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Dear sponsors,

Our school is eternally grateful for the Jerusalem students program, as it has affected us greatly. Your education scholarship program has helped Christian students to continue their studies in a Christian environment supported by living in an educational ambiance, teachings, ceremonies, occasions and prayers.

The program benefits many students who got the best education some of whom are now doctors, engineers, employers, entrepreneurs who serve the Holy Land. This is all because of you and your scholarships. We are proud to employ some of our school graduates who were funded and supported by the sponsors and the Knights of Columbus councils and members. Despite the pandemic crisis, the scholarships received from the sponsors, were C\$ 38,000 as the first transfer for the year of 2021.

The pandemic was and continues to be a big challenge to our school. But, thanks to God, his care and His blessing on the Holy Land, the support continued and our school was able to continue although facing difficulties and challenges. The pandemic has challenged us as a school to look for technological methods as well as reinforcing the classroom environment with computer devices. Teachers had to practice programs and make efforts for self-development while applying creative and computerized teaching and learning strategies.

The number of total students has increased from 651 by about 40 students, and the increased turnout to our school was astonishing. Moreover, the results of the Secondary Exams were special as about 75% of the graduates got excellent grades and most of the remaining got a very good grade.

I am proud to lead as the principal of this great educational institution. I commend the special efforts of the school faculty. We work as one family to serve our students. I also appreciate the support and blessing of his Excellency Archbishop Yaser Al-Ayash for his care and support for our school. Special thanks for our beloved donors who have helped to plant smiles and successes, for raising and teaching the children in our school. You are the ones who build the distinguished future leaders. There aren't enough thanks or enough words to express our gratitude for your support.

Your Scholarship program has an enormous effect on our school as a whole and on our students specifically. The Scholarship that you offer the Christian families to keep their children enrobed by Catholic education also helps us as a school to maintain the number of Christian students. Thus, students are raised and are being educated in a Christian environment. This helps a lot with ingraining the Christian teachings in the students.

That's why, as a school, we acknowledge the importance of this Scholarship program. That is to say, we wouldn't be able to have this number of Christian students in our school without the help of Jerusalem Students. We would also lose a generation of Christian leaders in our society. The program also reduces the tendency of future Christian students and their families from emigrating to other countries.

We thank Sir Knight Hikmat Dandan for founding Jerusalem Students and the Knights of Columbus and the sponsors for continuing to support the program.

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