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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPONSORS CRS TO HELP EDUCATE MIDDLE EASTERN REFUGEES**

### **SUPPORT THE JORDANIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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This generous gift will support the expansion of programs in 18 Jordanian Catholic schools that provide refugees with a safe space to learn, heal from trauma and regain a semblance of childhood, while catching up to their grade level after years out of school. These kindergartens, primary and secondary schools work extra shifts of classes and tutoring sessions for the refugees.

'Having already sponsored food, housing and medical projects in the Middle East, the Knights of Columbus is pleased to partner with CRS in the important work of educating refugee children now living in Jordan,' said Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. 'These children represent the future of Christianity in that region, and with the help of this education that future will be a brighter one.'

'Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Jordan have many needs, but the education of children is the most crucial for their future, and it is something the Catholic Church, with its strong network of schools in Jordan, is uniquely placed to provide' said Kevin Hartigan, CRS Regional Director. 'On behalf of the refugee children, CRS and the Jordanian Church are extremely grateful to the Knights of Columbus for this enormous gesture of solidarity to the most innocent victims of the horrible wars in the Middle East.'

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