

## HOLY LAND OLIVE ART

Holy land olive art mission is recommended by the Archbishop Joseph-Jules Zerey, The Catholic General Patriarch Vicar Of Jerusalem.

He has written asking for your help on behalf of the Christians in the Holy Land. Did You know that Catholics and Christians once made up 63% of the people in the Holy Land?

Now they are less than 2% of the whole population. They have been driven from the Holy Land By government policies, curfews, road blocks, miserable living conditions and other prejudices Against Catholics in the Middle East. Those Catholics that remain are finding it increasingly Difficult to make a living and provide for their families. They are looking for a more secure life and a steady income on which they can feed their families.

Holy Land Catholics are known worldwide for their Olivewood carvings.

Generation after generation, families have taught their children to carve religious figures from Olive wood by hand. For two centuries Catholics have been able to support their families by Selling these unique carvings to pilgrims who visit. Fewer and fewer pilgrims have come now, All due to the bloody military conflicts. The Archbishop of Jerusalem has now blessed the Mission of selling hand carved olive wood items to Catholics worldwide. That is why I am here.

We brought these carvings to the United States as part of this mission. Selling this holy Unique art has helped Catholics make a living there.

These olive wood carvings are very beautiful. The Olive tree is an ancient symbol of Peace, wisdom, glory, power and pureness. The olive tree and olives are mentioned over 30 times in the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments. Many olive trees are said to be several centuries old. Darker wood from these olive trees is said to be from the time of Christ.

The Archbishop of Jerusalem is asking you to consider buying these items to continue the Income for local Christians and Catholics to support their families and their presence in the Holy Land. Thank you for your time and consideration today.

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