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*Worldwide Jewish Delegation*

*Audience with*

*His Holiness Pope John Paul II*

*Apostolic Palace, Vatican City State*

*January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005*

**Our Host, Mr. Gary L. Krupp KCSG**- In the entire history of the Catholic Church, only seven Jewish men have been honored as Knight Commander of the Pontifical Order of St. Gregory the Great. Gary Krupp, KCSG became the seventh when Pope John Paul II, July 29, 2000, knighted him. This places him in a position, which, makes him uniquely suited to bridge the gaps between religions. Through this position and through hard work, Gary has been successful in initiating changes, and eliminating many obstacles to the furthering of Judeo-Christian relations.

### **About Pave the Way Foundation-**

Pave the Way Foundation initiates gestures of good will, in order to advance relations between the faiths. Working behind the scenes, we have achieved historic and concrete results. See our website for all of our ground- breaking projects through **Interreligious action** in the furtherance of our mission.

[www.pavethewayfoundation.org](http://www.pavethewayfoundation.org)

**Pave the Way** initiated an historical mission of scholars to the Vatican Library, to view original manuscripts of Maimonides.

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We are working with Israel to open numerous Christian shrines for outside visitors, in order to increase tourism and promote good will.

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We have initiated and received permission for an historic loan of manuscripts of Maimonides and others, from the Vatican Library, to the Israel Museum, for the museum's fortieth anniversary exhibit, Summer 2005.

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We are sponsoring interfaith conferences at the congregant level, to foster mutual understanding between the faiths, and to develop a practical plan of action to strengthen Interreligious relations.

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**Pave** has been working towards eliminating obstacles, which have inhibited cooperation among the diverse faiths in the Holy Land.

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**PTW** is working to improve Judeo-Christian tourism to Israel, which will benefit all of the people in the region.

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We have monitored international press and immediately acted to eliminate perceived problems, and alerting appropriate authorities to remedy a solution. (See our website news before and after)

### **Our Mission**

**Pave the Way** is dedicated to bridging the gap between religions, through cultural, technological, and intellectual exchanges. By funding specific projects, we hope to *pave the way* towards further cooperation and understanding, among the diverse faiths, and in turn, embrace our similarities and savor our differences. The end result  
...peace, understanding and mutual respect

## **Greeting to His Holiness Pope John Paul II**

**Statement of thanks by  
Gary Lewis Krupp KCSG**

**Commendatore**

**dell'Ordine Pontificio Equestre di San Gregorio Magno**

**Presentation of the gift to His Holiness by  
the Pave the Way Foundation Board**

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### **Rabbis to recite the Blessing**

Led by Pave the Way Board members Rabbi Barry Dov Schwartz,  
Rabbi Benjamin Blech and Rabbi Jack Bemporad

**One** of the oldest most beautiful prayers in our torah is found in the book of numbers. It is called the priestly benediction and has inspired humanity of all faiths. We rabbis representing international Jewry wish to invoke this blessing to you our dear friend:

May the Lord bless and keep you Pope John Paul II...  
in good health and in uplifted spirits..

May the Lord shine His countenance upon you and be  
gracious to you and all your loved ones

May the Almighty bestow upon you and all His creation,  
the gift of love, of understanding and the greatest gift of all  
the gift of shalom... Amen

### **Cantors to Chant the Blessing**

**BLESSED ARE YOU O LORD OUR GOD,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS KEPT US IN LIFE  
AND HAS PRESERVED US, AND  
ENABLED US TO REACH THIS HISTORIC OCCASION.**