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Help Release a Christian Student Girl at Bethlehem University detained by Israeli Occupation Forces

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BETHLEHEM, October 30, 2009 (WFAA)- Brother Jack Curran, F.S.C., at Bethlehem University asked, in a letter to American the national Catholic Weekly, to help in the release of a Bethlehem University student girl detained by Israeli Occupation Forces last Wednesday .

He wrote: We learned that Ms. Berlanty Azzam, a 4 th year student enrolled at Bethlehem University, majoring in Business Administration with a minor in Translation, is now being held in detention by the Israeli military authorities.

They are holding this 4 th year Christian student in the Sharon Detention Center near Netanya in Israel and are threatening to “deport her’ to Gaza “for trying to complete her studies at Bethlehem University.” Berlanty is originally from Gaza, but she has been living in the West Bank since 2005, after she received a travel permit from the military to cross from Gaza to the West Bank.

Berlanty is, seeking to complete her bachelor’s degree – but she was arrested by the Israeli military at a checkpoint while traveling from one part to another within the West Bank. The Israeli military has banned Palestinian residents of Gaza from studying at Palestinian universities in the West Bank.

We need your help. Berlanty needs your help!

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