually murdered. The genocide was carried out during and after [World War I](#) and implemented in two phases—the wholesale killing of the able-bodied male population through massacre and subjection of army conscripts to [forced labour](#), followed by the deportation of women, children, the elderly, and the infirm on [death marches](#) leading to the [Syrian Desert](#). Driven forward by military escorts, the deportees were deprived of food and water and subjected to periodic robbery, rape, and massacre.[\[12\]](#) Other ethnic groups were similarly targeted for extermination in the [Assyrian genocide](#) and the [Greek genocide](#), and their treatment is considered by some historians to be part of the [same genocidal policy](#).[\[1\]\[2\]](#) Most [Armenian diaspora](#) communities around the world came into being as a direct result of the genocide.[\[13\]](#)

[Raphael Lemkin](#) was moved specifically by the annihilation of the Armenians to define systematic and premeditated exterminations within legal parameters and coin the word [genocide](#) in 1943.[\[14\]](#) The Armenian Genocide is acknowledged to have been one of the first modern genocides,[\[15\]\[16\]\[17\]](#) because scholars point to the organized manner in which the killings were carried out. It is the second most-studied case of genocide after the [Holocaust](#).[\[18\]](#)

Turkey [denies the word genocide](#) is an accurate term for these crimes. In recent years, Turkey has been faced with repeated calls to recognize them as genocide.[\[19\]](#) As of 2018[\[update\]](#), 29 countries have [officially recognized the mass killings as genocide](#), as have most genocide scholars and historians.[\[20\]\[21\]](#)[Original Documents of the Vatican attempts to end the Armenian Genocide \(PDF\)](#)

- [Secret Archives show the Vatican tried to stop the Armenian Genocide](#)
- [Watch this exhibit of the Vatican and the Armenian Genocide](#)
- [Pope Francis recognizes the Armenian Genocide](#)



Ended Illegal Seizure of Bank Accounts – Arbitrary Action by Israeli Mayors Affected 889 Churches

PTWF acted immediately in response to actions of activist Israeli mayors who tried to seize \$186M in overdue taxes by Christian Churches. Gary Krupp interceded, through the Knesset to the Israeli Prime Minister's office, to stop this illegal and arbitrary action.

A Gesture in
Human Rights

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2016

We interceded, through the Knesset to the Israeli Prime Minister's office, to lift the illegal seizures of bank accounts of Christian churches. Until such time as schedules of taxable church owned entities are negotiated and agreed to, arbitrary bank account seizures for back taxes are not legal.



The clock tower of the Church of Saint John the Baptist in Jerusalem. Credit: Ronen Zivlen / Reuters

Israel News

Churches Fume as City of Jerusalem Claims \$186 Million in Overdue Tax

Earlier this week Jerusalem municipality stated that 887 properties belonging to various churches and UN institutions in the city owe municipal tax



Provided Baby Formula and Medication for Syrian Refugees – Partnered with Israeli Government in Christianity

When Israel opened its northern border to persecuted Syrian Christians, the refugees fled with few possessions and basic necessities of life. PTWF partnered with the Israeli's "Good Neighbor" operation to provide baby formula, diabetes medication and other items to help those in desperate need.

A Gesture in
Compassion

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Pave the Way Foundations Aids Syrian Refugees

by Pave The Way Foundation | Mar 16, 2017



In cooperation with the Israeli government, Pave the Way Foundation supplies much needed baby formula and diabetes medication to Syrian refugees.

In cooperation with the IDF, PTWF supplied needed baby formula, and special medications for Syrian refugees in partnership with Israeli operation "Good Neighbor." Below is a photo of the IDF (Israeli Defense Forces) picking up cartons of baby formula and the instruction card for use in Arabic.



- 1 _ يجب غسل زجاجة الحليب والغطاء قبل كل استعمال.
 - 2 _ من أجل تعقيم الزجاجة يجب غليها مع جميع قطعها لمدة 5 دقائق على الأقل ثم جفف جميعها قبل تحضير الوجبة.
 - 3 _ لتحضير الوجبة يجب غلي الماء بوعاء منفرد لمدة 5 دقائق ثم يترك ليبرد حسب درجة حرارة الغرفة.
 - 4 _ يجب إضافة كمية من هذا الماء المغلي داخل الزجاجة العقيمة (حسب الكمية المطلوبة) .
 - 5 _ لقياس كمية الحليب المطلوبة يجب استعمال الملعقة المرفقة في العبوة فقط . (قياس الكمية هو 60 سم³ لكل ملعقة مسوحة (غير مضغوطة) مع مراعاة إضافة الحليب إلى الماء وليس العكس.
 - 6 _ يجب خضّ الحليب والماء جيداً حتى الذوبان. بعد ذلك يتم تناوله فوراً.
- تنبيه: ممنوع تحضير أو تسخين الوجبة بواسطة المايكرويف .

Special thanks to Mr. Hilary Ryan, PTWF Director William Cox, and the Boards of Directors and Advisors of PTWF who supported this project.



Provided Meals for The Needy in NY During Covid Crisis Partnering with Local Charities

During the COVID19 crisis, with New York City basically shut down, PTWF shifted gears leveraging their not-for-profit status to deliver help to people in need. PTWF partnered with The Emergency Task Force, The Robinhood Foundation and the AFLCIO to provide food in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

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Compassion

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2020. We shifted gears and used our not-for-profit status to meet the emergency Covid crisis by partnering with The Emergency Task Force, The Robinhood Foundation and the AFLCIO. We provided food, in low income and disadvantaged neighborhoods in New York.



Working to End Civil War in Cameroon – Signed Agreements from Opposing Forces Obtained

PTWF's Director for Africa is an anti-terrorism and security specialist. He obtained signed agreements from opposing forces of their willingness to negotiate a settlement. The Cameroon government has been unwilling to move forward. PTWF has also requested help from the Vatican and is working with an international group of diplomats and citizens to bring this brutal war to an end.

A Gesture in
Peace

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Why PTWF Is Unique!

In my role as an international defence and security specialist, there is something simple but unique which gives me pride and the desire to do more at PTWF. Interestingly, it is not just me with this thought -other respectable stakeholders who observe, admire and commend our dynamic approach think of us the same. PTWF quiet and committed intermediary approach to resolving conflicts and crisis across the globe (but particularly in Africa where I represent) is the most practical tool to achieve sustainable peace. We leverage on the integrity and commitment of our members allowing PTWF to establish trusted platforms that pull together bitter adversaries to shield their swords and re-engage in genuine dialogue and diplomacy. Even when this is often slow, it is the only process that guarantees a re-alignment to peace when initial dialogue has failed. And we at PTWF surrender all the engagement and impact credit to those who put their trust in us.

Today, the bolts that hold together global peace and conflict are becoming more and more loose and shaky than ever before, perhaps, this is the call for us to increase further the volume of our quiet engagement in proactively paving the way for peaceful coexistence.

Yours Truly

David Otto CMAS

Certified Master Anti-terrorism specialist (CMAS)

PTWF Director For Africa

ATAB Program Designer & Trainer



2019

We have been Interceding, from behind the scenes, to end the civil war in Cameroon. PTWF requested direct action from the Vatican to bring about an end to violence to negotiate a settlement.

<https://www.ptwf.org/interceding-from-behind-the-scenes-to-end-the-civil-war-in-cameroon/>



PTWF has been working through our Director for Africa, David Otto, along with PTWF director Bennett Solberg to attempt to move the government of Cameroon to negotiate with the opposing forces to end the bloodshed. David Otto, an internationally respected expert on terrorism, obtained signed agreements from the opposing forces that they are all willing to negotiate a settlement.

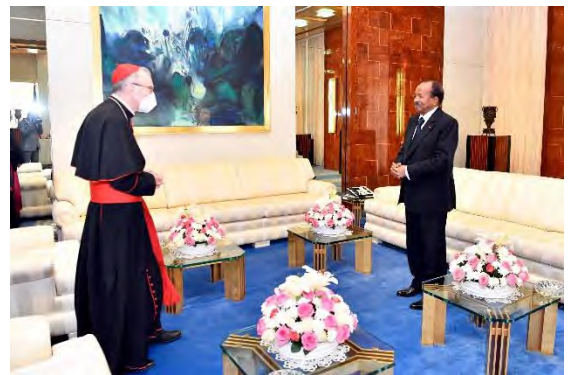
To date the government refuses to sit down with these groups.

We sent these documents to the Vatican prior to the meeting of President Biya and Pope Francis and with Cardinal Parolin Secretary of State.



Ongoing zoom meetings
David Otto and Bennett
Solberg

Gary Krupp with Abp Paul
Richard Gallagher Foreign
Minister of the Vatican
and President Biya with
Cardinal Parolin Secretary of
State



Cameroon's president Paul Biya and Pope
Francis meets



Remarks from Our Friends

PTWF and Gary Krupp receive many messages of support from all over the world. Some of them are provided here.

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Some Wonderful remarks from our friends



It is with affection that I greet the members of the Pave the Way Foundation and I thank Mr. Krupp for the kind words which he has addressed to me on your behalf.

Pope John Paul II January 18, 2005



“I am happy to meet with you at the conclusion of the important symposium organized by the Pave the Way Foundation. I know that many eminent scholars have participated in this reflection on the numerous works of my beloved predecessor – the Servant of God Pope Pius XII – accomplished during the difficult period around the time of the second world war. I warmly welcome each of you especially Mr Gary Krupp, President of the Foundation, whom I thank for the kind words expressed on your behalf. I am grateful to him for informing me how your work has been undertaken during the symposium. You have analyzed without bias the events of history and concerned yourselves only with seeking the truth. I also greet those accompanying you on this visit, as well as your family members and loved ones at home.”

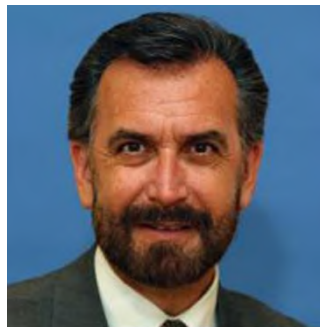
ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZED BY THE “PAVE THE WAY FOUNDATION”. Hall of the Swiss, Castel Gandolfo
Thursday, 19 September 2008

Some Wonderful remarks from our friends



As the first Israeli Ambassador to the Holy See for Israel, I am keenly aware of the importance that the relations between Israel and the Holy See be strengthened. As many of the individual items you are working on may seem difficult, I encourage you to persevere 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.

H.E. Ambassador Shmuel Hadas – First Israeli Ambassador to the Holy See.



I am sending you 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 good will to the Vatican are of enormous importance, both for the bilateral relations themselves and for Catholic- Jewish relations around the world.- Rabbi David Rosen- Signatory to the Alexandria Declaration and International director of the American Jewish Committee

Some Wonderful remarks from our friends



I am happy to hear that you are weighing in on the Visa problem. –
H.Em William Cardinal Keeler – Archbishop of Baltimore



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. There are, of course, many organizations 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 of Israel. –Mr. Krupp, an American Jew, characterized by an evident profound

Some Wonderful remarks from our friends

attachment to the Jewish People and at the same time by a remarkable relationship with the Catholic Church (resulting in high Papal honors) 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 friendship with the Catholic Church.

The Reverend Dr. David-Maria A. Jaeger, OFM, official spokesperson for the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.



I am particularly pleased with regard to your correspondence with Fr. Farina, the prefect of the Vatican Library, and especially with the generous responses of the Maimonides Institute. News of any undertaking, which advances Interreligious relations must certainly be enthusiastically, be received. I pray that God may continue to bless you and these efforts.

– H.Em Edmund Cardinal Szoka- President of the Pontifical Council for the Vatican City State

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As former Archbishop of Canterbury, initiator of the Alexandria Declaration and religious advisor to the World Economic Forum, and as a member of the Forum, appreciated you support for the Alexandria Declaration and will remain actively interested as you push forward with your endeavor.

– Lord George Carey – Former Archbishop of Canterbury

Some Wonderful remarks from our friends



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.

– H.E. Ambassador Alon Pinkas, former Consul General to New York for the State of Israel



And he's a soldier of peace [Gary Krupp]. Ambassador Oded Ben-Hur-Israeli Ambassador to the Holy See Rome I think he is one of the greatest people I have met in my life and I am 80. He has me 100 percent convinced he will succeed.

– Dott. Rolando Clementoni – Senior Papal Chamberlain – Protocol Officer of the Apostolic Palace – Vatican

Some Wonderful remarks from our friends



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.

– Rabbi Shlomo Riskin- Chief Rabbi of Efrat, Israel



It is Mr. Krupp's conviction that if a goodwill 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.

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

Some Wonderful remarks from our friends



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, MK Sylvan Shalom acknowledge your effort in paving the way for better relations between Jews and Christians, and the Minister and the entire Ministry of Foreign Affairs attribute great importance to such an important mission. We wish you success in your activity.

– Hillel Newman – Ministry of Foreign Affairs- Foreign Ministers Bureau State of Israel



Fostering the cooperation between the Vatican and Israel, as well as Jewish and Catholic communities at large, is an important undertaking and I commend you for your efforts.

– Ambassador Arye Mekel – Consul General – Consulate General of Israel in New York

Some Wonderful remarks from our friends



We are grateful to the Pave the Way Foundation for its assistance in introducing our project to the Vatican library and in helping to initiate our loan request of the Vatican Library.

– James S. Snyder – Director of the Israel Museum



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.

– Michael R. Bloomberg- Mayor of the City of New York

Some Wonderful remarks from our friends



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 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 groundbreaking interfaith outreach. He invited the ICLI community to participate in the Pope John Paul II 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 event. A Jewish man arranges for the Muslims to participate in a concert honoring the late John Paul II and held in a Cathedral – only in America. This in itself speaks volumes regarding Gary's vision, contacts and outreach.

– Dr. Faroque Khan – Chairman of the Board of Trustees Islamic Center of Long Island



His vision [Gary Krupp] 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

Some Wonderful remarks from our friends

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 with 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. – Fr. Raffaele Farina, SBD – Prefect of the Vatican Library



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 goals was to cooperate in removing any possible obstacles or, breaches of relations between Israel and the Holy See. He vigorously supported 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

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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 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.

– Professor Lawrence Schiffman – Chair of the Skirball Department New York University



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, date 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. – Sister Margherita Marchione, Ph.D.

Some Wonderful remarks from our friends



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.

– Theophilos III – Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem



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.

– Rabbi Carlos C. Huerta- Chaplain (Major) United States Military Academy at West Point

Some Wonderful remarks from our friends



Compliments for your many and valuable works in order to pave the way to a new and a better society, where everybody is accepted and respected for what he is! It is a spiritual fight that should keep busy as many as possible.

Archbishop Eugenio Sbarbaro – Apostolic Nuncio to Serbia



The Lord works in mysterious ways and “Holy mysteries” are often reflections of people who are deeply contemplative about spiritual realities. Often, when I think of Gary, the concepts flow through my mind. One of his great gifts is to engage people of very different predispositions to recognize their mutual interdependence. This very same 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.

– John R. Drexel IV – United States Prior of the Venerable Order of St. John



Awards and Recognitions

PTWF and Gary Krupp have received a number of prestigious awards for their work. Some of them are provided here.

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Gary Krupp. Knight of the Grand Cross of the
Pontifical Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great.



Meredith Krupp. Dame of the Grand Cross of the
Pontifical Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great



Commander with a Silver Star
Pontifical Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great
by Pope Benedict XVI



Commander Pontifical Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great
by Pope John Paul II



Servitor Pacis Award (Servant of Peace) Awarded by the Holy See Mission at the United Nations



Old Friends New friends for help with the concert in Venice for Hospital of St. Padre Pio



Medal from the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem



Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund



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AIAE Guardian of History Award presented to Gary L. Krupp. With Deep Appreciation for your Life's Work as a "Primus Motor" for the Jewish-Catholic Dialogue.



Special letter of appreciation and a "Class One" relic awarded to PTWF after publishing documented evidence about the life-saving actions undertaken by the Vatican and Pope Pius XII during the Holocaust.



Al Aqsa Fatwa from the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem



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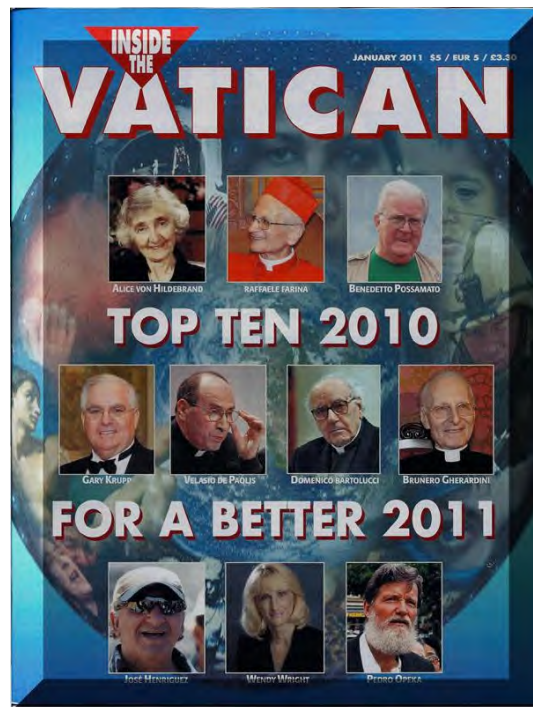
Al Aqsa Fatwa from the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem



Jerusalem Medal from the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land



Bronze and Silver Benemerenti Medals of Good works from the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of St George



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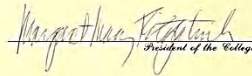
Doctor of Humane Letters

with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.

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For the Board of Trustees




President of the College

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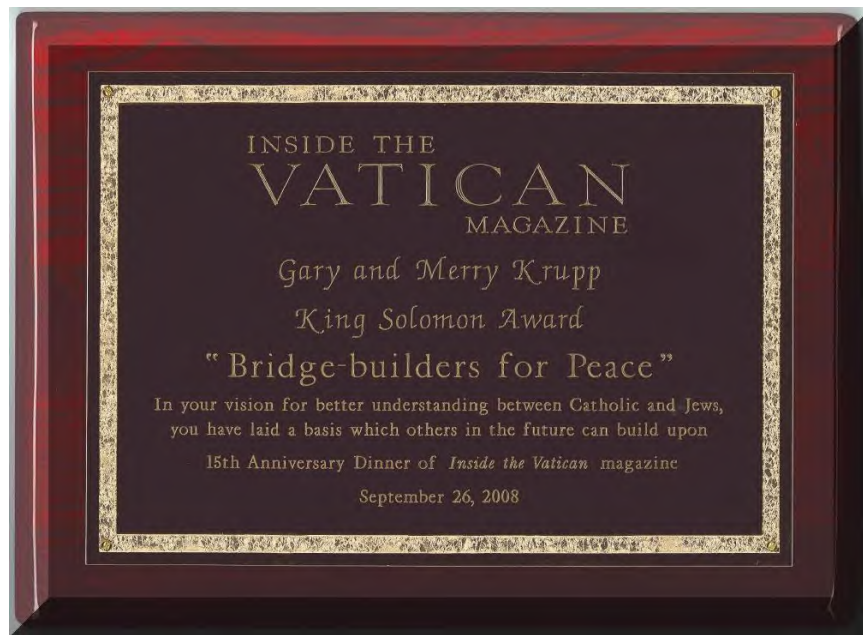
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King Solomon Award from Inside the Vatican Magazine



Original relic of St. Pio di Pietrelcina given by the Hospital of St. Padre Pio



Special Star of David made by Palestinians in Bethlehem



Order of Knighthood from the Anglican Church-St John of Jerusalem



Premier International Giuseppe Sciacca Award 2010



Cross given by the Macedonian Orthodox Church



Bronze Statues of Padre Pio given by the Hospital of St. Padre Pio



Medal of Peace given to Gary Krupp by Pope John Paul II January 18, 2005 at the PTWF Audience of gratitude with Pope John Paul II



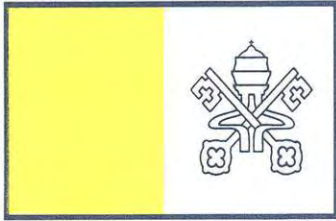
rosaries given by Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI



Letters

PTWF and Gary Krupp have received numerous official letters recognizing their effective work. Some of them are provided here.

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N. 18/00

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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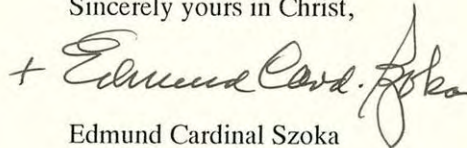
Dear Mr. Krupp,

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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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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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
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8 May, 2003

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

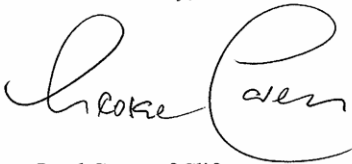
We very much appreciated the presentation you made during your visit to London in April to the religious leaders who are working in association with the World Economic Forum.

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.

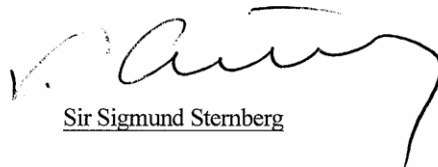
Certainly, the idea of twinning small Palestinian owned businesses with Israel firms would provide mutual benefit and a platform on which to build real working relationships between the two peoples.

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



PONTIFICIO ATENEIO ANTONIANUM

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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
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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.

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. 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

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
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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,

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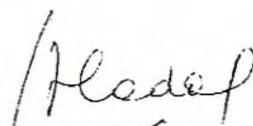
Dear Mr. Krupp,

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 viist 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 beter, 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

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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,

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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.

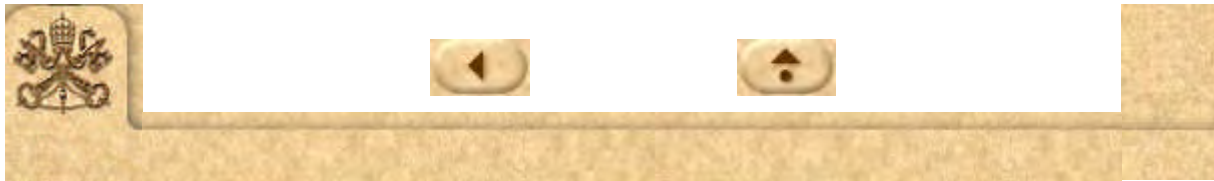
On the verge of the resumption of the negotiations, with prospects for their ultimate success as yet somewhat uncertain, I respectfully urge Pave the Way not simply to rest on its well-deserved laurels, but to continue to work mightily for the talks to conclude positively, for new Agreements to be forged, 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)



**ADDRESS OF JOHN PAUL II
TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE "PAVE THE WAY FOUNDATION"**

Tuesday, 18 January 2005

Dear Friends,

With affection I greet the members of the "Pave the Way Foundation" on your visit to the Vatican, and I thank Mr. Krupp for the kind words which he has addressed to me on your behalf.

This year we will be celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration *Nostra Aetate*, which has significantly contributed to the strengthening of Jewish-Catholic dialogue. May this be an occasion for renewed commitment to increased understanding and cooperation in the service of building a world ever more firmly based on respect for the divine image in every human being.

Upon all of you, I invoke the abundant blessings of the Almighty and, in particular, the gift of peace. *Shalom aleichem.*

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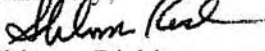
Dear Mr. Krupp,

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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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 40th 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



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May 24, 2005

Mr. Gary L. Krupp, KCSG
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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

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

May 6, 2005

Prot. N. J.95/2005/h

Dear Mr Krupp,

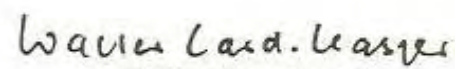
Forty years ago, on October 28, 1965, the Second Vatican Council's Declaration *Nostra Aetate* was promulgated. This groundbreaking document opened new ways for the Catholic Church to relate to other religious traditions. Of particular importance is Section 4 of the Declaration which paved the way for 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 40th 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

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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
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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 20th, in which you describe the Pave the Way Foundation and the upcoming event being held on November 4th. 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, reading "Arze Mekel".

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!

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*On the occasion of the 59th Session of the UN General Assembly
and in commemoration of the 40th 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 59th 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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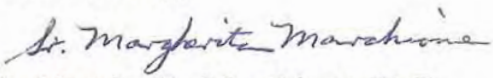
Dear Gary,

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 12th, 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 Orlandi Cantucci

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

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Il Vice Prefetto

Prot.: 2006/2467/V-B741
Vatican City, October 9, 2006

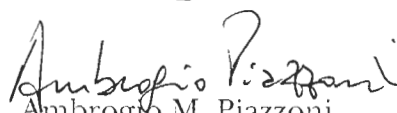
Dear Gary,

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
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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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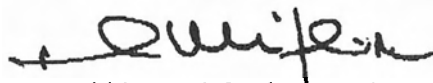
negotiations when necessary, while lobbying international support for this effort. It is Mr. Krupp's conviction that if a good will gesture from one religion to another was initiated and completed, the gesture would open the opportunity to deliver the message of benevolence through the international 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. Migliore', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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



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Sir/Madam:

Feb 1st 2006

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



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

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

Sir Sigmund Sternberg KCSG JP

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23 January 2006

Templeton Prize Office
Canyon Institute for Advanced Studies
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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Sternberg', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Sir Sigmund Sternberg



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June 21, 2006

The Templeton Prize
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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.

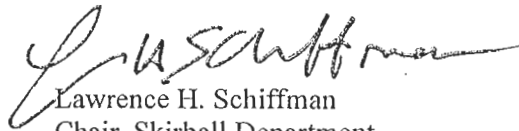
We should also point out that in the age of growing secularity, the sharing of important religious texts, their study, and exhibits devoted to them help to make the point again and again of the great contribution that our common religious tradition has made to the history of Western Civilization. Krupp's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

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June 22, 2006

The Templeton Prize
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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
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Near 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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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.

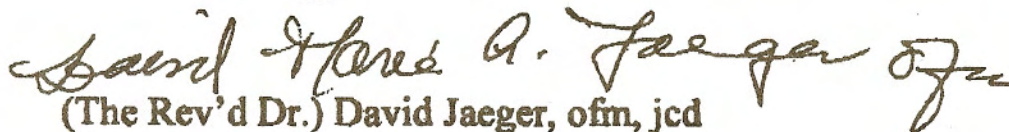
I witnessed the Foundation and its President, Mr. Krupp, involving themselves in the matter, with the greatest energy, in the sad summer of 2003, when the process of dialogue and negotiation – in the framework of the *Bilateral Permanent Working Commission between the Holy See and the State of Israel* 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.

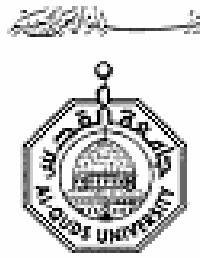
Israel agreed to return to the negotiating table in late April 2004, and negotiations were actually resumed in the beginning of July that year. There is every reason to believe that Pave the Way made a contribution to that outcome.

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 handwritten signature of David Jaeger is written in dark ink. It is a cursive script that reads "David Jaeger" followed by a stylized flourish. Below the signature, the text "(The Rev'd Dr.) David Jaeger, ofm, jcd" is printed in a serif font.

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



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Professor Ole Danbolt Mjos

Chairman,

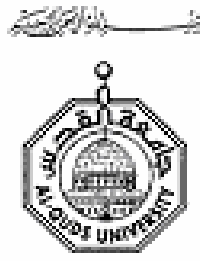
The Norwegian Nobel Committee
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Dear Professor Mjos,

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



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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

As I remain,

Most respectfully yours,

Professor Mohammed S. Dajani Daoudi



Att: Mr Gary L. Krupp
President
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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Theophilos III". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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
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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
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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.

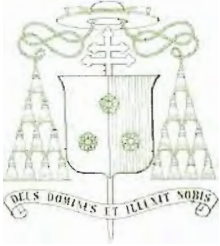
Inaccuracies started as Soviet propaganda and has become a fertile topic for fund-raising purposes. The net result has been the demonizing of the one man responsible for saving more Jewish lives than any other world leader.

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.



Vatican City, November 2007

Dear Mr. Krupp,

It was a joy for me to receive your kind greetings after the announcement on October 17 by the Holy Father Benedict XVI calling me to become member of the College of Cardinals.

Thank you so much for your message. In particular, it's encouraging to know that I am sustained by so many friends through their prayers to our Lord - giver of all that is good.

It is my hope that for the future **our relationship** may be maintained and further develop in mutual friendship and **trust**.

The very many letters I've received these days makes it impossible for me to send a personal response. I will reserve this for the first opportunity we have to meet.

In the meantime, with sentiments of high esteem, please accept my warm regards and best wishes.

+ P. Lajolo

+Giovanni Lajolo
President of the Governatorato

Thank-you for the "beretta"!



Custodia di Terra Santa

Prot: C-014/08

Jerusalem, February 25, 2008

Mr. George Blumenthal
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Dear Mr. Blumenthal,

Pax et Bonum!

We would like to extend a very special thank you to you for your incredible generosity in paying for Mr. Ardon Bar Hama to digitally photograph more than 9,000 images of documents ranging from scrolls to individual letters and numerous Firman's so they can be archived and cataloged. We are very privileged to have been included among your many projects, which have resulted in the digitization of numerous priceless documents in the Israeli Museum, the Vatican Archives, the Julliard School of Music and the New York Public Library.

The oldest documents in the Historical Archive of the Custody of the Holy Land date back to the 14th century. These are documents from Popes and sultans which were, so to speak, apparently inherited after the foundations of the Custody of the Holy Land (in 1342, the juridical and historical date of reference). Until the end of the 16th century, this archival material, with some very rare exceptions, consisted of documents from European ecclesiastical and civil authorities (mostly from popes and Heads of State). There are also documents from the Arab-Turkish civil authorities; those of sovereigns, i.e., sultans, are very numerous.

A number of centuries ago, the archives were divided into two separate collections, distinguished in more recent times from the historical-juridical point of view; they are the most important collections of the entire archive. They are not very large numerically, as the western collection does not contain more than two hundred items, whilst the oriental one is much larger, encompassing more than three thousand documents. Both collections, on the other hand, include documents which are particularly solemn in content and form.

The Firman Collection is made up of this well defined type of document. This name was given to the collection to place greater emphasis on one particular element, the most important by solemnity if not by number, taking a part for the whole. The collection contains juridical documents in Arabic and Turkish, pertaining primarily to property, rights, etc. These documents were issued by authorities in civil offices and by local and central governments. In the latter case, from the origins to 1517, the documents came from the Egyptian government; from 1517 to the 1920s, they were issued by the Turkish Government in Istanbul, followed by those of the British mandate. There are also private documents; however, they are consistently legal in nature, such as deeds of purchase, sale, donations, transactions and declarations.

Your foresight and experience has created an astonishing opportunity for publishing rare documents online, and in your partnership with Mr. Ardon Bar Hama, the Israeli photographer, this potential has, to a certain extent, been realized. For this, you both deserve the thanks and respect of museums, archives, libraries and academic institutions around the world.

We are also very grateful to Mr. Gary Krupp, President of the Pave the Way Foundation, for introducing you to us.

We wish you continued success in your ambitious project of digitization. We hope that one day the majority of the world's important documents will be available on the Internet for users of all ages and backgrounds!

Sincerely Yours,



Fr. Pierbattista Pizzaballa OFM

Fr. Pierbattista PIZZABALLA, OFM

Custos of the Holy Land

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**Office of the Deputy Director General
Tourism Services Administration**

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6 May 2008
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Mr. Gary L. Krupp KC*SG
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Dear Mr. Krupp,

I wish to thank you and the Pave the Way Foundation for your work in assisting us in advancing incoming tourism to Israel, particularly among the Christian communities. Pave the Way understands, that tourism and the economic stimulus that it provides, are essential elements in achieving the peace for which Israel endeavors and prays.

Your efforts to enlighten airport personnel in better serving visiting guests and pilgrims coming to the Holy Land is resulting in significant improvements in the conduct of the sensitive process of the security check. Additionally, your efforts from behind the scenes with the Christian denominations to encourage pilgrimages and to communicate the reality of personal safety for visiting guests in the Holy Land has helped us to make 2007 a most successful year for tourism in Israel. Hopefully these efforts will continue in 2008 as well.

Please express our gratitude to your Board of Directors and advisors.

We look forward to your continued efforts to help us to surpass the 2007 number of incoming tourists to the Holy Land in 2008, our 60th year of independence, and thereby strengthening the economic infrastructure for peace through tourism.

Sincerely yours,



Raphael Ben Hur
Senior Deputy Director General for Tourism Services



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N. 76.441

From the Vatican, 28 April 2008

Dear Mr. Krupp,

I am pleased to acknowledge that I have received the facsimile of the letter which you sent to Msgr. Walter Brandmüller. I thank you for this summary of your recent initiatives concerning the life of Pope Pius XII.

In this regard, I wish to extend a personal word of encouragement for your work in advancing sound historical research into the activities of this Venerable Pontiff to promote the common good.

With every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely,

Archbishop Fernando Filoni
Substitute

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October 6, 2008

Mr. Gary Krupp, President
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Dear Mr. Krupp,

How delighted I am to know that the Symposium was much more successful than you had ever imagined it could be.

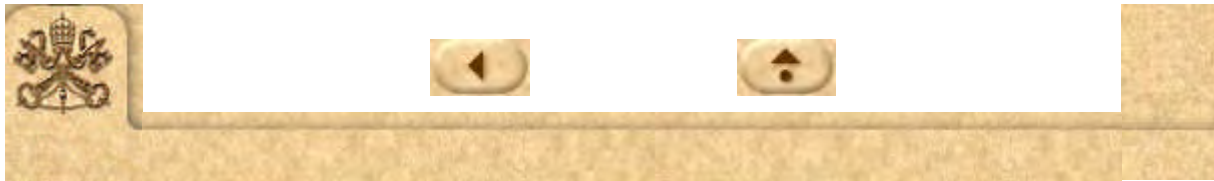
The idea that Pope Pius XII, whom I saw on the day after my ordination as a priest, could lend his support to persecution of our Jewish friends is incredible.

May the Lord help and bless all who support your work.

With cordial wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Cardinal William H. Keeler
Archbishop Emeritus of Baltimore



***ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SYMPOSIUM
ORGANIZED BY THE "PAVE THE WAY FOUNDATION"***

*Hall of the Swiss, Castel Gandolfo
Thursday, 19 September 2008*

*Dear Mr Krupp,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I am happy to meet with you at the conclusion of the important symposium organized by the *Pave the Way Foundation*. I know that many eminent scholars have participated in this reflection on the numerous works of my beloved predecessor - the Servant of God Pope Pius XII - accomplished during the difficult period around the time of the second world war. I warmly welcome each of you especially Mr Gary Krupp, President of the Foundation, whom I thank for the kind words expressed on your behalf. I am grateful to him for informing me how your work has been undertaken during the symposium. You have analyzed without bias the events of history and concerned yourselves only with seeking the truth. I also greet those accompanying you on this visit, as well as your family members and loved ones at home.

The focus of your study has been the person and the tireless pastoral and humanitarian work of Pius XII, *Pastor Angelicus*. Fifty years have passed since his pious death here at Castel Gandolfo early on the ninth of October 1958, after a debilitating disease. This anniversary provides an important opportunity to deepen our knowledge of him, to meditate on his rich teaching and to analyze thoroughly his activities. So much has been written and said of him during these last five decades and not all of the genuine facets of his diverse pastoral activity have been examined in a just light. The aim of your symposium has been precisely to address some of these deficiencies, conducting a careful and documented examination of many of his interventions, especially those in favour of the Jews who in those years were being targeted all over Europe, in accordance with the criminal plan of those who wanted to eliminate them from the face of the earth. When one draws close to this noble Pope, free from ideological prejudices, in addition to being struck by his lofty spiritual and human character one is also captivated by the example of his life and the extraordinary richness of his teaching. One can also come to appreciate the human wisdom and pastoral intensity which guided him in his long years of ministry, especially in providing organized assistance to the Jewish people.

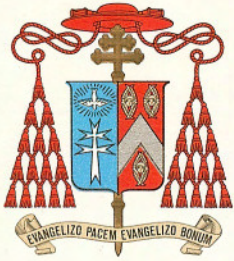
Thanks to the vast quantity of documented material which you have gathered, supported by many authoritative testimonies, your symposium offers to the public forum the possibility of knowing more fully what Pius XII achieved for the Jews persecuted by the Nazi and fascist regimes. One understands, then, that wherever possible he spared no effort in intervening in their favour either directly or through instructions given to other individuals or to institutions of the Catholic Church. In the proceedings of your convention you have also drawn attention to his many interventions, made secretly and silently, precisely because, given the concrete

situation of that difficult historical moment, only in this way was it possible to avoid the worst and save the greatest number of Jews. This courageous and paternal dedication was recognized and appreciated during and after the terrible world conflict by Jewish communities and individuals who showed their gratitude for what the Pope had done for them. One need only recall Pius XII's meeting on the 29th of November 1945 with eighty delegates of German concentration camps who during a special Audience granted to them at the Vatican, wished to thank him personally for his generosity to them during the terrible period of Nazi-fascist persecution.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for your visit and for the research you have undertaken. Thanks also to the *Pave the Way Foundation* for its ongoing activity in promoting relationships and dialogue between religions, as witnesses of peace, charity and reconciliation. It is my great hope that this year, which marks the fiftieth-anniversary of my venerated predecessor's death, will provide the opportunity to promote in-depth studies of various aspects of his life and his works in order to come to know the historical truth, overcoming every remaining prejudice. With these sentiments I invoke upon you and the proceedings of your symposium an abundance of divine blessings.

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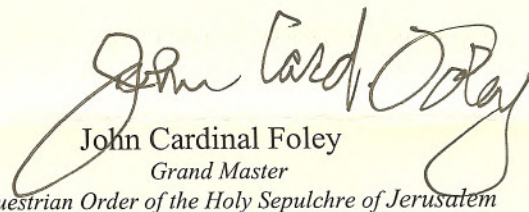
Dear Gary,

In looking back over my accumulated correspondence, I have discovered several e-mails from you, with copies of articles regarding the efforts of Pope Pius XII to save the lives of many Jews. You have no idea how grateful I and many others are for the efforts of you and your wife truly to do justice to the memory of Pius XII and his efforts on behalf of the Jewish people. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Will you be in Israel with Pope Benedict? I hope to be. Let us pray that his visit goes well. I have happy memories of dinner with you and your wife in Jerusalem.

May God continue to bless you and your family!

Shalom,


John Cardinal Foley
Grand Master
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

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From the Vatican, 5 June 2009

Dear Mr. Krupp,

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has asked me to thank you for the kind letter which you sent to him on behalf of the *Pave the Way Foundation* following his recent Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He deeply appreciates your thoughtful gesture.

His Holiness trusts that his visit will contribute to the important efforts being made by men and women of good will throughout the Middle East to promote dialogue, understanding, justice and reconciliation in the lands held sacred by Jews, Christians and Muslims alike.

With prayerful good wishes, the Holy Father invokes upon you and your associates Almighty God's blessings of wisdom, strength and peace.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary of State

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Truth does not become more true by virtue of the fact that the entire world agrees with it, nor less so even if the whole world disagrees with it.

- Maimonides