



## EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year you have responded generously to our appeal to support our many Eparchial services because you know that together we can do so much more than we can do alone.

You train our seminarians (8 of them) and support our retired priests (11 of them), you help to develop programs and catechetical texts for children and youth, support retreats for our deacons and subdeacons. You have helped us prepare translations of our liturgical texts, you help our new religious community for women, the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light, and you assist our Patriarch and Bishops in Lebanon and Syria to reach out to the poor and needy.

In order to be worthy of your continued trust, six years ago we began a pro-active and thorough program of financial accountability and transparency in every parish and institution of the Eparchy. The Eparchy is also audited by an outside accounting firm, Walter Cook and Associates, which investigates all aspects of the Eparchy's financial dealings. We publish this report annually in the *Maronite Voice*.

You have made the success of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn possible because of your great confidence and generosity. This year we will have 5 ordinations to the priesthood! Yet we have so much more to do. Please open your hearts once again to help your Eparchy to fulfill her God-given calling to make known the face of Christ in the world.

The Annual Eparchial Appeal is one of our most important efforts because each person in the Eparchy is asked to help with the effort. Your donation to the 2013 Appeal is greatly appreciated and much needed. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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