



The Rev. Paschal Morlino

Latrobe priest named to head abbey in Israel

The Right Rev. Paschal Morlino of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe has been appointed Archimandrite, a position in the Melkite rite of the Catholic Church equivalent to the rank of titular abbot in the Roman rite.

Morlino has been made Archimandrite of Akko, a Christian community in Israel.

He will wear the pontifical regalia of the Byzantine rite, which is a gold crown (the equivalent of the Roman miter), a pectoral cross and a mandyas, a large cape worn during services.

Since 1968, he has been working with the orphans of Nazareth, organizing Christian communities in Galilee and helping build community centers, cultural centers, libraries and kindergartens in Israel.

While holding the title of the church in Akko, he will continue to reside at St. Vincent in Latrobe.

Morlino is a native of Portsmouth, Va., and has been a member of the Benedictine community in Latrobe since 1967. He was ordained in 1966 and has worked as a member of the faculty of Benedictine Military School in Savannah, Ga., as librarian and campus minister at St. Vincent College in Latrobe.

He also has been associate pastor of St. Vincent parish and secretary to the abbot president of the American-Cassinese Federation of Benedictines.