



MARIE
DE
NAZARETH
À JÉSUS PAR MARIE



NAZARETH, A KEY PLACE FOR THE WORLD

We are looking for financial help to develop a first-rate multipurpose complex
for Prayer, Faith, Family, Encounter, Unity and Peace

June 2016 - strictly confidential

THE SPECIAL VOCATION OF NAZARETH

Nazareth is the place of the Incarnation

In some ways, this is the most important place in the whole universe: this is the place the Creator chose to enter into His creation.

Nazareth is the place of the Holy Family

This is the place chosen by God for the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They lived there for years and embodied the everyday life of all families in an exemplary way.

Nazareth is a key place for Prayer, Faith, Family, Encounter, Unity and Peace

Nazareth is the place where unity between Heaven and Earth was created in Mary's womb. This is the place where the Prince of Peace grew up.





Dear Friends,

For the past 15 years, we have been working hard to develop the International Mary of Nazareth Center, that is already very successful (ranked as the best of 200 attractions in North Israel on TripAdvisor.com).

But together we can do even better: by doubling the surface area of this Center, we can create an absolutely unique meeting facility in God's sight, because of Nazareth's special source of grace linked to Prayer, Faith, Family, Dialogue, Unity and Peace.

We are looking for donors and partners in order to make it happening.

Together we would like to offer a truly magnificent place to the Church, the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the religious Community that runs the Center.

Faithfully yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'O/B' with a flourish.

Olivier Bonnassies

Director of the Marie de Nazareth Association



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WHAT WE DID

2001-2016

A unique Marian Center for Evangelization

*We bought the buldings loacted just accross
the Basilica of the Annunciation*

IN THE HEART OF NAZARETH



EXACTLY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HISTORICAL CENTER OF NAZARETH

JOSEPH'S CARPENTER SHOP

Church of Saint Joseph

SYNAGOGUE

Next to the Synagogue Church

THE INTERNATIONAL MARY OF NAZARETH CENTER

TOP LOCATION

in the center of the square formed by those 4 historical landmarks

TOMB OF THE RIGHTEOUS MAN

*believed to be that of Saint Joseph
At the Convent of the Sisters of Nazareth*

HOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Basilica of the Annunciation



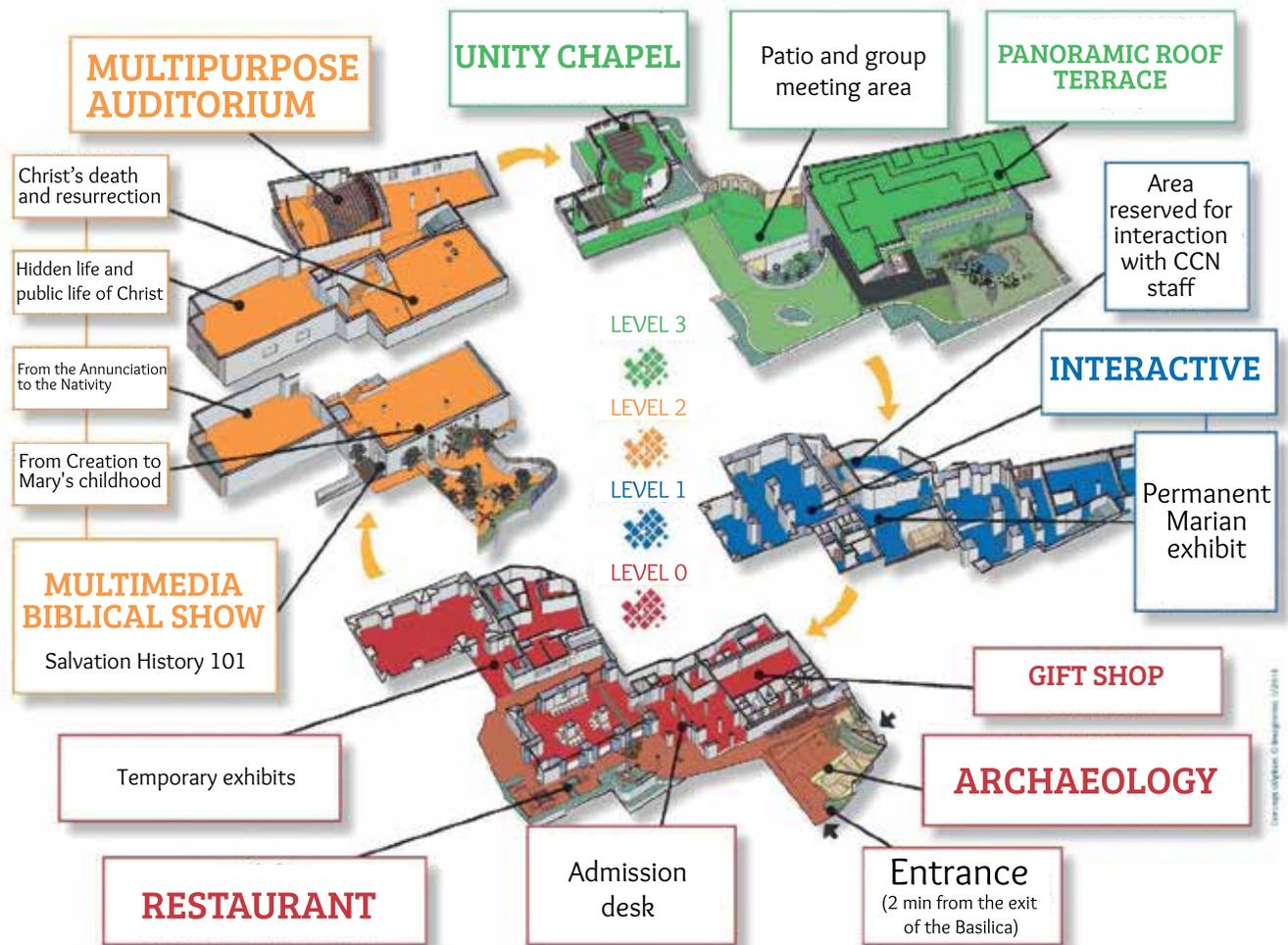
2007



2011

WE DEVELOPPED A MARIAN CENTER FOR EVANGELIZATION

We did so at the request of Bishop Marcuzzo (Patriarchal Vicar for Israel and Bishop in Nazareth). To undertake this project, a French non-profit was created with ten laypeople, the *Marie de Nazareth Association*.



(4,400 m² on 4 levels)



Centre International Marie de Nazareth
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ENTRANCE

A garden similar to Mary's own garden
welcomes the visitors



A composite image featuring a woman in a white headscarf on the right, looking down with a serene expression. On the left, a stone archway leads into a dimly lit interior where several people are walking. The overall lighting is warm and golden.

MULTIMEDIA BIBLICAL SHOW

Discover Salvation History with Mary: 4 rooms / 1 hour



ROOM 1: THE FIRST COVENANT

From Creation to Mary's childhood



ROOM 2: THE INCARNATION

Annunciation, Visitation, Magnificat, Nativity





ROOM 3: THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Hidden life and public life





ROOM 4: CHRIST'S PASSION

From the Last Supper to the Resurrection



IN PROGRESS



ROOM 5: CHRIST'S REVELATION

From Pentecost to the Apocalypse



PANORAMIC PATIO

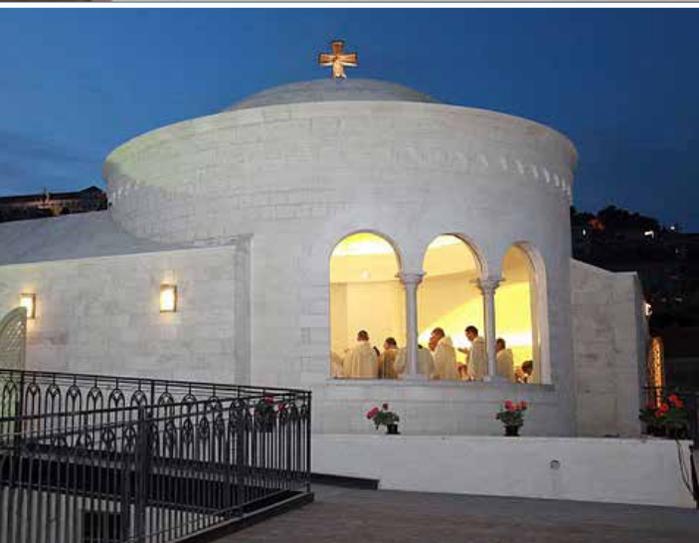
A 360° view of Nazareth after exiting the show





CHAPEL OF UNITY

With adoration and a view of the Basilica of the Annunciation





GIFT SHOP

offering an array of locally-made, quality products







IN PROGRESS

MULTIPURPOSE AUDITORIUM

One Auditorium, 3 functions



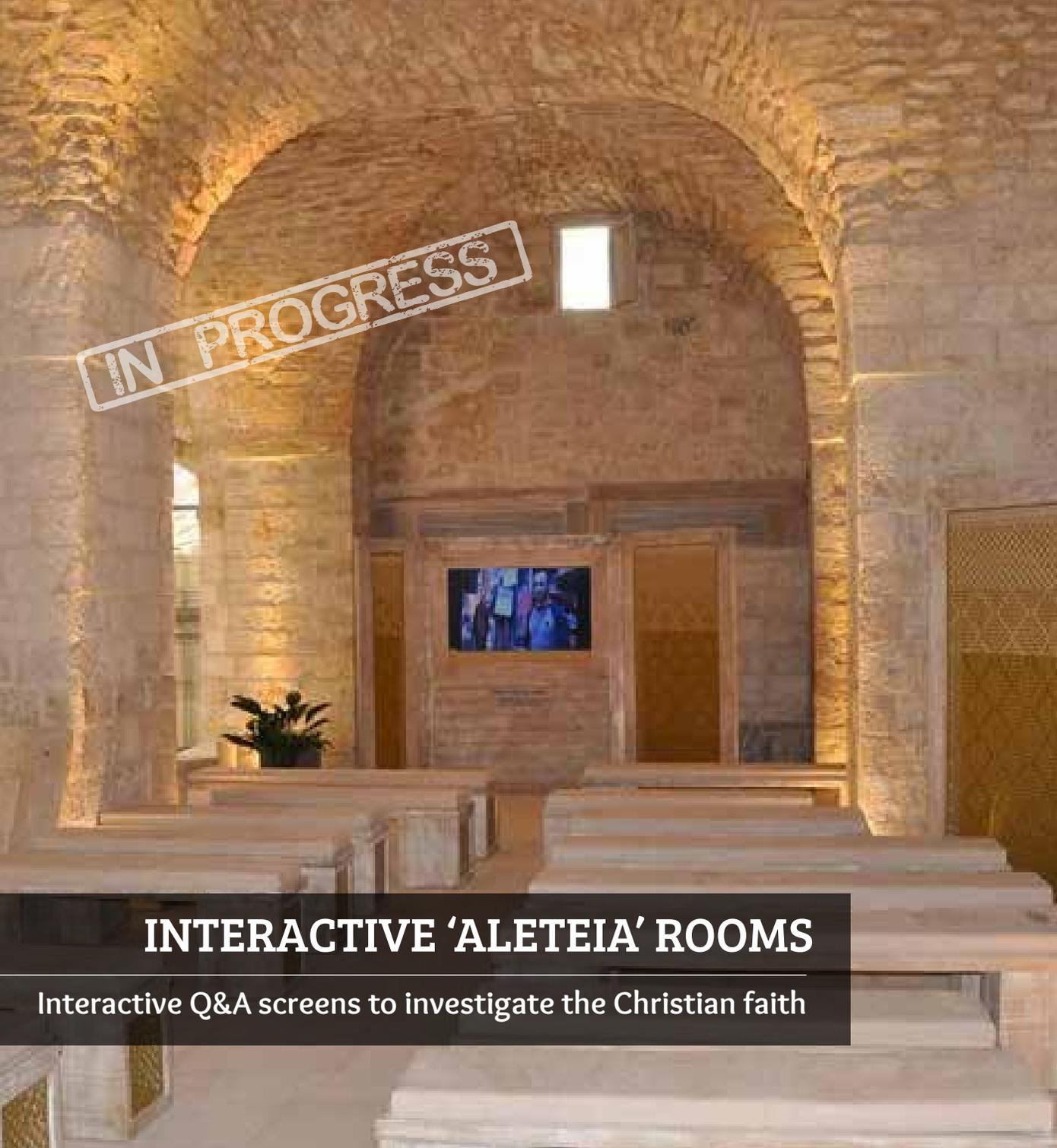
1. A real movie theater for the city of Nazareth



2. A conference room for seminars and conferences (120 seats)



3. A multipurpose room for local events and schools



IN PROGRESS

INTERACTIVE 'ALETEIA' ROOMS

Interactive Q&A screens to investigate the Christian faith



Selected content (videos & texts) is presented and developed in partnership with Aleteia.org to convey all the beauty, truth and depth of the Christian faith



ARCHAEOLOGY ROOM

Displays a house from Jesus' time



IN PROGRESS



HOST TEAM

Permanent staff and short-term volunteers



The Chemin Neuf Community (CCN) is running the Center. This Roman Catholic Community has an ecumenical vocation and grew out of a prayer group in France in 1973. It currently has around 2,000 members from all states of life in over 30 countries. Its mission is to promote unity within the body of Christ.

[More about the CCN](#)

INAUGURATED MARCH 25, 2011

The project has been supported by 30,000 benefactors, the majority coming from France.

It has received the support and encouragement of many entities, including the 12 traditional Christian Churches of the Holy Land (5 Catholic, 5 Orthodox and 2 Protestant) and was inaugurated 5 years ago on the feast of the Annunciation.





"THE UNITY CREATED AROUND THIS PROJECT IS A SMALL MIRACLE."

Bishop Marcuzzo, bishop in Nazareth

"Never in history have all the Christian Churches of the Holy Land - Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant - been united in such a way to support the same project"

Msgr Marcuzzo,
Patriarchal Vicar for Israel,
Bishop in Nazareth

"I truly appreciate the desire you have to unite all the churches in the Holy Land in this project. Isn't this the greatest gift that united children can give their beloved Mother?"

Cardinal Paul Poupard,
former President of the
Pontifical Council for Culture

"From the very start, you wanted to work on this project in union with all the rites of the Holy Land; Latin, Greek Catholic, and Syrian: it unites all the vital forces of the Church."

Father Pierre Grech,
former General Secretary, Assembly
of Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land



RATED THE #1 ATTRACTION
in North Israel on TripAdvisor,
only 4 years after its opening!

Certificate of Excellence in 2014, 2015 and 2016

UNLIKE ANYTHING YOU WOULD EVER HAVE SEEN

- world class in fact! Hightly recommended

Hilary, England

The chapel and the roof are simply

BREATHTAKING!

R. K Dakwar, USA

PROFOUND

*and breathtaking
music and views*

GeyNine, USA

A FEAST FOR THE EYES AND THE SOUL

M. Hilltop, UK

*The Center is high standard
and very pleaseant – The
multimedia show was great
and*

VERY HIGH QUALITY

Elias, Israël

TOURISTS, PILGRIMS AND INHABITANTS LOVE IT



[Read more](#)
comments online

REALLY ENTERTAINING

– a unique experience Mike, Australia

Quite likely that

JESUS ACTUALLY WAS IN THIS HOME
*at one time! Not too many sites can make
that claim* M. Losgrace, Texas

PREMIUM VIDEO SHOW

*very well done and
adapted to kids and
adults*

Caroline, France

A beautiful jewel – you are taken in a journey

WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

Maya

*This attraction totally exceeded my expectations,
I really enjoyed the multimedia show. I am not
Catholic so wasn't expecting to, but I found it*

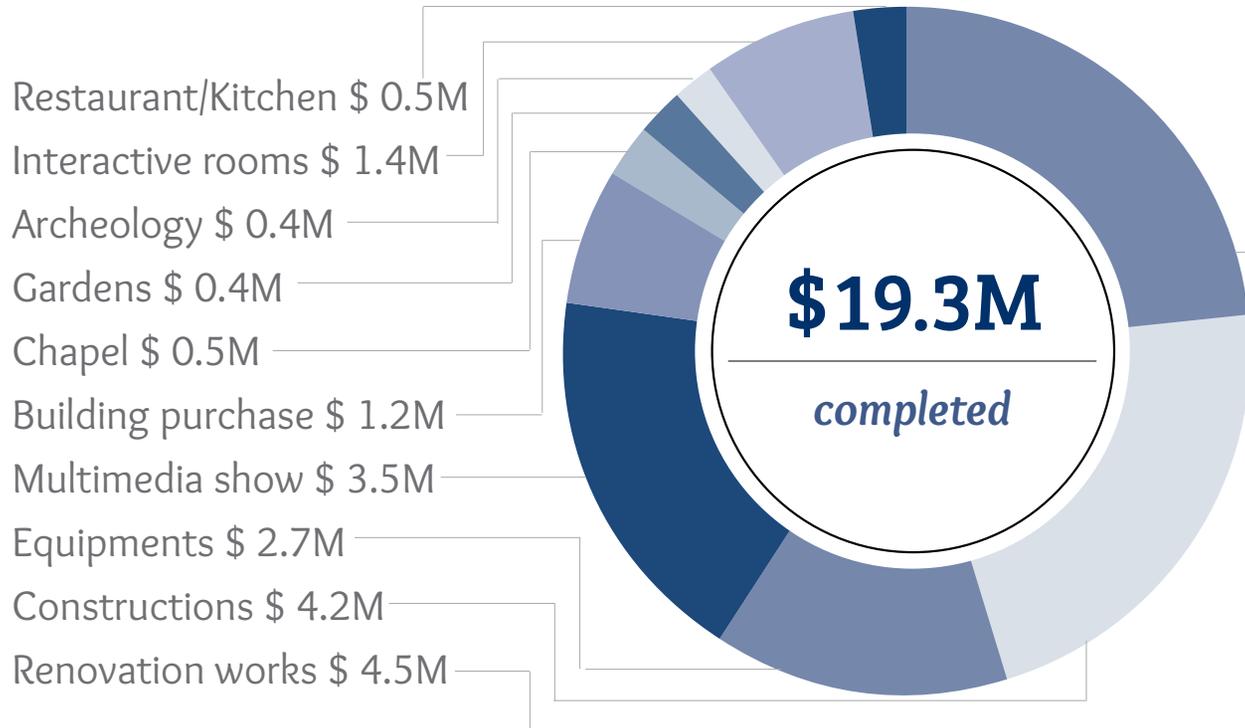
VERY INTERESTING AND MOVING

Mary T.

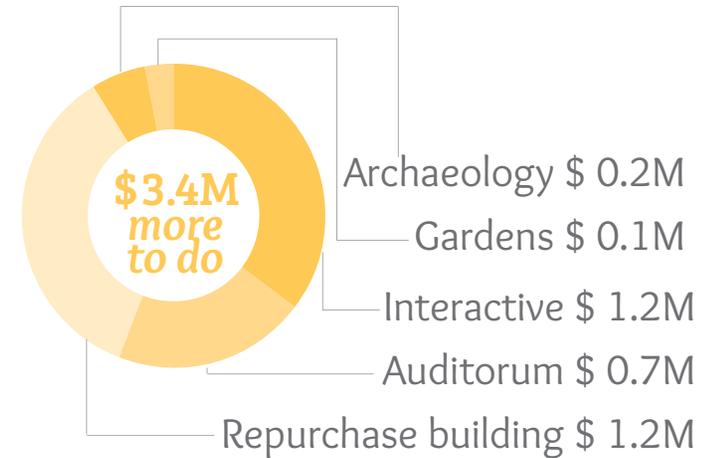
AWESOME !

Mario Kordin, Bosnia

COST OF THE CURRENT CENTER: \$ 22.7M

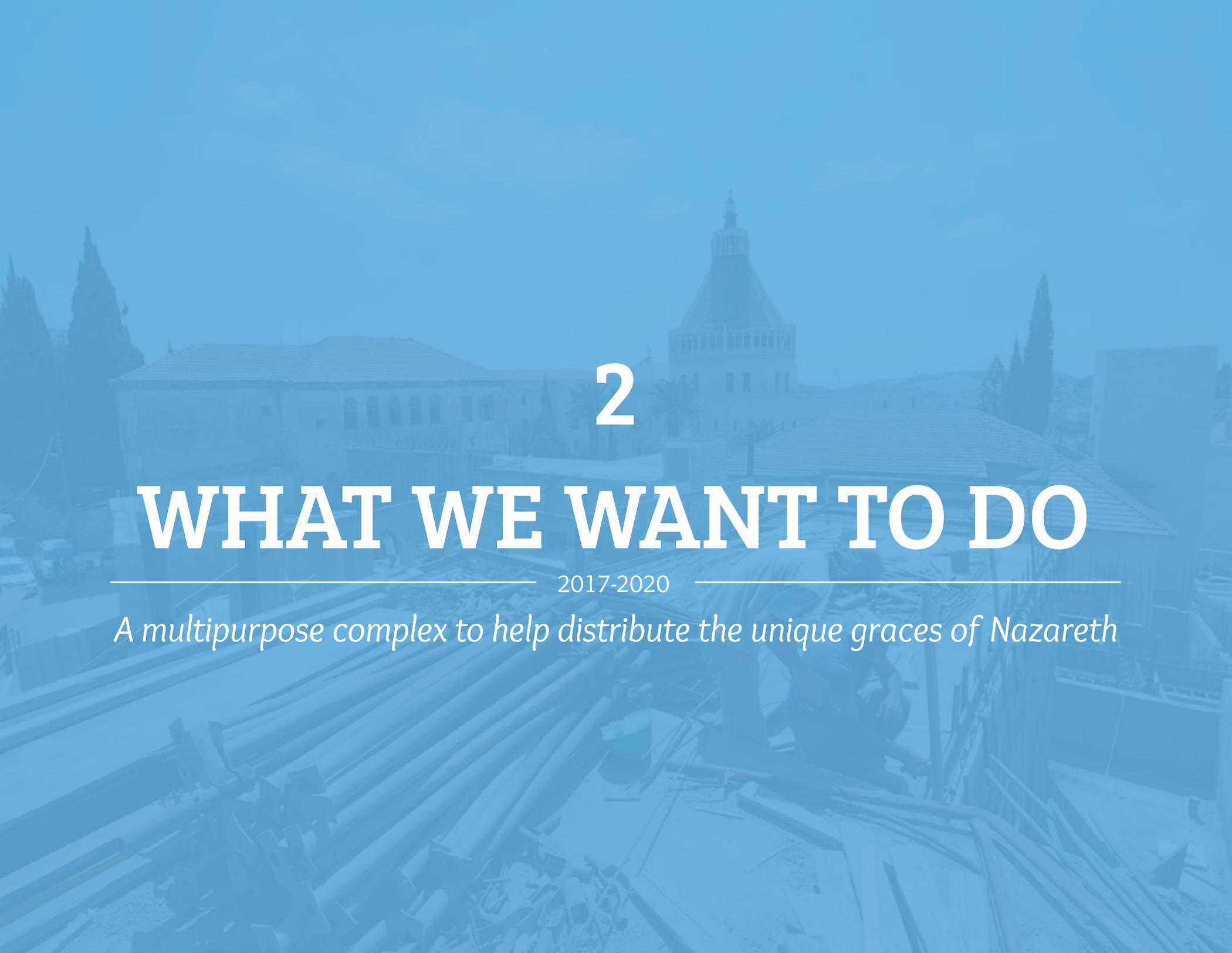


We still need \$ 3.4M to finish all parts of the existing Center:



COMPARISON CHART

| Center | Marie de Nazareth | Domus Galilaeae | Magdala Center | Collège des Bernardins | Russian Orthodox Center |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Place & date | Nazareth, Israel-2012 | Tiberias, Israel - 2010 | Tiberias, Israel - 2015 | Paris, France - 2003 | Paris, France - 2015 |
| Size | 4,400 m ² | 5,000 m ² | 4,000 m ² | 4,800 m ² | 4,500 m ² |
| Total expense | \$22.7M | \$55M (estimation) | \$45M (estimation) | \$57.4M | \$176M |

The background is a blue-tinted photograph of a construction site. In the foreground, there are stacks of long, cylindrical pipes and wooden planks. A worker wearing a blue hard hat and a dark shirt is visible, working on a structure. In the background, a large building with a prominent dome is visible, likely a church or a government building. The sky is overcast.

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WHAT WE WANT TO DO

2017-2020

A multipurpose complex to help distribute the unique graces of Nazareth

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FINISH ALL "IN PROGRESS" PARTS OF THE CURRENT CENTER



Multipurpose auditorium



Room 5 of the Biblical multimedia show

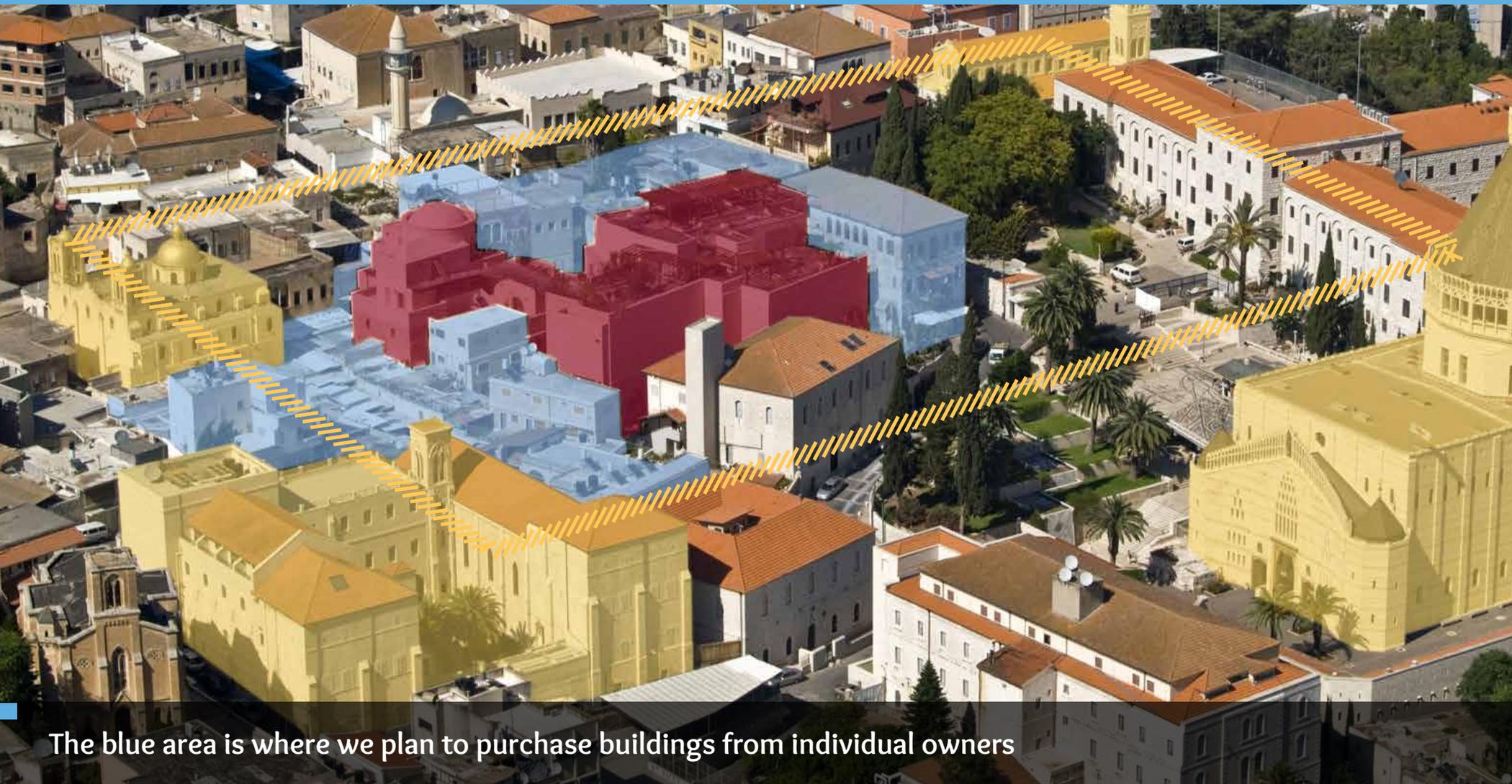


Aleteia interactive Q&A rooms to deepen the faith



Archeological room

PURCHASE SURROUNDINGS (5,000 SQUARE METER MORE)



The blue area is where we plan to purchase buildings from individual owners

ADD NEW ADDITIONAL FEATURES



New rooms for international meetings and congresses



Giant roof gardens to remind the original beauty of Nazareth



100 bedrooms for people to dwell in the grace of the place



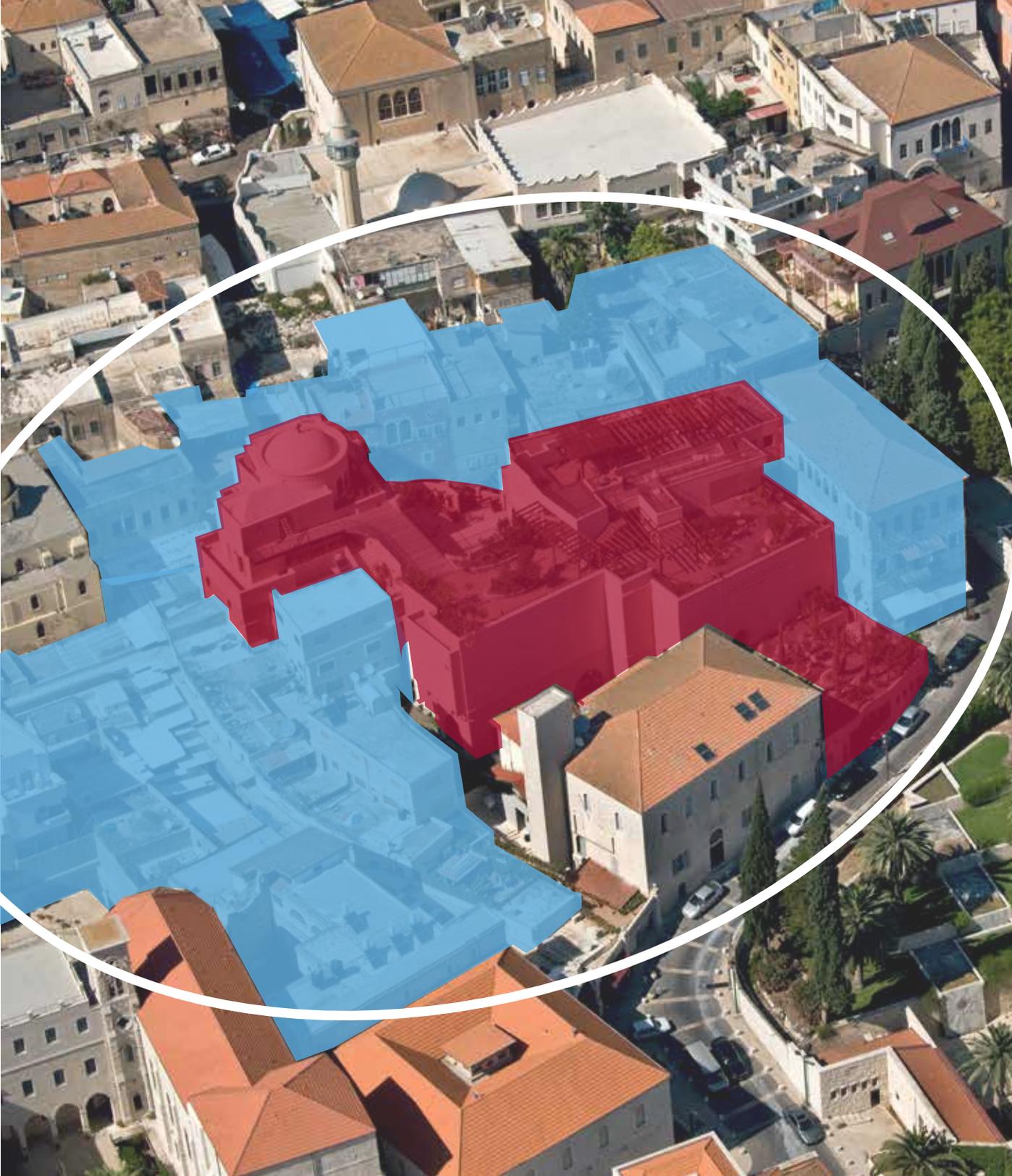
A library and a documentation center



New multimedia shows about Saint Joseph & the Holy Family

And much more such as:

- media studio for live shows from Nazareth
- Videoconference room
- Staff accommodation
- Spaces for family activities (playgrounds etc)
- Car park for 5 buses and 10 cars



With these new amenities, we can truly enhance Jesus' neighborhood and turn the International Mary of Nazareth Center into a multifunctional complex:

1. A place of prayer & adoration
2. A place at the service of local churches, of their apostolate and unity
3. A place to evangelize pilgrims and tourists
4. A place to promote family ministry and the culture of life
5. A place for spiritual retreats and formation
6. A place for congresses, seminaries and international conferences
7. The hub of Nazareth for its inhabitants and visitors



1. A PLACE OF PRAYER, ADORATION, CONTEMPLATION

potential reached so far: 70%

The Center is already a place of perpetual prayer but the new developments will allow the special vocation of Nazareth to expand towards prayer, contemplation and adoration of the mystery of God who became man. A spiritual enhancement for the whole world!



2. A PLACE AT THE SERVICE OF LOCAL CHURCHES, OF THEIR APOSTOLATE AND UNITY

potential reached so far: 70%

The Center is already a place used by all the local churches for their meetings, apostolate activities and various encounters but the new amenities will allow this service to increase.



3. A PLACE TO EVANGELIZE PILGRIMS AND TOURISTS

potential reached so far: 70%
The Center is already well appreciated by pilgrims and non-Christian tourists. They testify about how the biblical multimedia show has inspired visitors and impacted the rest of their trip in the Holy Land. With the 3 additional shows, the great impression will be even stronger!



4. A PLACE FOR FAMILY MINISTRY AND THE CULTURE OF LIFE

potential reached so far: 0%

For years the Church and the Vatican have been hoping to develop a center for the family in this origin site where the Holy Family originated. Meeting this challenge is crucial in our time where the family is so attacked and misunderstood.



5. A PLACE FOR SPIRITUAL RETREATS & FORMATION

potential reached so far: 0%

Discovering the beauty, depth and truth of the Christian faith requires some quiet time. We greatly desire to offer lodging to pilgrims and give them the possibility to stay at the Center for a short spiritual retreat so as to deepen the grace of Nazareth.



6. A PLACE FOR CONGRESSES, SEMINARIES AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

potential reached so far: 0%

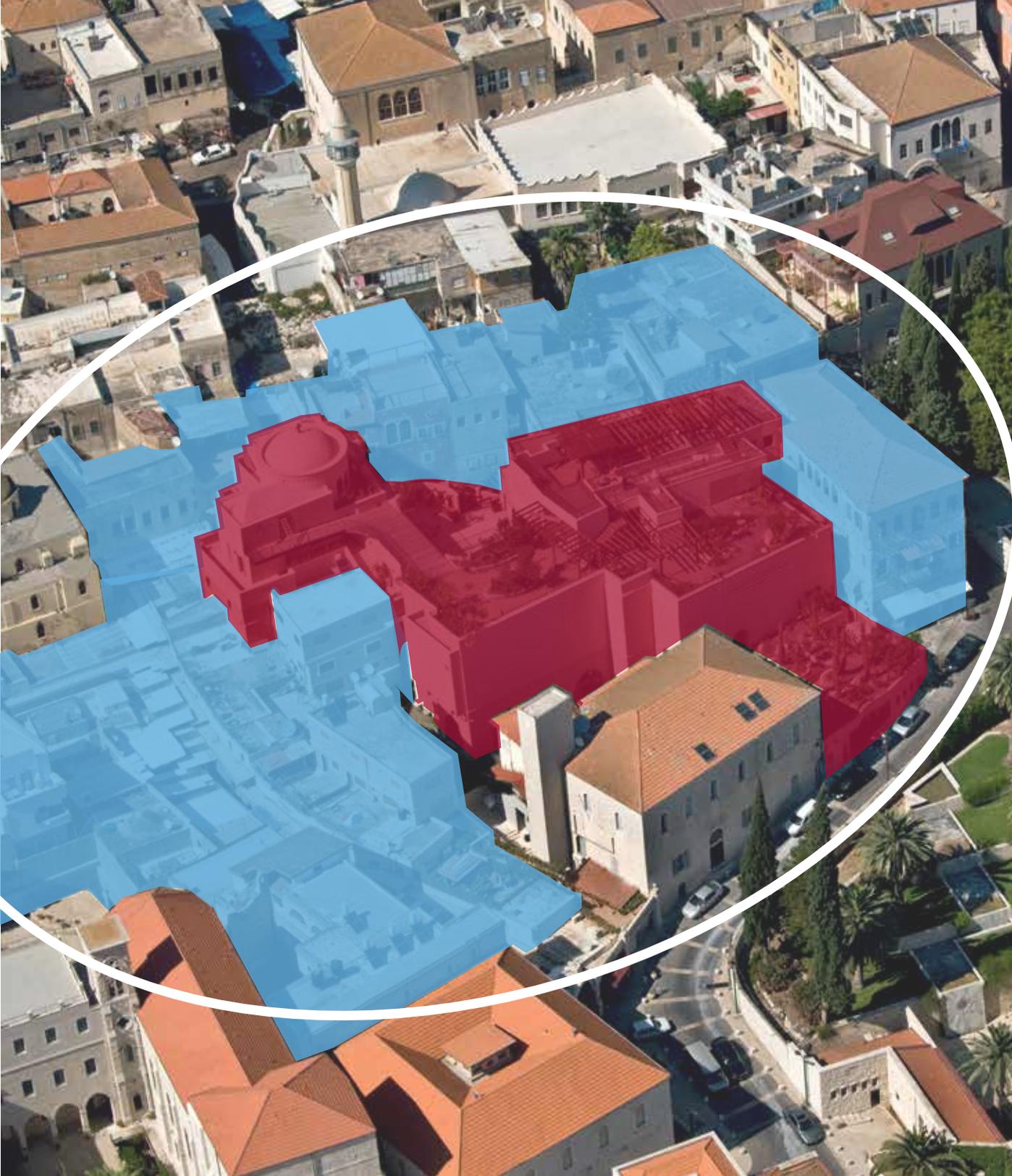
The need to have, in the place where Christ lived, an amenity for congresses, seminars and international conferences is strongly felt by many. Nazareth would be the ideal place for numerous movements and meetings.



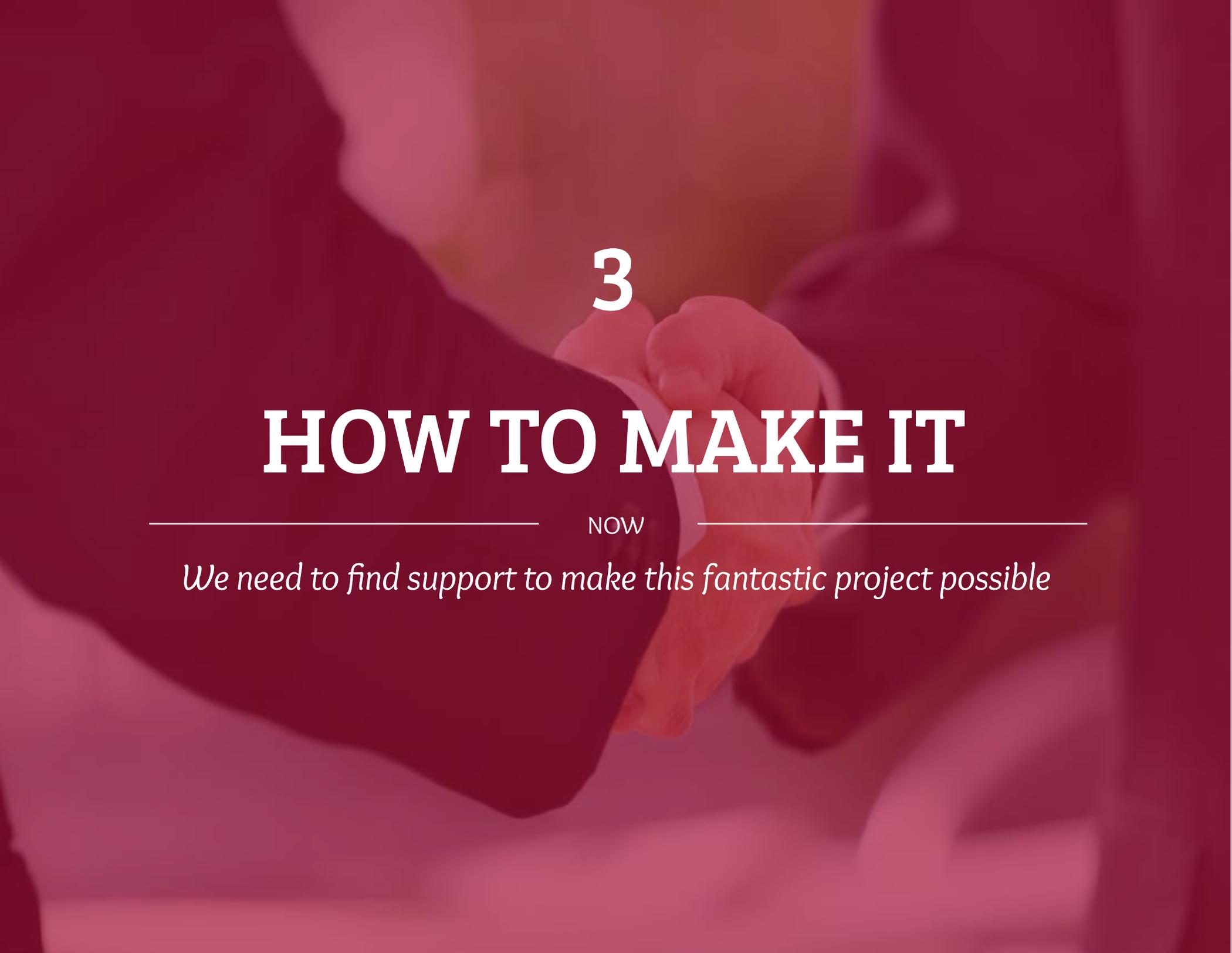
7. THE HUB OF NAZARETH FOR ITS INHABITANTS & VISITORS

potential reached so far: 30%

Nazareth has no real hub that favors encounters like an attractive central area that city life can revolve around. The spacious rooftop gardens with panoramic views would be a wonderful playground for children. Other amenities and apostolic activities will also encourage adults to meet in brotherhood.



**IN SHORT,
WE CAN CREATE A
MULTIFUNCTIONAL
COMPLEX THAT WILL
BE A FANTASTIC PLACE
FOR PRAYER, FAITH,
FAMILY, ENCOUNTER,
UNITY AND PEACE**



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HOW TO MAKE IT

NOW

We need to find support to make this fantastic project possible

POSSIBLE ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS

\$8,6M

New
developments

Step 1 : \$4.620.000

- Multipurpose auditorium to finish and equip (\$850.000)
- Panoramic roof gardens to finish (\$170.000)
- 2.000 m² of extra buildings to buy (\$1.000.000)
- 100 bedrooms to host pilgrims and hold retreats (\$2.500.000)
- Project management by AMDN (\$100.000)

Step 2 : \$3.969.000

- Archaeology room to complete (\$450.000)
- Interactive Q&A room to equip (\$1.706.000)
- New building for the development of a Family Center (\$1.700.000)
- Project management by AMDN (\$113.000)

Step 3 : \$3.411.000

- Purchasing the building we currently rent to the Saint-Joseph sisters (\$1.137.000)
- Developing a formation Center with library (\$1.137.000)
- New attractions on Saint Joseph and the Holy Family (\$1.137.000)

\$3,4M

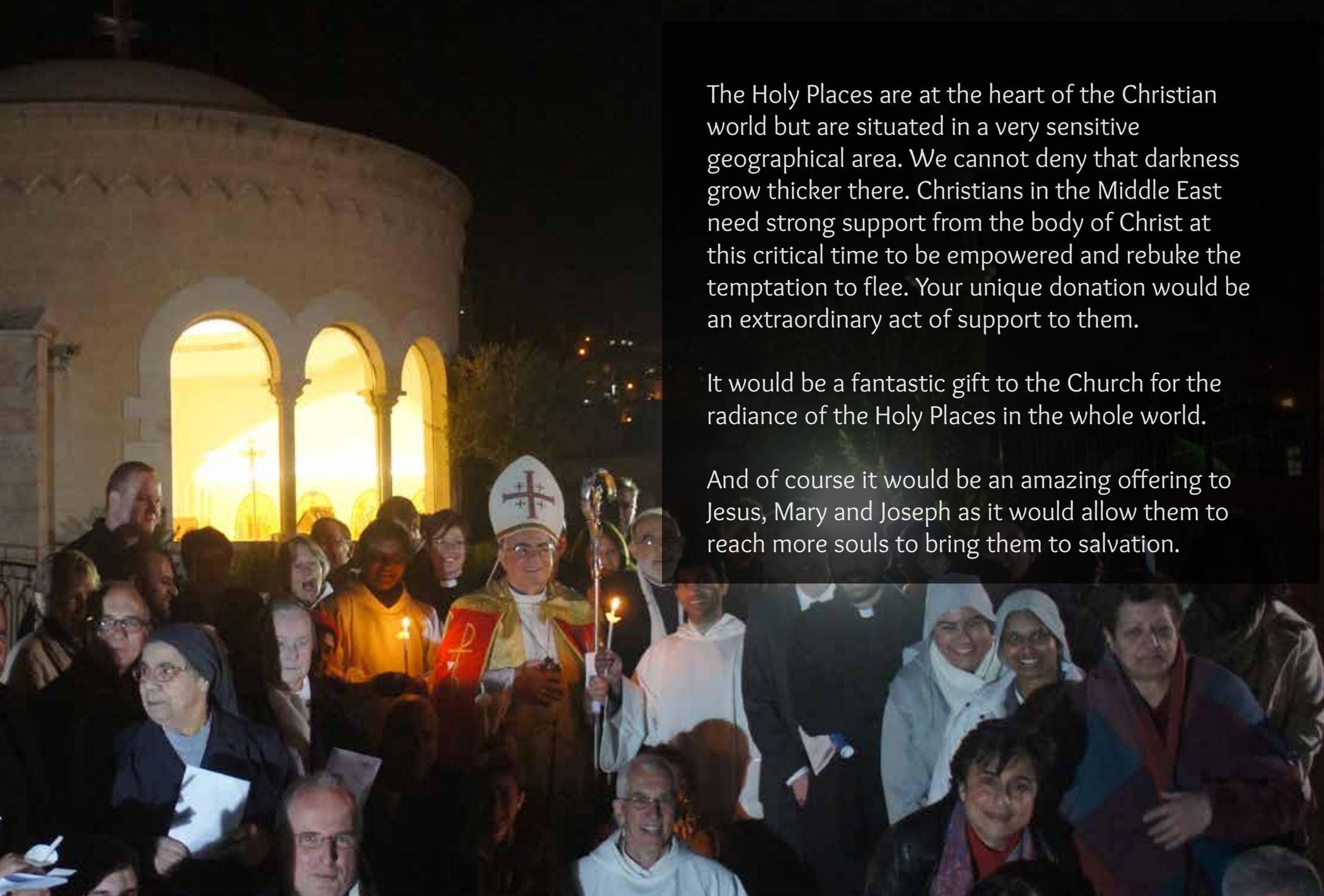
Finish the
existing Center

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE LIGHT SHINE STRONGER

The Holy Places are at the heart of the Christian world but are situated in a very sensitive geographical area. We cannot deny that darkness grows thicker there. Christians in the Middle East need strong support from the body of Christ at this critical time to be empowered and rebuke the temptation to flee. Your unique donation would be an extraordinary act of support to them.

It would be a fantastic gift to the Church for the radiance of the Holy Places in the whole world.

And of course it would be an amazing offering to Jesus, Mary and Joseph as it would allow them to reach more souls to bring them to salvation.



CHURCH OFFICIALS ARE VERY EXCITED AND SUPPORTIVE OF THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT

Jerusalem, July 15th 2015



Olivier Bonnassies
*Director of the
Marie de Nazareth
Association*

Msgr William
Shomali
*Patriarchal Vicar
for Palestine*

His Beatitude
Fouad Twal
*Latin Patriarch
of Jerusalem*

Msgr Giacinto Boulos
Marcuzzo
*Patriarchal Vicar for Israel,
Bishop in Nazareth*

Marie-Christine and Luc
Lagabrielle,
*Directors of the International
Mary of Nazareth Center*



PATRIARCHATUS LATINUS - JERUSALEM

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Prot. Nr (2) 632/2015

Jerusalem, July 17th, 2015

Dear friends,

Following our meeting on July the 15th, I confirm our warm encouragement and our deep interest in your mission at the International Center Mary of Nazareth, in this very important place for the Church, just in front of the Basilica which houses the Grotto where God became man in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

Today, you wish to develop this place which serves the pilgrims and all the inhabitants of the Holy Land, and also ensure its sustainability in the Church, seeking generous donors that could allow it to be entrusted to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

We are very happy about these prospects that would certainly be of great interest for the Christians of the Holy Land and for the radiance of the Holy Places.

Calling God's blessings on you and on all those who enable the completion of these projects, I assure you of my prayers which I address to Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

† Fouad Twal
Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem



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