

Holy Sepulchre: Center of the world

Fundraising for the preservation and improvement of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre

Above everything else, the Holy Land is a melting pot of people, religions and cultures. A country of wild raid by ancient populations; a country of current political and military interest for too many powers. Begin the Holy Land is what makes this country a microcosm which is a projection of the global situation, for better or for worse" Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Custodian of the Holy Land

Given the enormous spiritual value of the Holy Sepulchre, a destination for pilgrims and tourists from all over the world, Association pro Terra Sancta has developed a project specifically directed not only towards its **preservation** but also its **improvement and development**. Despite the fact that it is one of the most visited places in the world, tourists often do not have sufficient information to understand the architectural evolution of the church, linked to different historical periods and events.



The project is a partnership with the experts of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum. It belongs to a set of initiatives that support the Franciscan friars in the preservation of the Holy Places.

Objectives and activities

The project aims to utilize **multimedia** as a tool for information and promotion of the historical and architectural evolution of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Additionally, experts and volunteers are involved in **restoration** activities thus helping the Franciscan friars in their centuries old work to preserve this Holy Place.

Three-dimensional models of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in different periods have been produced, which allow a virtual visit and an examination of the church in its entirety. **Three-dimensional videos** are available online.

They provide useful information both for pilgrims preparing their visits and for those who do not have this possibility.



This project is part of the bigger commitment of Association pro Terra Sancta to promote the Holy Places and the artistic and archeological collections of the Custody of the Holy Land. Such initiative includes the Terra Sancta Museum, whose opening is foreseen in stages between end 2015 and 2017.

(<http://www.terrasantamuseum.org/en/>)

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Pro Terra Sancta Association is an NGO that was created to support the Custody of the Holy Land. The mission of the Association is to serve the Franciscan friars of the Holy Land in the following tasks: preservation and promotion of the Holy Places; support to and involvement of the Christian community in the Middle East; and promotion of peace and multi-religious dialogue.

The Franciscan friars remember the supporters of the Holy Land in their prayers.