

Maria Madre della Divina Provvidenza

“Ausiliatrice dei Cristiani” in Terra di Siria



Scipione Pulzone da Gaeta - riproduzione eseguito da Albert Edwin Flury

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La missione

Nella missione congiunta dell'Istituto Zaccaria, Zaccharis onlus, ITSTIME, CeSi - Università Cattolica, Perigeo Ong, è stata consegnata a Mar Ignatios Aphrem II, Patriarca della Chiesa siriano ortodossa a Damasco, la riproduzione del quadro di Maria Madre della Divina Provvidenza a suggellare il comune impegno per il popolo siriano e la salvaguardia della cristianità sotto l'auspicio della Vergine Maria.

Perché la Madonna della Divina provvidenza

Il quadro originale di Scipione Pulzone da Gaeta, "*Mater Divinae Providentiae*" del 1580, eseguito per l'altare di una nobile famiglia romana, fu donato nel 1663 all'ordine dei Chierici Regolari di San Paolo, conosciuti con il nome di Barnabiti, i quali la custodiscono a Roma nella Chiesa di San Carlo ai Catinari. Nel 1732 il parroco di San Carlo ne fece fare una copia dal pittore Pietro Valentini, allievo del pittore toscano Giovanni Maria Morandi, e la espose alla venerazione popolare all'interno della chiesa. La sua effigie venne venerata per chiedere aiuto e supporto nei momenti difficili e madre " *..della Chiesa intera, che spesso attribuì a Lei la propria salvezza nei tempi burrascosi delle persecuzioni*". (A.Gentili; I Barnabiti; Roma 2012; pp 215)



Nel marzo del 1834, i Barnabiti ottennero da Papa Gregorio XVI di poter conferire alla Madre della Divina Provvidenza il titolo di «*Ausiliatrice dei Cristiani*», con il quale era stata invocata al tempo delle lotte contro i Turchi arrivati alle porte di Vienna.

Il padre generale Baravelli la scelse come effigie simbolo dei Barnabiti e il 5 agosto 1896 Padre Benedetto Nisser, allora Superiore Generale, stabilì che ogni chierico regolare doveva avere una copia di tale dipinto nella propria residenza.

Da allora il quadro della Madre della Divina provvidenza divenne, per i Padri Barnabiti, simbolo di conciliazione e protezione.

Percorso e storia del progetto

- Estate 2018, definizione del progetto e dei Cultural Focal Point quali motori di resilienza delle popolazioni locali e recupero delle proprie radici culturali e religiose per instaurare un processo di riappacificazione e rinascita nei luoghi colpiti dai conflitti.
- Autunno 2018, adesione dei padri Barnabiti al progetto con la proposta di portare l'immagine simbolo dell'ordine dei Chierici regolari di San Paolo, la Madre della Divina Provvidenza, quale simbolo del forte legame esistente con la Terra Santa e in particolare con Damasco e le sue genti.
- Fine 2018, realizzazione del quadro da parte del pittore Albert Edwin Flury.



- 20 dicembre, consegna del dipinto e benedizione presso la cappella dell'Istituto Zaccaria.

- 7 gennaio 2019, l'arcivescovo S.E. Monsignor Mario Delpini benedice l'icona della Cena misteriosa e la Madre della Divina



Provvidenza: le due sacre rappresentazioni costituiscono l'emblema della comunità cristiana che si vuole sostenere nel processo di pacificazione la cui "benedizione rappresenta la partecipazione e della diocesi di Milano"



nella prossima missione "sintesi di cultura, carità e fede"

(S.E.Mons.M.Delpini)

In Siria

- 12 gennaio 2019, Damasco, consegna del quadro di *Maria Madre della Divina Provvidenza* nelle mani di Mar Ignatios Aphrem II, Patriarca della Chiesa siriano ortodossa, con una preghiera comune di Padre Ambrogio Valzasina e del Patriarca.



La Madre della Divina provvidenza è stata posizionata sulla parete principale della sala delle udienze del Patriarcato quale simbolo di pace per tutti gli incontri del Patriarca.

Testimone di Pace e riconciliazione

<https://syriacpatriarchate.org>



Meeting with a Delegation from Zacharias Institute in Italy – Damascus

January 12, 2019 - News

On January 12, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received a delegation of Zacharias Institute which is affiliated with the Barnabite fathers in Milan, Italy, at the Patriarchate...



Formal Reception in Honor of the Diplomatic Body in Syria – 2019

February 7, 2019 - News

On the occasion of the New Year 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II invited their Excellencies the Ambassadors, Charge d'Affaires and Diplomatic Representatives to a Formal Reception at...





Meeting with Delegation from the Lutheran World Federation

February 22, 2019 - [News](#)

On February 22, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received a delegation from the Lutheran World Federation, at the Patriarchate Headquarters in Bab Touma, Damascus. The delegation...



Meeting with the Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba in Syria and Jordan

February 26, 2019 - [News](#)

On February 26, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Mr. Miguel Porto Parga, Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba in Syria and Jordan, at the...



Meeting with His Beatitude Patriarch Younan, and Their Eminences Cardinals Tagle and Zenari

March 5, 2019 - [News](#)

On March 5, 2019, on the occasion of the visit of His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Archbishop of Manila and President of Caritas Internationalis, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius...



Meeting with a Delegation from SOS Chretien d'Orient & Western Tourists

March 6, 2019 - [News](#)

On March 6, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received a delegation from SOS Chretiens d'Orient and a group of tourists from different western countries, at the Patriarchate...



Meeting with the Ambassadors of Brazil to Beirut and Damascus

March 23, 2019 - [News](#)

On March 23, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received their Excellencies: Mr. Paulo Cordeiro de Andrade Pinto, Ambassador of Brazil to Beirut, Mr. Fabio Vaz Pitaluga, Ambassador...



Meeting with Delegation from World Communion of Reformed Churches

March 31, 2019 - [News](#)

On March 31, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received a delegation from the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), at the Patriarchate Headquarters in Bab Touma –...



Meeting with the High Commission for Church Affairs in Palestine

April 14, 2019 - [News](#)

On April 14, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II met with the High Presidential Commission for Church Affairs in Palestine headed by Dr. Ramzi Khoury, at the Patriarchate...



Meeting with Delegation from Um Al-Zunnar Scouts – Damascus

May 1, 2019 - [News](#)

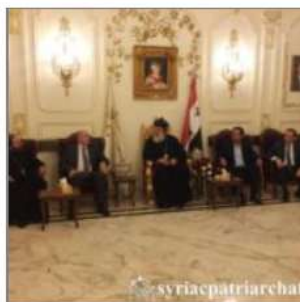
On May 1st, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received a delegation from Um Al-Zunnar Scouts (Lady of the Girdle) from Homs, at the Patriarchate Headquarters in Bab...



Meeting with Delegation from EPDC – Damascus

May 2, 2019 - [News](#)

On May 2, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II met with a delegation from St. Ephrem Patriarchal Development Committee (EPDC), at the Patriarchate Headquarters in Bab Touma –...



Meeting with Governor of Damascus

May 2, 2019 - [News](#)

On May 2nd, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Adel al-Albi, Governor of Damascus, and Mr. Husam Al-Samman, Secretary of the Baath Party in Damascus,...

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Meeting with Chargé d’Affaires of the Syrian Embassy in Argentina – Damascus

July 14, 2019 - News

On July 14, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Mr. Maher Mahfouz, Chargé d’Affaires of the Syrian Embassy in Argentina, at the Patriarchate Headquarters in...



Meeting with His Excellency Mor Youhanna Jihad Battah

July 19, 2019 - News

On July 19, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Mor Youhanna Jihad Battah, the newly elected Syriac Catholic Archbishop of Damascus, at the Patriarchal Headquarters...



Meeting with Latin Apostolic Vicar in Syria

July 20, 2019 - News

On July 20, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Mgr. George Abi Khazen, Latin Apostolic Vicar in Syria, accompanied by Rev. Fr. Bahjat Karakash, at the...

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Visit of the Ambassador of India to Damascus

July 29, 2019 - News

On July 29, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Dr. Hafz Al-Rahman, Ambassador of India to Damascus, at the Patriarchate headquarters in Bab Touma –...



Meeting with the Syrian Ambassador in China

August 7, 2019 - News

On August 7, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Dr. Imad Moustapha, Ambassador of Syria to China, at the Patriarchate headquarters in Bab Touma –...



Visit of the Deputy Head of Mission of Syria in Sweden

August 7, 2019 - News

On August 7, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Dr. Tameem Malko, Deputy Head of Diplomatic Mission of Syria in Sweden, at the Patriarchate headquarters...



Visit of the Austrian Charge d'Affaires

September 15, 2019 - News

On September 15, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Hans-Peter Glanzer, Charge d'Affaires of the Austrian Embassy in Damascus, at the Patriarchate headquarters in Bab...

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Visit of a Russian Delegation

September 22, 2019 - News

On September 22, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received a delegation from the Interreligious Working Group for the Aid of the Population of Syria at the Patriarchate...

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Visit of a Delegation of Italian Parliamentarians

September 23, 2019 - News

On September 23, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received a delegation of Italian parliamentarians headed by MP Paolo Romani at the Patriarchate Headquarters in Bab Touma -...



Visit of a delegation from the Committee of Syrian Women in Chile

September 23, 2019 - News

On September 23, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received a delegation from the Committee of Syrian Women in Chile, at the Patriarchate Headquarters in Bab Touma -...



Visit of a Delegation from the International Society for Oriental Christians – Germany

October 8, 2019 - News

On October 8, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received a delegation from the International Society for Oriental Christians, at the Patriarchate Headquarters in Bab Touma – Damascus....



His Holiness Receives Mr. Hnein Kardous from Sao Paolo

October 21, 2019 - News

On October 21, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received Mr. Hnein Kardous, member of the Parish Council of Saint Mary Church in Sao Paolo – Brazil, at...



Visit of the Head of the Franciscan Order in Lebanon, Syria and Jordan

December 17, 2019 - News

On December 17, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received Rev. Fr. Firas Loufti, Regional Superior of the monks of the Order of the Franciscans in Lebanon, Syria...



Visit of the Children of the “Happy Child House”

December 22, 2019 - News

On December 22, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received the children of the “Happy Child House” Kindergarten, as well as their teachers headed by Malfonitho Hedra Massouh,...

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Minister of Endowments Congratulates His Holiness for Christmas

December 24, 2019 - News

On December 24, 2019, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Syrian Minister of Religious Endowments Muhammad Abd Al-Sattar Al-Sayyid, accompanied by a group of Muslim Sheikhs,...

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Formal Reception in Honor of the Diplomatic Body in Syria

January 16, 2020 - News

On the occasion of the New Year 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II invited their Excellencies the Ambassadors, Charge d'Affaires and Diplomatic Representatives of Foreign Missions in Syria...



Visit of the Charge d'Affaires of the Swedish Embassy in Damascus

February 5, 2020 - News

On February 5, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Mr. Jorgen Lindstrom, Charge d'Affaires of the Swedish Embassy in Damascus, at the Patriarchate Headquarters in...



Visit of the Austrian Charge d'Affaires in Damascus

February 10, 2020 - News

On February 10, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Hans-Peter Glanzer, Charge d'Affaires of the Austrian Embassy in Damascus, and the secretary of the embassy...



Visit of Syriac Catholic Archbishop of Damascus

February 11, 2020 - News

On February 11, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Mor Youhanna Jihad Battah, Syriac Catholic Archbishop of Damascus, at the Patriarchal Headquarters in Bab Touma...



Meeting with Rev. Haroutioun Selimian

February 21, 2020 - News

On February 21, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received Rev. Haroutioun Selimian, Representative of the Armenian Protestant Church in Syria, at the Patriarchal Headquarters in Bab Touma...

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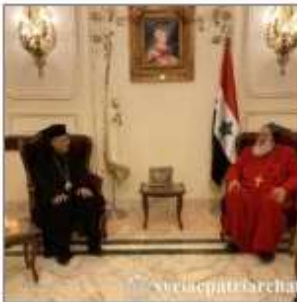


Meeting with the Bishops of Damascus

March 16, 2020 - News

On March 16, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II met their Excellencies the Archbishops of Damascus: Armenian Orthodox Archbishop of Damascus Armash Nalbandian, Greek Orthodox Patriarchal Vicar Aphrem...

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Visit of HB Patriarch Absi to Offer Easter Greetings

April 19, 2020 - News

On April 19, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Beatitude Joseph Absi, Greek Melkite Catholic Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, Alexandria and Jerusalem, at...



Visit of the Hungarian Charge d'Affaires in Damascus

June 18, 2020 - News

On June 18, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Peter Csulak, Charge d'Affaires of Hungary in Damascus, at the Patriarchate Headquarters in Bab...



His Holiness Receives Their Beatitudes Patriarch John X and Patriarch Joseph Absi

June 18, 2020 - News

On June 18, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received their Beatitudes Patriarchs: John X, Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, and Joseph Absi, Greek...



Visit of the Head of Damascus Office of the UN Special Envoy to Syria

June 24, 2020 - News

On June 24, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received Her Excellency Ms. Marianne Gasser, Head of Damascus Office of the UN Special Envoy to Syria Mr. Geir...



Visit of Charge d’Affaires of the Embassy of Austria to Syria Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer

October 13, 2020 - [News](#)

On October 13, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency the Charge d’Affaires of the Austrian Embassy in Syria Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer, at the Patriarchate Headquarters...



Visit of Armenian Orth. Archbishop of Damascus Armash Nalbandian

October 13, 2020 - [News](#)

On October 13, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Eminence Armash Nalbandian, Armenian Orthodox Archbishop of Damascus, at the Patriarchate Headquarters in Bab Touma – Damascus....



Visit of the Latin Apostolic Vicar Mgr George Abi Khazen

October 14, 2020 - [News](#)

On October 14, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Mgr. George Abi Khazen, Latin Apostolic Vicar in Syria, accompanied by Rev. Fr. Raymond Gergess, at...



Honoring Mr. Shady Sarweh, Former Executive Director of EPDC

October 29, 2020 - [News](#)

On October 29, 2020, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II honored Mr. Shady Sarweh, upon his resignation from his office as Executive Director of EPDC, at the Patriarchate Headquarters...



Visit of Minister of Tourism Mr. Mohammad Ramy Martini

January 29, 2021 - [News](#)

On January 29, 2021, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Excellency Minister of Tourism Mr. Mohammad Ramy Martini, in the presence of Mr. Mourhaf Nazha, at the...



Visit of the Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of Sweden in Syria

February 9, 2021 - News

On February 9, 2021, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received Her Excellency Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of Sweden in Syria Ms. Ann Dismorr, at the Patriarchate Headquarters...



Visit of His Beatitude Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch John X

February 15, 2021 - News

On February 15, 2021, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Beatitude Patriarch John X, Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, at the Patriarchate Headquarters...



Visit of Armenian Orthodox Archbishop of Aleppo Massis Zoboyan

February 25, 2021 - News

On February 25, 2021, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received His Eminence Massis Zoboyan, Armenian Orthodox Archbishop of Aleppo, accompanied by MP Gerard Rayisian and members of the...



Visit of the President of Perigeo

March 24, 2021 - News

On March 24, 2021, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received Mr. Giorgio Conconi, President of Perigeo, at the Patriarchate in Bab Touma – Damascus. The meeting was attended...

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Visit of a Delegation of the Syriac Scouts in Syria

March 28, 2021 - News

On March 28, 2021, His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Aphrem II received a delegation from the coordinators of the Syriac Scouts in Syria, at the Patriarchate in Bab Touma in...