



# APOSTOLIC WORK FELLOWSHIP

## THE APOSTOLIC WORK FELLOWSHIP'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT IN ALQOSH.

Under the title of “me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15), The Apostolic Work Fellowship took on 3 days (March 9th to March 11th) of spiritual retreat at the Monastery of the Redeemer in Alqosh, led by Fr Savio Handula, parish priest of St Joseph’s Cathedral as the Fellowship’s spiritual director for this year. Fr. Savio prepared and conducted lectures regarding family life: challenges and awareness. Following the lectures, the Fellowship members were divided into groups to discuss the most prominent issues facing Christian families today, and their solutions according to Church teachings.

throughout the retreat, spiritual, cultural and educational activities were organized, such as debating about interesting and controversial topics that interest the youth. Additionally, the retreat days included morning and evening prayer times, as well as the Stations of the Cross which was done through a procession ascending towards the Monastery of Raban Hormizd. These days were concluded with the celebration of the Holy Mass.



## PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION AND THE HOLY WEEK

In coordination with parish fellowships from the Chaldean Archdiocese of Erbil, the Apostolic Work Fellowship organized a Palm Sunday Procession on April 1st. The procession started in Mart Shimoni Church in Ankawa, and ended in Mar Elia Church. The Youth started cutting olive and palm branches the prior day, in order to be used in the procession; as well as preparing Mar Elia Church for the prayer that took place after the procession. Following the Payer, the attendants joined a small charity bazaar which was organized by the Apostolic Work Fellowship. In the same week the Apostolic Work Fellowship cleaned Saint Joseph's Cathedral, and prepared the seating for Easter Vigil Mass.



## MEDITATING ON THE HOLY BIBLE

The Apostolic Work Fellowship started a series of meetings for every Friday aiming to the reading of Scripture and meditating on the Holy Bible. These meetings will help the youth to develop a better understanding of the Word of God, as well as helping them to join the walk or procession of the Chosen people of God (in the Old Testament) toward their Promised Land. These meetings aim to help us all dive deeper into our faith.



## THE APOSTLIC WORK FELLOWSHIP'S FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN.

The Apostolic Work Fellowship organized a fund raising campaign within the members of the fellowship, to help children diagnosed with cancer at the Nanakali hospital. Each member of the fellowship saved an amount of money during Lent, and the money was collected after Easter. The fellowship was able to collect an amount of eight million (IQD 8,000,000) Iraqi Dinars, which will be donated to a certain number of patients to help them with their treatment and hospital costs.

# DONATION FOR CHILDREN WITH BLOOD DISEASES & CANCER



## ACI MENA CELEBRATES ONE YEAR FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

An invitation from the Association of Catholic Information in the Middle East and North Africa (ACI MENA) was sent to the Apostolic Work fellowship, for the celebration of the Association's first founding anniversary. A number of members joined the celebration, representing the Apostolic Work fellowship at the event; the celebration consisted of a historical overview of the ACI MENA agency and their future vision.



## THE APOSTOLIC WORK FELLOWSHIP LAUNCHES REGISTRATION PROCESS

The Apostolic Work fellowship launched the registration process for the participation of new members within the team. The registration was open for the entire month of April; 70 new members have registered for participation. After the process, the coordinators committee organized a meeting with the new members to offer them an information session regarding the structure, activities, goals and purpose of the fellowship.



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