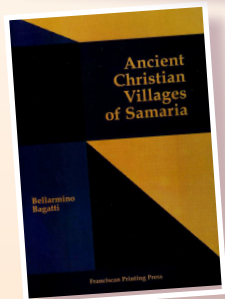
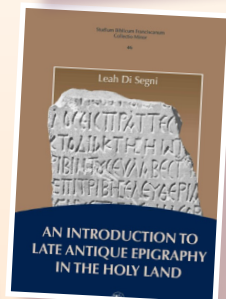
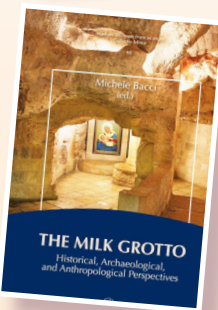
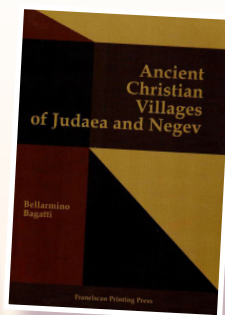
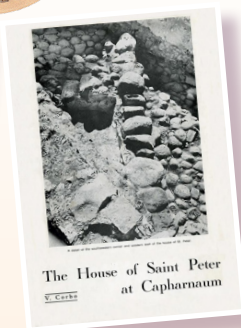
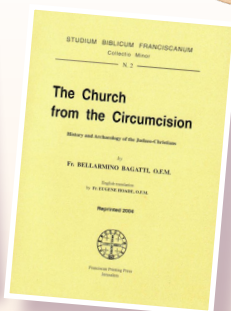
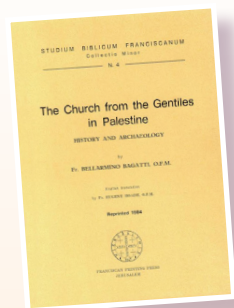


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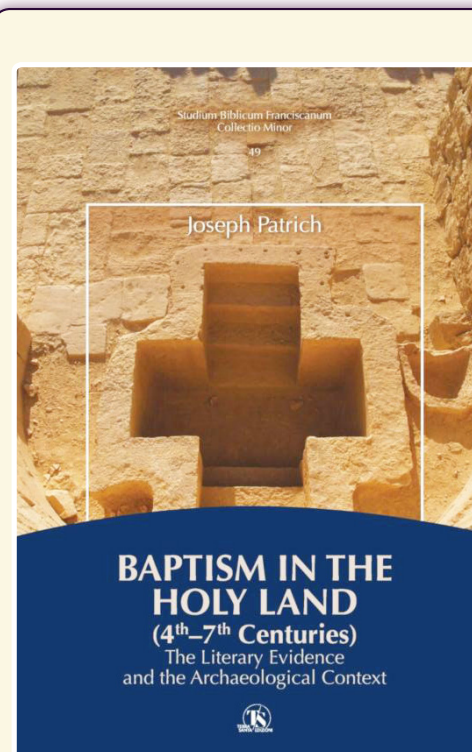


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Thursday 4th June at 15.30

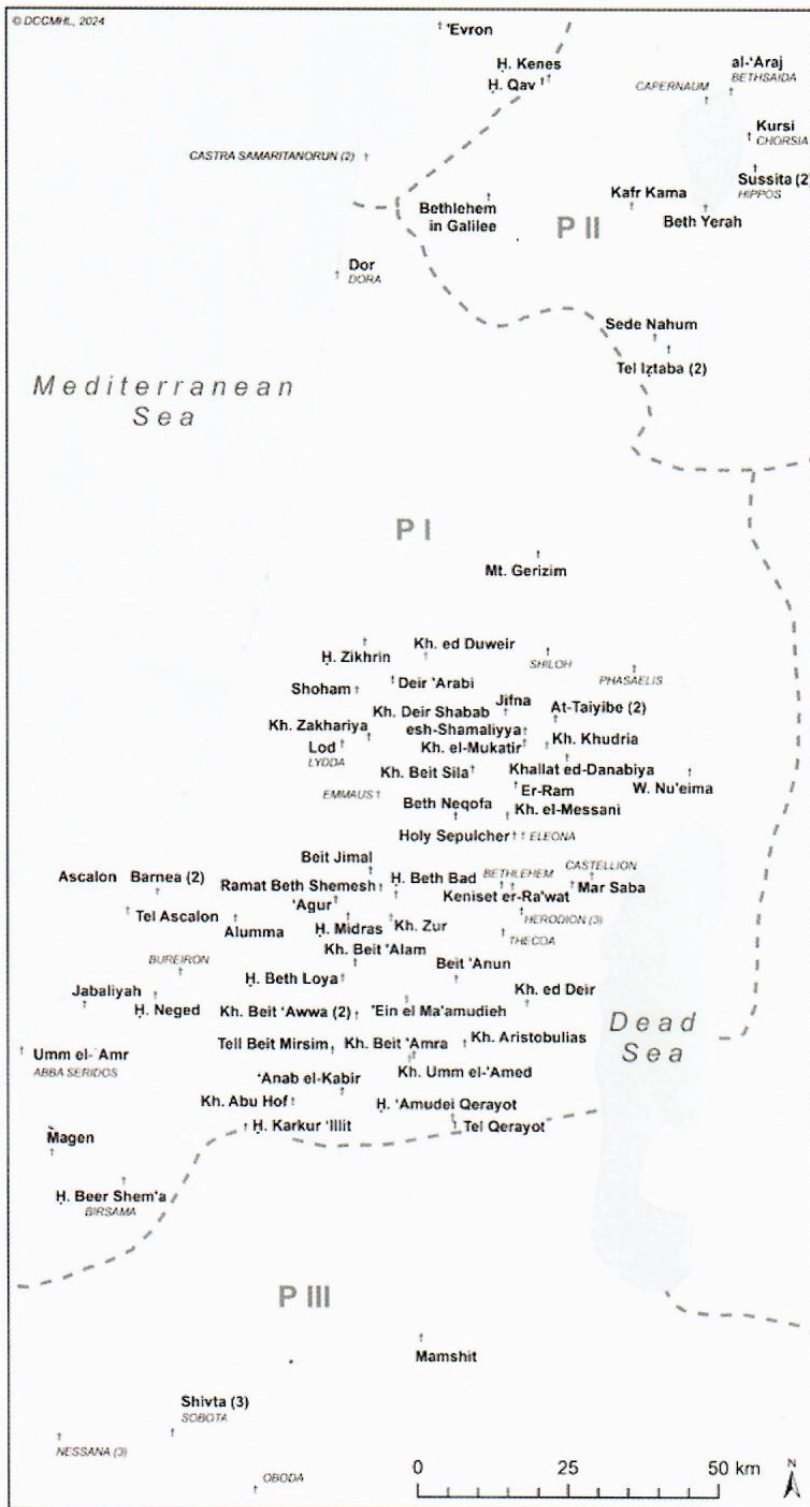
St. Francis Hall, St. Saviour's Monastery New Gate, Jerusalem

on the occasion of the editorial launch of the recent book
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The present study on baptism, which focuses on the Holy Land, relates to the archaeological aspects and literary sources, of various genres. All the baptisteries in the Holy Land recorded to date – 98 installations in 90 churches – are addressed here.

Baptism is a Christian rite of passage. Its theological significance and practice were discussed by the Church Fathers of the 2nd and 3rd c. in both the East and West. In the first three centuries it was conferred outdoors in a stream, a spring, or in a private bath, leaving no identifiable physical traces. The earliest full-fledged baptistery in the Christian East is that uncovered in the *Domus Ecclesiae* in Dura Europos that was built before the mid-3rd c. CE. Monumental baptisteries throughout the Christian world are known only from the 4th c. on.



Book Launch event:

15.30 Greetings

Prof. Rosario Pierri, Studium Biblicum Franciscanum
 Dr. Serge Ruzer, The Center for the Study of Christianity,
 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

15.40 Prof. Yana Tchekhanovets, Ben Gurion University of the Negev Nessana and its Baptisteria

16.00 Prof. Emma Maayan-Fanar, University of Haifa & Dr. Yotam Tepper, Israel Antiquities Authority and University of Haifa Baptism and Iconography in the Churches of Shivta

16.20 Prof. Mordechai Aviam, Kinneret Academic College The Church built over the House of Peter and Andrew at Bethsaida/el 'Araj and its Baptistry

Questions

16.50 -17.20 Break

17.20 Mr. Benyamin Storchan, Israel Antiquities Authority The Monolithic Flowstone Baptismal Font from the Church of the Glorious Martyr

17.40 Prof. Eugenio Alliata, Studium Biblicum Franciscanum A Baptismal Font from the Holy Sepulcher in the Terra Sancta Museum

18.00 Prof. Joseph Patrich, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Baptism in the Holy Land. From Database to Book

Questions

18.30 Conclusion

Prof. Alessandro Coniglio, SBF Editor