



# FAMILY CLUB MEMO



**FR BADAOU'S ADDRESS TO FR. MADI, GUESTS  
& THE MARONITE COMMUNITY, 11.09.07**

**September 2007**

**M**Y dear most Reverend Father Elie Madi, our General Superior; Reverend Fathers Maurice, Nadim, George, Abdo and Charbel; Your Excellency, Mr Jimmy El Douheig; Brothers and Sisters, I would like to welcome you all today in celebration of the visit of our General Superior, Fr Elie Madi, to South Africa.

I wish to also express my gratitude to Fr. Nadim for his commitment, hard work and zeal with which he has driven this Mission in South Africa.

I thank each of you for all your hard work and dedication to our Church. You are the foundation and the pillars of the Church and for this we are very appreciative. I would especially like to thank Debbie and Michelle Auby for always being the right hand of myself and brother priests. And thank you very much to all the staff and those who are involved in the ministries of the Deacons, Altar Servers, Choirs, Catechism, Youth, St Charbel's Helping Hand, St Charbel's Library, St Rafka's Children and all the the many other essential ministries.

I look forward to working with each of you as we continue our mission for the glory of our Lord.

May God bless you all.

I also wish to take this opportunity to wish Fr Elie Madi a very happy and blessed birthday. May God bless him and be with him in all he does.



**FR. BADOUI HABIB**

**SUPERIOR OF THE MARONITE CATHOLIC MISSION IN S.A.**

# FR MADI'S 50TH CELEBRATIONS



**FR. BADAQUI CONGRATULATING FR. MADI ON HIS 50TH**



**ISABEL GRINWIS, CAROLE FAHRY, GLORIA ASSAD**

**ON** Tuesday 11 September, the Maronite Catholic Church enjoyed the celebrations of Father Elie Madi's visit to South Africa, his first visit as General Superior of the Maronite Missionaries, together with his 50th Birthday Celebrations. After solemn prayers in the church, the Fathers and



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guests consisting of members of the Church committees as well the Consul, His Excellency, Mr Jimmy El Douaihy, where invited to the Liban hall. Father Badoui's address (pg 1), was followed by touching speeches from Vincent Leicher and Errol Richa and Father Elie Madi. After dinner the Birthday cake was brought out and the rest of the evening was enjoyed by all.



**FR MAURICE**



**ELIZABETH & KENNETH SECHEE**



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**FR CHARBEL**



**STUART ALEXANDER & CLIVE KAIRUZ**



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**MICHAEL & GLYNN SADIE**



**ERROL RICH A & FR MADI**



**LEE-ANNE & MARLIN ROMANS**

# MARONITE BISHOPS: DEPUTIES MUST NOT BOYCOTT ELECTIONS

**Thursday, September 20, 2007**

**A** strong call to a sense of public reasonability and for the deputies to take part in the September 25th ballot was at the centre of an appeal launched today by the Maronite bishops at the end of their monthly meeting.

Gathered in Bkerke under the leadership of Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir, who returned Sunday from a series of meetings at the Vatican, the bishops provided no details regarding the name of the person they maintain to be the best candidate for the role of head of state – who according to the constitution must be Maronite Christian. However they did outline a profile.

The president should be “a person of integrity, audacious, independent, a man of peace and of a great culture, respectable and capable of resolving all the political and economic questions as well as the issue of migration which wounds our nations”, having caused the departure of over a million young people, of all religious backgrounds. Staying on the theme of presidential elections, there is great expectation ahead of the meeting between Parliament speaker, Nabih Berri, and Patriarch Sfeir due in the next 72 hours.

The bishop’s message reiterates the prelate’s support of the formula which made Lebanon a laboratory, an “example” of how 18 religious confessions can live together.

The bishops also renewed their appeal to the international community to help Lebanon to resolve the pressing issue of its foreign debt which exceeds 40 billion us dollars.

The bishops, concluding their eighth appeal, praise the Lebanese army which eliminated the presence of fundamentalists in the Nahr el Bared camp and extended their condolences to the families of the 170 soldiers killed in action.

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# OUR MARONITE FATHERS

Congregation of the Maronite Lebanese Missionaries



**FR. BADAOUI  
HABIB**  
SUPERIOR

BIRTHDAY: 6 JANUARY  
ORDINATION: 21.07.95  
SA MISSION: 2006 -



**FR. MAURICE  
CHIDIAC**  
VICE SUPERIOR

BIRTHDAY: 14 SEPT.  
ORDINATION: 13.07.98  
SA MISSION:  
1999 – 2001; 2006 -



**FR NADIM  
ABOU ZEID**  
FAMILY CLUB

BIRTHDAY: 20 AUGUST  
ORDINATION: 26.06.94  
SA MISSION:  
1994 -



**FR. GEORGE  
KAIROUZ**

BIRTHDAY: 26 JANUARY  
ORDINATION: 5.07.98  
SA MISSION: 2007 -



**FR. CHARBEL  
HABCHI**

BIRTHDAY: 26 JANUARY  
ORDINATION: 5.07.98  
SA MISSION: 2007 -



**FR. ABDO  
SKAYEM**

BIRTHDAY: 25 SEPT.  
ORDINATION: 2.07.06  
SA MISSION: 2007 -



12 SEPT 2007: FR NADIM, FR MAURICE, FR ABDO, FR MADI, ARCHBISHOP BUTI TIHAGALE, FR BADAOUI, FR GEORGE, FR CHARBEL

# MISS LEBANON S.A. / MISS TEEN LEBANON 2007



**ALEXANDRA FAGRI (MISS LEBANON 2007)  
& LOREDANA DI LORIO (MISS TEEN LEBANON 2007)**

**23** SEPTEMBER, the greatest annual Lebanese event showcasing our heritage, family values and natural beauties were showcased at the Emperors Palace. Congratulations to:

## MISS LEBANON RESULTS

- **Alexandra Fagri - Miss Lebanon 2007 & Miss Cedar**
- **Rachel Habib - First Princess**
- **Krystal Ebersey - Second Princess & Miss Photogenic**

## MISS TEEN LEBANON RESULTS

- **Loredana Di Iorio (Sham) - Miss Teen 2007**
- **Catia Sham - First Princess**
- **Kylie Joseph - Second Princess**
- **Siobhan Anderson (Basel)**



**FR ABDO SKAYEM, RACHEL HABIB (1ST PRINCESS), KRISTAL EBERSEY (2ND PRINCESS), FR CHARBEL HABCHI, ALEXANDRA FAGRI (MISS LEBANON 2007), FR BADAoui HABIB, LOREDANA DI LORIO (MISS TEEN 2007), CATIA SHAM (1ST PRINCESS) KYLIE JOSEPH (2ND PRINCESS)**



**FR BADAQUI, ALEXANDRA FAGRI (MISS LEBANON 2007) & RACHEL HABIB (FIRST PRINCESS)**

Congratulations to all the girls for their hard work and dedication which made this event such a success - we are so proud of you all! Thank you to all the contributors who made this event possible: Delores Basel, Neil Basel, Cemlie Bakos, Jenny Anderson, Angie Basel, Barbara Leicher and all the sponsors. We look forward to the next event and encourage all girls of Lebanese descent to enter in 2008!



**TARA GELMAN (MISS LEBANON 2006) & FR CHARBEL**



**MISS LEBANON'S 8 CONTESTANTS 2007**



**MISS TEEN LEBANON'S 8 CONTESTANTS 2007 - FIRST TIME EVENT**

# 1ST QATAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

**D**OHA - After fourteen centuries without a place of worship, the Catholic Church in Qatar, a majority Muslim country, will soon have its first parish in the capital of Doha, which will be dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary.

Catholics in Qatar, many of whom are migrants who have come to the country seeking work, have been pooling their donations for the church's construction. Bishop Paul Hinder, Apostolic Vicar of Arabia and ordinary for the faithful in Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman, Yemen, and Saudi Arabia, is looking after the development of the project. "It's true that it is not easy to be bishop here. But at least it is good to see that the Church's life is full of vitality," he said. The religious freedom of Catholics should be respected, he noted, which would bring them much benefits. "It is obvious that the more spiritually satisfied they are the more they can help the country develop," the bishop stressed.

Bishop Hinder also explained that many immigrant Christians he serves practice their faith more during their time in the region than they do in their own countries. Most immigrants are from the Philippines, India and Lebanon, he said.

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## LEBANESE DINNER IN BLOEM



**2 SEPTEMBER 2007: OLIVE ANTONIE, HELEN ANTONIE, BERNARD SAFFY, LILLA SAFFY, PETER YAZBEK, CHAIRMAN AND WIFE CARLEN.**

# ST CHARBEL LIBRARY

The St Charbel Library was founded by Father Nadim approximately 10 years ago in honour of St Charbel and has grown to be a fount of Maronite information and inspiration. We would like to thank Monsignor Saber, the eldest living Lebanese from Becharre, whose generous donation of his large book collection was shipped from Cape Town to our Library. In thanksgiving and loving memory we also remember the following donors who have made our library a treasure:

**Eddie Shalala:** a handsome journalist whose love and collection of Lebanese and Arabic books was generously bestowed to the Saint Charbel Library after his death.

**Georgette Sham:** born 22/04/1940, will be remembered for her great love of prayer books, books on Mary and video's on Medjugorje, Lourdes and Fatima, all of which were donated to the library after her death in 11/01/1998.

**Eddie Pearce:** born 20/12/1924; died: 02/12/1998. He was known as a good helper, who loved art, philosophy and poetry. His wife Evelyn is now the Chairlady and it is greatly due to her dedication that members are so fortunate to access the library's collection weekly.

The St Charbel Library is open every Sunday after the 9:30 AM mass with dozens of excellent books on the following topics: S CHRISTOLOGY S MARIOLOGY S PHILOSOPHY S THEOLOGY S RELIGION S SPIRITUAL LIFE S SAINTS S FAMILY LIFE S MEDITATION S LIFE AFTER DEATH S KHALIL GIBRAN S MIDDLE EASTERN LITERATURE S CHILDREN'S BOOK & NOVENAS.

We welcome everyone to join at only R25 per annum. For more info or to offer your much-needed assistance, please contact Evelyn Pearce: 011 262 2025 / 083 204 6756.



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# WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS

CONGRATULATIONS and blessings to the following members who were baptised or married.

Baptised	Parents	Godparents
Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon - Woodmead		
ZACK GEORGE TOMAZOS	George & Natalie Tomazos	Juc Drewes & Popi Tomazos
EUVEKA GOVENDER	Sharon Pillay	Patrick & Simla Pillay
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Our Lady of Lebanon - Mulbarton		
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SIENNA SOARES	Antonio & Sonia Soares	Miguel Valente & Nicole Soares
TIAGO DE CARVALHO	Paulo & Sandra de Carvalho	Michael Ferreira & Jania Sobral
CINZIA GATTESCO	Gino & Luisa Gattesco	Eroll Fernandes & Paula Fernandes

## Weddings

Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon - Woodmead

 JOHN FORD & GENEVIEVE KAIRUZ  
- 1 SEPTEMBER 2007

 DELON MISIC & HAILEY ADDINAL  
- 22 SEPTEMBER 2007

Our Lady of Lebanon - Mulbarton

 LANCE BROWNE & MARYNA BREET  
- 8 SEPTEMBER 2007

 RICHARD DE FREITAS & GORETE PERREGIL  
- 9 SEPTEMBER

 FRANCIS SHAM & GAIL MAZAHAM  
- 15 SEPTEMBER

 CLARRISA PILLAY & ESTEBAN GESALDO  
- 22 SEPTEMBER

 ASAF FARAH & CHARLENE PRETORIUS  
- 29 SEPTEMBER

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# OUR FAMILY PRAYER

## Together, God Made Us A Family

*God made us a family*

*We need one another*

*We love one another*

*We forgive one another*

*We work together*

*We play together*

*We worship together*

*Together we use God's word*

*Together we grow in Christ*

*Together we love all men*

*Together we serve our God*

*Together we hope for heaven*

*These are our hopes and ideals*

*Help us to attain them O God*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*AMEN.*



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