



Office of the Vicar General

February 20, 2019

Dear Brother Priests and Friends,

Mr. Nader Qumseya of Bethlehem Artworks Association, for many years, has had the permission to support the Christian People of Bethlehem through the sale of beautiful olivewood carvings here in our diocese. Nader has been offering this service as a part of the mission of the Church here in San Diego and in other dioceses in California. The Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, an order dedicated to preserving the Christian sites in the Holy Land, has also received him at their annual conventions.

While it is up to each pastor to accept Nader's request to sell the carvings in their parishes, he is the only one who is recommended to you at this time. Please be aware of this when other requests come to you for permission to sell such products in your parish, as not all have had the same recommendations.

Bethlehem Artworks Association operates with its own 501(c)(3) as well as its own insurance to cover them as they go from parish to parish in their work.

Both Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis, Vicar for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, and I know of Mr. Qumseya personally and have no hesitation in recommending him to you. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call him at (858) 361-3313.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and extending you every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John P. Dolan', with a small cross symbol to the left.

Most Rev. John P. Dolan
Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego