



**((Newsletter))**

- ⊕ Caritas Iraq received with great joy His Eminent Patriarch Louis Raphael I Sako after his inauguration, as the Patriarch of the Chaldean Church in Iraq and the world. His Eminent took a tour around the departments of Caritas Iraq and was introduced to its work and services presented to all the Iraqis with no exception.

He expressed his guidance in connection with the work of Caritas Iraq and blessed presenting services to the Iraqi and he promised to support Caritas Iraq activities in its humanitarian work especially through the current conditions taking place in the country.



- ⊕ A delegation from our partners in the CRS consisting of Dominic and Rosalie made a visit to the northern region for five days to have close look on the achievements and successes of caritas Iraq in supporting the poor and the needy.



The visit also included expanding horizons of cooperation and overcoming difficulties to develop Caritas Iraq as well as discussing the current programmes supported by the CRS and ways to develop them.



✝ In order to increase cooperation between Caritas Iraq and its partners and to develop the ongoing current programmes, Caritas Iraq received Dr. Najat Majd for the period 5-13 May, 2013 to work with Caritas Iraq on developing and evaluating the programme of Family and Child Support.

The programme of visit also included visiting the centres of Caritas Iraq and meeting the staff, the volunteers and the beneficiaries.

Dr. Najat praised the wonderful work of Caritas Iraq, the spirit, commitment, the great humanitarian dealing with the beneficiaries and the serving of the poor and the needy.



✝ The Programme of Family and Child Support continued raising the capabilities of mothers, especially from poor families and low-income people, especially in the food industry. The response was wonderful and the impact was great.

The programme also continued holding educational meetings for the children to develop their abilities and teach them simple healthy and social habits.

The programme aims at spreading the concepts of peace, reconciliation, creating a spirit of intimacy and harmony among ethnic groups, sects and religions.



The programme continued its successes in the treatment of malnourished children and other common diseases.

✝ Caritas Iraq continued its communication with the church and the clergy. Many fruitful visits were made to increase cooperation in the service of the needy and the poor and pursuant to strengthen the role of the church within the community.

Caritas Iraq continued its fruitful cooperation with some embassies, mutual visits continued to coordinate work and organize programmes aimed at helping the needy. The Executive Director of Caritas Iraq visited the German Embassy and met His Excellency the German Ambassador.

☩ To continue the current policy of Caritas Iraq in developing skills and abilities, Caritas Iraq held two courses to teach the basic steps of sewing and computer, under the supervision of specialists. The two courses were held at the Youth Centre of Caritas Iraq. The two courses achieved a great success in developing the abilities of the beneficiaries in the fields of sewing and computer.



The Volunteers Programme held a festival for the children in which 150 children participated to disseminate the concept of cooperation, helping and voluntary work among the children. The festival was attended by some clergy men.

The programme included the following activities: -

1. Educational activities
2. Entertainment
3. Exchanging experiences
4. Guidance



Holding a general meeting for women attended by more than 100 ladies, included developing, educational activities and discussions.

✝ The programme of Integrating People with Special Needs into the Society held a bazaar aiming at providing visual and teaching aids to the beneficiary families to assist them in training their children as well as supporting the organizations and personalities working in this field. The bazaar included some publications issued by the programme on awareness raising. More than 300 persons participated in this bazaar.



The programme also held a festival on the World Day for people with Down Syndromes. The attendance was almost 300 persons from the church, the State and civil societies. The festival included various activities to activate the role of the society in supporting the rights of people with special needs.

This activity was successful by all means.

