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Greetings from Bishop Suheil Dawani

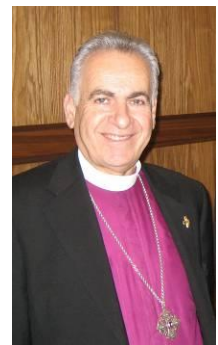
Dear Friends,

This month's newsletter focuses on the achievements of our young people in this region and those who nurture and support them in their academic pursuits.

Pupils from schools across Jordan and Palestine have marked their graduations with deserved commendation and celebration and it has been a privilege to share in the joy of the staff and families who have worked so hard to support them in their work.

Our young people are the hope and bright light for the future. We strive to nurture them with Christ's message of hope, mutual respect, and love. I wish to extend my congratulations to all who have graduated this year and to those who have encouraged, nurtured, and taught our young people. May God continue to bless them in their work.

+ Suheil Dawani



Ahliyyah School Graduation, Jordan



The annual graduation ceremony for the Ahliyyah Bishops and Ahliyyah Girls School took place this month.

In attendance were Bishop Suheil (left), the Headmistress of both schools, Mrs Haifa Najjar (right), and HRH Princess Basma Bint Talal, a former pupil of the school (centre). Archdeacon Luay Haddad was also present.

We congratulate all students and staff on their achievement.

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Theodore Schneller School Graduations, Jordan



The annual graduation of pupils from the Theodore Schneller School, Amman, took place this month. As last year, women from the Diocese gave each graduating student a suit to mark the occasion.

The event was marked by speeches from various dignitaries present as well as the Headmaster of the School, Dr Ghazi Musharbash.

Bishop Suheil congratulated the students and staff present on their achievements before presenting each graduating student with a certificate to mark the occasion. Presentations were also made to retiring members of staff and thanks expressed for their

service by Bishop Suheil and Dr Ghazi Musharbash

During the day the visiting families and their students were entertained by a traditional dance demonstration in the school grounds from a local group in traditional dress.

As part of the day a 'model parliament' session was held at the school in the presence of Bishop Suheil and the Chair of the Jordanian Parliamentary Council, Mr Faez el Faisal. This 'session' gave pupils present a chance to participate and engage in the discussion. A lively debate ensued following speeches from both Bishop Suheil and Mr El Faisal.

Graduation Ceremonies at Saviour School Zarka, Jordan



The graduation ceremonies for the seniors and kindergarten took place at the Saviour School, Zarka earlier this month.

In attendance at the ceremonies were Bishop Suheil Dawani who was joined by the Headmistress of the school, Mrs Du'aa Bisharat. Also in attendance was the Revd Khalid Freij, Priest of Saviour Church, Zarka.

Assembled guests and parents were entertained with singing and dancing from the kindergarten children in traditional dress. Staff and students were congratulated on their success and all were awarded certificates to mark their achievement this year.

Arab Episcopal School, Irbid, Jordan, holds end of year celebrations



This month the annual end of year celebrations took place at the Arab Episcopal School in Irbid, Jordan.

Bishop Suheil was present along with HRH Princess Rym Ali. The Headmistress, Mrs Sabah Zurikat and School Administrator, the Rev Samir Esaid were also in attendance. Guests were entertained with performances from the pupils with some excellent dance and drama.

Following a tour of the classrooms with HRH Princess Rym and a chance to view the childrens' work, Bishop Suheil spoke to the assembled guests and congratulated them all on a successful year.

St George's School Graduations, Jerusalem



Bishop Suheil attended the annual graduation ceremony at St George's School, Jerusalem. Also in attendance were Mr Eid Sader, Headmaster, the Rev Canon Robert Edmunds, and the Rev Canon Hosam Naoum.

Entertainment was provided by the school choir and Bishop Suheil addressed the graduating pupils congratulating them on their achievement.

Assistant Headmaster, Mr William Khoury was presented with a gift to mark his retirement after thirty-seven years of dedication to the school. Thanks were expressed by Bishop Suheil and Mr Eid Sader for his faithful service.

Graduation at Christ School, Nazareth



The Bishop attended the graduation ceremony at Christ School, Nazareth alongside the Headmaster, Mr Yusef Ballan.

Staff and parents were in attendance to celebrate the success of the pupils.

Bishop Suheil greeted and congratulated all on their achievements.

St John's School, Haifa



Seniors and Juniors from St John's School graduated in the presence of Mr Aziz D'eem, Headmaster of the school, and Bishop Suheil.

The Juniors treated parents and staff present to musical entertainment

The Senior ceremony was marked with various speeches in which they were congratulated on their achievements by both Bishop Suheil and Mr D'eem.

Each student was handed a certificate to mark their success and their examination results.

Visually Impaired student receives top honors at Princess Basma School Graduation



A day that showered more than the rare blessings of May rain was marked as a day of celebration at the Princess Basma Centre School where the red-roofed sun screen served as a morning rain shield. Graduating their second Tawjili class of students preparing for the Tawjili entrance exams for university admission, the Basma School honored the achievements of students and their supportive families.

To the delight of the assembled crowd, a visually impaired student earned top science marks, demonstrating that those with special needs could excel in a spirit of mutual respect where Christians and Muslims, boys and girls

study together, living the promise of a future in Jerusalem where all people are created equal.

Bishop Dawani gave the graduation speech and brought greetings from Princess Basma of Jordan who cannot attend the ceremony in Jerusalem.

We extend congratulations to all, to Mrs. Betty Majaj, visionary and director, Bishop Dawani, the Diocese of Jerusalem, the school staff, the students and their families, and international supporters who have helped to make these dreams come true.

Ramallah Schools gather for graduations at Cultural Palace



28 May 2011 – Saturday evening in Ramallah, the Cultural Palace filled to capacity with dignitaries, excited students, and families to honor the achievements of 64 graduates.

In the presence of the Palestinian Authority Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Education, the Mayor of Ramallah (herself an example of women's leadership), and Bishop Dawani, the Arab Evangelical Episcopal School and the Episcopal Technological Vocational Training Center (ETVTC) joined together for a grand graduation celebration.

With music provided by the Evangelical School chorus, the focus of the evening was on the promise and hope of Ramallah and the future of Palestine. Demonstrating their skills in English, the chorus sang one song about "a dream where all the world was singing with me, happy and free."

Bishop Dawani offered the graduation speech in addition to a few words from school directors, Mr. Iyad Rafidi and Mr. Giovanni Anbar.

With a slide show that featured each graduate on a big screen, diplomas and prizes for top academic and sports achievements were awarded by the assembled dignitaries and school directors.

We wish all the graduates a bright and promising future.

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