



Dear readers,

The following pages, as the title indicates, are a newsletter – a summary of activities and events that have occurred during the past three months. Activities and events in which some, if not all, of you had a vital role and that might interest you. This letter is not a substitute for personal contact, but rather an overall view of what WE DO with YOUR HELP. Most of the articles presented here are just a summary. To read the full article you may follow the link provided to our website, by clicking on the item's title.

Thank you, and have a pleasant viewing.
 The Editor.

OLWV Summer Camp

A summer camp for children in south Tel Aviv took place at the Our Lady Woman of Valor Pastoral Center from Monday, August 17 to Friday, August 21, 2015.



Italian youth visit Desert Flower

In August 2013, the members of Desert Flower, the youth group of the Saint James Vicariate, were hosted by the youth of Pozzuoli, a town near Naples in Italy. This year, the group came to Israel from August 6 to 13, 2015, and were hosted by Desert Flower.

ROSH HA-SHANA



New Year at OLWV day care center

On Wednesday, September 2, 2015, a new year began at the Our Lady Woman of Valor Day Care in south Tel Aviv.

Summer Program 2015 for youth at Our Lady Woman of Valor

The summer program for youth at the Our Lady Woman of Valor Pastoral Center in south Tel Aviv began on Thursday, July 9, 2015. It is designed for the local youths from the age of 12 years up.

New Year – Geez and Jewish – at Kuchinate

Jews and asylum seekers came together in a celebration of the Jewish and Geez New Years at the Kuchinate workshop in south Tel Aviv on Thursday, September 10, 2015.

End of children's summer at the Vicariate

On Monday, August 31, 2015, a special celebration marked the end of the children's summer activities in the Saint James Vicariate in Jerusalem, as the children prepare to return to school.

YOUTH

Summer days in Deir Rafat

From Monday, July 20 until Friday, July 31, 2015, the Hebrew speaking Catholic youth and children took over the shrine of Our Lady of Palestine in Deir Rafat for the annual summer camps.



Desert Flower begins the year in Tabgha

A report was sent of the first meeting of the youth group in the New Year which took place in Tabgha on Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19,



MIGRANTS

First day of catechism in Tel Aviv

On Saturday, September 5, 2015, the first catechism classes of the new school year were held in the Our Lady Woman of Valor Pastoral Center in south Tel Aviv.



Farewell to Filipino students

On August 28, 2015, the Filipino agriculture students, who had been volunteering in the Our Lady Woman of Valor Pastoral Center in south Tel Aviv were given a send-off. Read Sister Lerma's report.

Thank you Church of Jerusalem

In the light of the appeal to offer hospitality to the asylum seekers released from Holot in the Negev, the religious communities of the Church of Jerusalem responded with heart warming generosity.

Appeal for Eritrean and Sudanese asylum seekers

On Tuesday, August 25, 2015, 500 Eritrean and Sudanese asylum seekers were released from confinement in Holot, confined in contravention of their fundamental rights. Now they need to be reinserted into society, finding work and lodging.



How many asylum seekers in Israel?

In the light of the recent decision of the Israeli High Court to limit the time of detention for asylum seekers in Holot, the statistics regarding the number of asylum seekers in Israel were published by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

ST. JAMES VICARIATE

Celebration of 60 years of the Work of Saint James

On Saturday, September 26, 2015, more than six hundred people gathered at the Church of Our Lady Ark of the Covenant in Kiryat Yearim to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the Work of Saint James.



Apostolic blessing for 60 years of Saint James

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Holy See Secretary of State, wrote a letter informing the Patriarchal Vicar, priests and faithful of the Saint James Vicariate for Hebrew Speaking Catholics in Israel that Pope Francis imparts his Apostolic Blessing.

Sixty Years - A Pastoral Letter

Fr. David Neuhaus, Latin Patriarchal Vicar, responsible for the Saint James Vicariate for Hebrew Speaking Catholics in Israel, has published a pastoral letter on the occasion of the 60th anniversary since the founding of the Work of Saint James.

60 years of Saint James on the CMC news

The Christian Media Center in Jerusalem produced a short news item highlighting the sixty year celebration of the founding of the Work of Saint James.