SOME EPARCHY'S ACTIVITIES









Eparchy's offices renovation in Montreal

St Maron Feast - Montreal

Our Lady of Lebanon Festival







St Charbel church family gathering - Ottawa



Our Lady of Lebanon Festival Laval



Festi-Vert, St-Joseph-



Christmas Concert 2014 t Antoine le Grand - Outremont



Familiy activity Ste Rafqa - Longueuil



Youth activity
St Charbel - Oldcastle



St Charbel Festival Fredericton/NB

SOME FUTURE BUILDING PROJECTS

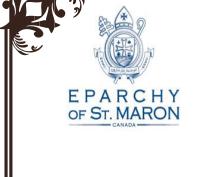


















"Nowhere does Christ condemn the mere cossession of earthly goods as such. Instead, He pronounces very harsh words against those who use their possessions in a selfish way, without paying attention to needs of others."

(Pope John Paul II, 1979)



Beloved Brothers and Sisters of Saint Maron's Eparchy,

As the Maronite Bishop in Canada since 2013, I had, during the first 2 years of my episcopate, the privilege to visit all my parishes, at least twice. I also had the opportunity to meet many of you. During these visits, I was proud to discover that our Community is small, but mighty. God has accomplished much in us, with us and for us. This reality has encouraged me to write to you.

Since the beginning, I have worked with my fellow priests to reorganize the global administration of the Eparchy. Together we managed:

- To establish a good foundation for our relations in order to reinforce our bonds as one big Maronite family.
- -To establish 18 different programs destined to answer the needs of the community (Religious vocations, Catechism, Arabic language, Youth programs, Pastoral care, New immigrants, Social and cultural programs and others...).
- -To modernize the Eparchy's offices in order to accommodate our new organizational structure (Administrative Offices, Committees' meetings, Seminars, Welcoming parishioners and visitors, etc...).
- To revive the Tribunal, to modernize the Archive system and to implement an efficient communication system (videoconferencing, etc ...) between the Eparchy and the parishes.

Indeed, this is the first time since I have been your Bishop that I solicit your financial support to move forward with you and to realize, with your help, as a family, community oriented projects, where loved ones care for each other.

This will constitute a sacrificial offering during lent for the upbuilding of our Community, as in these projects, I am responding to the solicitation of our priests, parish councils and many parishioners that formulated their hopes and needs to me.

In this Lenten appeal, I am confident to ask for your help. With our priests, I want to serve our Community as a father who cares about his family.

Should you have any questions about this appeal and your sacrificial offering, please do not hesitate to contact me personally to discuss it on bishop@maronites.ca or (514) 331-2807.

Help me serve you better by joining hands to make this appeal a success.



+Paul - Marwan TABET Bishop



Hoping you will be generous so that we can meet the below needs over the next 10 months

SEMINARIANS AND VOCATIONS

We have 13 young gentlemen that have presented their application to join the Eparchy as sub - deacons and deacons.

Their course study has started.

It costs \$1,500 for each sub - deacon and deacon to do their course study.

We are looking for more people to adopt a vocation.



ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT

EPARCHIAL ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL SEMINAR



We need \$19,500 now to cover this endeavor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

We are in the process of writing a new Curriculum for the Religious Education for children, in order to answer their needs, in a Canadian Context. As well, we partnered with "Librairie Antoine" in Lebanon to publish a new Arabic language curriculum that suits their needs.

In order to keep these programs alive, we need \$20,000





Religious Education Program

Arabic Program

PASTORAL SERVICES

The purpose of the Eparchy is to serve its people, and we have 18 outreach ministries to do just that. These include among others the Office of Youth, the Maronite Institute of Theology, the Vocation Office, the Office for Liturgy, the Family/Pro-life Committee, the Eparchial Building Committee, the Eparchial Development Committee, the Statistics Committee and others. Under the inspiration of Pope Francis, to perform works of mercy and charity, we are also starting with the Sisters of Good Shepherd, a center to care for new comers into Canada and the less fortunate. These ministries are operating on a "shoestring budget".

We need \$30,000 for these important ministries to properly operate them









YOUTH NATIONAL COORDINATORS

COMMITTEE

MISSIONS

There are 5 new missions (Communities without churches owned) in the Eparchy that serve Maronite Catholics in areas where there was no parish previously: St Joseph - Laval, The Maronite Mission – West-Island, Quebec City – Quebec, Vancouver – British Columbia, Charlottetown – PEI. While St Joseph – Laval and the Maronite Mission - West-Island are supporting themselves, the others do their best to support themselves, they need help to accommodate a priest...

The needs are \$20,000



Maronite Mission West Island, Montreal Opening Ceremony



Vancouver Maronites Association

PROFESSIONALIZATION OF SEPARCHY'S STRUCTURE

We have worked diligently to upgrade the informational technology and its related material (UPS's, software programs, etc...) to better serve and connect the Eparchy with the parishes.

We still need \$18,000 to finalize the project





Eparchy's Offices renovation (before and after)

MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS

Mass Communications is the modern day equivalent of "shouting from the roof tops". We need to announce the Good News through new publications (newsletter, books, booklets and videos) and online newly developed presence (website, social media platforms). These instruments help us teach the faith, and invite others to join our faith.

We need \$18,000 to organize this ministry

THE MARONITE CATHOLIC RITE

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If we add up these needs, it amounts to **\$125.500**. We will try to get as close as possible to it. Every gift helps, no matter how small.

as St Augustin says: "out of God's gifts to us, we give back to him".



