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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am thankful that you support your Parish and Eparchy and thus make the life of the Church flourish. Your donations make possible all of the services that the Church offers – everything from the celebration of the Sacraments to Youth Ministry to Religious Education to educating future priests.

This year during Lent, can you make a special effort to help:

- ✓ **Educate the Young:** We offer religious education to young people so that they have an opportunity to learn about their faith from an early age.
- ✓ **Assist the Elders:** We support retired priests who have given so much of themselves for us.
- ✓ **Prepare Priests for the Future:** We educate qualified young men to be priests in parishes.
- ✓ **Lebanon:** We help the Church in Lebanon and Syria during their most difficult days.

Every year you have responded generously to our appeal to support the Eparchy because you know that the Church relies upon you for help. Your generosity has enabled much to be accomplished. In 2013 we ordained Alex Joseph, Raymond Khallouf, Elias Khalil and Antoine Kairouz to the priesthood! Yet there is much more work we need to do. Please open your hearts once again to help your Eparchy so that the Church may continue to do the work of Jesus Christ in today's world.

In order to be worthy of your continued trust, the Eparchy has a thorough program of financial transparency in every parish and institution and our Eparchial Offices are audited by an outside accounting firm which monitors all aspects of the Eparchy's financial dealings. Our annual financial report is published annually in the *Maronite Voice*.

Each person in the Eparchy is asked to help at a level that is meaningful for them. Anything you are able to give goes to our greatest needs. Thank you for your kind consideration and generosity.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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