



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to you on behalf of the Superior General of the Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross in Lebanon, Mother Marie Makhlof. Their founder, Blessed Jacques Haddad, helped them establish 19 different institutions to serve the poor in Lebanon. Now with 183 nuns and hundreds of doctors, nurses and helpers, they represent the biggest charitable outreach in all of Lebanon, serving Christians and Muslims alike.

The Sisters are in a dire situation and in great need of financial and every other support possible. **They go into debt daily in order to serve the most vulnerable.** We would welcome any financial, or service, solidarity you can offer to them, even if a symbolic one.

Below is a link to a very informative video of Fr. Michel Abboud, President of Caritas Lebanon, talking about the Sisters' incredible work serving Christ's poor.

Donations can be made by sending a check payable to the Eparchy of Saint Maron, 109 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 (please note "Franciscan Sisters" in the memo section), or online at www.stmaron.org/donate-for-lebanon.

Thank you always for your support for the Eparchy and beyond! May you have a very blessed Triduum.

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