



*“As brothers and sisters we are one body of Christ. We are one despite cultural differences, despite geographic distance. What we do in the Holy Land we do on behalf of the whole Christian world. Why? Because we are custodians of these holy sites, the places that continue to witness to the stories of Jesus where everything began.”*

*The Most Rev. Dr. Hosam E. Naoum grew up in the Galilee and completed his initial theological training at the College of the Transfiguration and Rhodes University in South Africa where Archbishop Desmond Tutu often introduced him as “a carpenter’s son from Nazareth.” Upon returning to Palestine, he served for nine years as priest in Nablus, Rafidia, and Zababdeh before becoming pastor of the Arabic congregation at St. George’s Cathedral in East Jerusalem. In 2012, he was named Dean of the Cathedral.*

*In January 2019 he was elected bishop-coadjutor of the Diocese of Jerusalem and was installed as the 15th bishop, and fifth Palestinian bishop, in May 2021. He holds two degrees from Virginia Theological Seminary: a Master of Theology and a Doctor of Ministry. Archbishop Hosam and his wife Rafa are parents of a son and two daughters.*