



YOU ARE WALKING INTO A PLACE OF PEACE and quiet in the very heart of Barcelona. In the 12th century (1141) the church of Saint Anna was founded by a group of Canons of the Holy Sepulchre, who had then arrived in Barcelona, the county capital city of Ramon Berenguer IV, sent by the Patriarch of Jerusalem. Today, next to *Plaza Catalunya*, the *Portal del Angel*, *Las Ramblas* and *Calle de Santa Ana* this beautiful monument remains hidden like an oasis of peace, art, beauty and prayer. The church, along with its cloisters, chapter house and a cobble-stoned square, with its cross monument, stand to welcome all visitors. Contrasting to the city centre hustle and bustle, the perfect acoustics of the church invites us to pray and praise. A recommended break to take on the way to an encounter with God.

THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE IN JERUSALEM was founded, along with the Hospital and Temple orders, in time of the Crusades and has a close link with the origins of this church, which in the oldest documents is called *Domus Sancti Sepulcri Barchinone*. Nowadays, the Order is based in this church and its purpose is to support the apostolic work of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land. Its quintuple red cross emblem, symbolizing the five wounds of crucified Jesus, is noticeable in different parts of the building.



HIGH PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANNA

A place for peace
from proximity to the
Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem