

**Brother Jack Curran, FSC, PhD**, is in his eighth year as Vice President for Development at Bethlehem University, the first university established in the West Bank and the only Catholic university in the Holy Land.

Together with Father Ray Webb from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Chicago and as part of an international comparative Human Rights and Religion project developed through Radboud University, The Netherlands, Brother Jack has conducted an empirical–theoretical exploratory study that explored the relationship between human rights and religion among Muslim and Christian adolescents and young adults in the Bethlehem region.

Brother Jack, together with the Student Ambassadors group that he founded at the University in 2003, often welcome international dignitaries and visitors from various Church and faith traditions, diplomats, academics, and pilgrim groups – engaging them in discussions about the significance of education in the human development of the West Bank and its impact on a realization for a future of justice and peace.

Before going to Bethlehem in 2003, Brother Jack served in senior administrative posts at Saint Mary’s College in California and Manhattan College in the Bronx. He earned his doctoral and master degrees in social work from the University of New York at Albany and has a B.A. in physics and religious studies from Manhattan College in the Bronx, NY.

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