



Saint Ann Maronite Church

3 March 2014
Ash Monday

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Ann:

As we are beginning our annual penitential journey of Great Lent, it is also the time for our Annual Maronite Bishop's Appeal. The quota for our parish is \$4,000.00, which is the same amount as last year.

Based upon past years, each parishioner is asked to contribute **at least \$60.00** in order to reach our goal. If we do not meet the goal, we will have to make up the difference out of our general collections, which will be a real hardship since we are already at a deficit according to our 2014 budget. I know that some of you are experiencing hard times, while some of you are doing well financially. **So, I am asking you to give what you can afford, whether it is less or more than the suggested sum of \$60.00.** The Lord will bless you for whatever you are able to give. Please remember that the poor economy also means that there is a greater need for the charitable works supported by the Bishop's Appeal.

Bishop Gregory J. Mansour's personal appeal is on the reverse of this letter. Please take the time to read it. Also enclosed for your convenience is a pre-addressed remittance envelope which may be either placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Rectory.

Checks should be made payable to Saint Ann Maronite Church. This contribution will appear on your parish contribution record for 2014 and is tax deductible.

Thanking you for your continued generosity and support, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Francis

(Very Reverend) Francis J. Marini
Pastor

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