

The Soap Project of St. George's Melkite Catholic Church, Zababdeh, Palestinian Territory
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The idea for the olive oil soap project is to give work for the men and women in Zababdeh. They lost their work in Israel due to the building of the separation borders and they are now “prisoned” at home with no support and loss of hope.

They have nothing to support their families. Here when you have nothing to lose, you have no hope for the future, you will think to make violence against others.

To teach them the love of Jesus Christ, the son of their land, we started to teach them and help

them to do the “fishing.” We helped the farmers in Zababdeh when we helped them sell their olive oil. We are making a difference in their life and in the same time I practice my liturgy inside and outside the church.

THE OLIVE OIL PROJECT:

This project made a difference for the life of the farmers in Zababdeh, since they can sell their olive oil to the church and get a fair price, and not be abused by getting bad prices for their oil. The farmers can't sell their olive oil out of the Palestinian Territory so they wait for anyone who will pay them any price just to sell it. In this way we put an end to abusing the farmers.



At the same time we give the olive oil to a few young men to make olive oil soap in a rented place. They make the soap over a slow fire for 5 hours in the traditional way. Then we give the products, cooked and cut, to be packaged at home. This is done by one or 2 other ladies in their own homes. Then we hire a driver to take the box of olive oil soap to the shipping office in Ramallah City. You can see how many are working in this project!

The work given to these men and women to support their families makes a difference in their life. Their children have their needs met and they have a good life, different from the past years when they had nothing to do (after the second intifada).