



**ORDER OF MALTA  
HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL  
BETHLEHEM**



**Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared for and protected, the family is healthier, society is better, and the world is more human.**

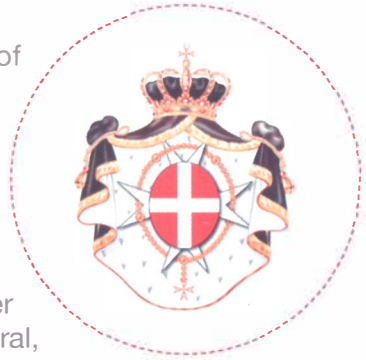
Pope Francis  
Bethlehem, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2014



Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, located just **1,500** steps from the birthplace of Christ, is a state-of-the-art maternity and neonatal critical care center serving poor and at-risk women, infants, and children throughout the region.

## THE ORDER OF MALTA

The Sovereign Order of Malta is one of the oldest institutions of Western and Christian civilization. A lay religious order of the Catholic Church since **1113** and a subject of international law, the Sovereign Order of Malta has diplomatic relations with over **112** states and the European Union, and permanent observer status at the United Nations. It is neutral, impartial and apolitical.



Today, the Order of Malta is active in **112** countries caring for people in need through its medical, social and humanitarian works. Day-to-day, its broad spectrum of social projects provides a constant support for forgotten or excluded members of society.

It is especially involved in helping people living in the midst of armed conflicts and natural disasters by providing medical assistance, caring for refugees, and distributing medicines and basic equipment for survival.



## THE HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL IN BETHLEHEM



In this area of conflict, the Hospital stands as a beacon of hope for families in the Bethlehem region, including refugee camps and remote desert villages. The Hospital and its Outreach Clinics have impacted more than one million lives since 1990. No one is ever turned away.

Since **1990** more than **98,000** babies have been born in the hospital. The Holy Family Hospital delivers approximately **70%** of all Bethlehem infants, maintaining a survival rate of nearly **100** percent. It is the only hospital in the region medically

equipped to deliver babies born before **32** weeks. Doctors and midwives fight to save every mother and baby, demonstrating a commitment to life that is absolute. Holy Family Hospital is often asked to accept the Bethlehem region's most challenging medical cases. As a result, approximately **9%** of all newborns delivered at the Hospital require neonatal intensive care.

The Holy Family Hospital works closely with other medical facilities throughout the region, governmental, non-governmental and private hospitals, to optimize synergies and provide accessible medical care, continuing education and clinical training. The hospital is considered as the referral center for UNRWA, PA MOH and number of other hospitals and small local maternity homes for their high risk cases.



## OUR HISTORY

**1888** Holy Family Hospital opens as a general hospital run by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

**1985** Political & Economic factors force the hospital to close.

**1989** St. John Paul II asks the Order of Malta to reopen the Hospital. The Order rededicated it as a maternity hospital with a **26** beds.

**1990** February 26<sup>th</sup> the first baby was born in the new maternity. | **869 deliveries.**



**1995** The Mobile Outreach clinic begins offering prenatal care and Gynecology services to refugees and isolated desert villages. | **2,164 deliveries.**

**1997** Due to increase in activity, an extension was added to include two extra delivery rooms, a second operating room, nine extra beds and a neonatal unit. | **2,570 deliveries.**

**2000** St John Paul II names Holy Family Hospital a top priority for the Catholic Church in the new millennium. | **3,052 deliveries.**

**2007** A milestone year for the hospital with the increase of the capacity from **47** to **63** beds due to the ever-increasing demand. A new floor is inaugurated housing a new Labor Ward with 45 beds and a larger Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with 18 beds. | **3,226 deliveries.**

**2010** A unique Diabetic Clinic for pregnant women begins providing dedicated Treatment and Management of gestational diabetes. | **3,310 deliveries.**



**2013** The Well Women Health Clinic begins offering essential cancer screenings and postmenopausal gynecology.

| *3,184 deliveries.*

**2019** Construction work begin for the expansion of the Operating Theatre to include to up to date Operating Room, a Recovery Room, modern Sterilization Unit. | *4,626 deliveries.*



**2021** COVID19 crises strengthened the patient's confidence with the hospital services and the slow down that was marked in **2020** in the number of deliveries was only due to the curfew. Since **2015**, deliveries has increased by an average of **5%** per year. The hospital is expecting to reach **5,000** deliveries by **2023**. | *4,517 deliveries.*

More than **36,000** patient's consultations are provided per year at Holy Family Hospital Outpatient Clinics.





## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR BETHLEHEM'S POOREST FAMILIES



Since opening its doors in **1990**, Holy Family Hospital has ensured high quality healthcare regardless of one's ability to pay. Yet as the economic situation in Bethlehem has progressively worsened, families have grown more and more dependent on financial assistance to access even the most basic healthcare services.

With the region's only NICU caring for babies born before **32** weeks, Holy Family Hospital accepts a disproportionate number of high-risk (and therefore high-cost) cases. Families simply cannot afford the care on their own.

Holy Family Hospital instituted its Poor Case Fund to ensure that Bethlehem's poorest families have access to the healthcare they need. In addition to a **50%** medical subsidy that the Hospital provides to all patients, the Fund offers additional financial support to families who qualify. Costs may be covered anywhere between **51%** and **100%**.

## FINANCES AND DONATIONS

The economic situation in the area is very difficult also due to the political conditions and is worsening every day with a very high rate of unemployment in the Bethlehem area.

In order to provide efficient essential and specialized services, the running costs of the hospital are heavily subsidized by the Order of Malta, other governmental or non governmental organizations as well as by private donors.

The most modern equipment which can be seen in the hospital has been offered for a large part by special donations from governments or non- governmental organizations.

The remaining running costs must be covered by regular fundraising campaigns organized by certain Associations of the Sovereign Order of Malta or by private donors.



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