

Following, are some of the drawings and excerpts from some of the letters from Terra Sancta College:



Dear Friend,

I'm Mike Hanania, I'm twelve, I'm Palestinian, I have lived in Bethlehem since I was born. I live with my family in our home, I have two brothers and I don't have sisters. I'm in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I go to terra sancta school. It's a private school, it's a big school. There are 125 students in my grade. I go school five days a week. At school I study Arabic, English, Maths, Science, Art, Social Studies, Technology, Religion and Sport. My favorite subjects are English and Arabic. Bethlehem is a beautiful city. It's a place where Jesus born. There are lots of the people. They craft Olive Wood and mother of pearl to make a beautiful pieces for tourists to buy. There are parks, sport clubs swimming pools and museum. We don't have cinema or fairy land. I hope you will write to me about you and your city.

Best Wishes, Mike Hanania

Dear friend,

Hi! My name is Alessandro Babish. I live in Bethlehem with my brother and sister. I am 11 years old and I am in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Terra Sancta College. My dream is to be a perfect goalkeeper.

In my free time, I play on the laptop some games. Every Sunday I go to church with my mum then to the supermarket. I hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes, Alessandro.



Good afternoon dear Maribeth,

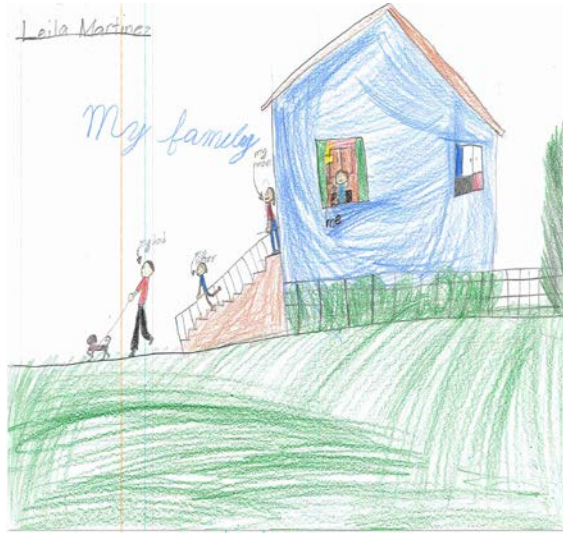
Thank you for your sweet, encouraging words. I let all the involved teachers read them and they were so excited. It's a privilege for us.

With love from Bethlehem,

Marlen (Head English Teacher at Terra Sancta)



Some of the drawings and letters from St. Lawrence School



January 26, 2018

Dear friend,

My name is Matthew and I am a Fourth Grade student at St. Lawrence School. This is a Catholic school and is joined to our parish church.

My favorite sports are soccer, basketball, and football. My hobbies are rebuilding, fishing, and playing with cars. I enjoy eating salads.

As a Christian I believe in God. The Beatitudes say, "Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Putting up with hardship for your faith is a mark of a person who is strong in what they believe."

Know that I am thinking of you and praying for you, because I believe what you believe. We are strong when we have friends because we can be friends. Please write back and tell me about yourself. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Matthew

Dear Majd,

My name is Delvin. I am a boy. I am in fifth grade at Saint Lawrence School. I am almost 11 years old. Our school is near a pizza place called Zuppari's. My favorite food is spaghetti it is noodles and tomato sauce. One of my best friends is Kahmari. We like to play video games on the weekend and talk on the phone. I like to play basketball and soccer. I play on my school's basketball team. I like to play Fifa 17 and 2k18 on my Xbox One. I like my school, my favorite subject is religion because I am good at it. We have to wear uniforms. It's a maroon shirt and khaki pants. My family and I go to church every Sunday. I have two sisters and we don't get along sometimes but we love each other. They both graduated from my school and they're both in high school.

So what is your country like? What is the weather like in your country? In Connecticut it is cold right now because it is winter but in the summer it is warm. Do you like any video games and do you have a gaming system? What are your favorite foods to eat? What type of holy sites do you have in your country? If I came to your country what places would you suggest? How do I pronounce your name? What is your favorite comic book to read? What type of jokes do you like to tell your friends? What computer games do you like to play. What is the name of your football team? What football team do you support? I support FC Barcelona because they have good players. My favorite player is Lionel Messi. Who is your favorite football player? What position do you play in football? Are you on a swim team? Do you play sports for your school? What do you like to draw at art class? Where did you get your cat from? What type of technology do you study? We have computers at our school but we call it Chromebooks.

Thank you for you time and your gratitude. I'm looking forward to trading letters with you. It's nice meeting you bye and have a very good day.

Sincerely,  
Delvin

Dear, friend

Hello my name is Jason and i'm in sixth grade, First let me tell you about my family. In my immediate family there is my younger brother, father, mother, grandma, and finally grandpa. My family currently own a restaurant as their current job. Whos in your immediate family and what jobs do your family do? My current interests are music and chess. What are your interests?

In our sixth grade some of our subjects include spanish, language arts, math, literature, social studies, and religion, we also have extra classes on certain days. What subjects do you learn? My favorite subjects right now are math, science, and social studies. What subjects do you like to learn on a daily basis? Thank you for taking your time to read this letter and I want to wish you a good day!

Sincerely,  
Jason