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DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTER

I think you all know that I was away in Australia for the past six weeks but I believe that you do not know the reason why I left. Let me take this opportunity to explain: God invites each one of us to accomplish a special mission in our lives. The Risen Lord invited his apostles to go everywhere and preach the good news to the whole creation. St Paul, the Gentile's Missionary, when asked to baptise a child, responded, "God did not invite me to baptise but to proclaim the good news – the Word of God." I too, feel this call.

There is a little story concerning St Francis of Assisi which touches me very deeply. While St Francis was praying in the Chapel of Assisi, the Crucifix moved and said to him, "Francis I want you to build My Church." From that time on St Francis started taking money from his father to build the Church, but without letting his father know. When St Francis' father noticed this, he rebuked his son and prevented him to take any more. So St Francis went into the streets begging people to donate the price of one stone to the Church of Christ...

My Brothers and Sisters, Jesus did not appear to me like he did to St Francis but from the day I became a priest, I have deeply felt God's invitation to accomplish a special mission in my life, which is to build the Church of Christ, both spiritually - through preaching - and physically - through finding the funds needed for each stone.

During my journey, I have built one Church in Australia (St George). I have helped build two churches (St Joseph and St John the Beloved) and I have restored three churches in Lebanon and the Holy Land. I have been responsible for many parishes and my motivation has always been to build the Body of Christ.

The aim of my recent trip to Australia (kindly funded by my relatives) was to raise funds to build a new and beautiful church in my homeland Lebanon, in a small village called Jarjour. I had began this project in 2004. The Church is to be called St Anthony of Padua, named after my dear Patron Saint.

The function was very successful and the monies raised will be used for phase two of the project: the stone work, electricity, cabling etc. I am hoping to complete and consecrate this Church by 2009/2010.

In my years, I have learnt, as did St Francis, that God's Church is made not only from stone but also with people. As a child of God and as a Maronite Missionary I take it as my personal vocation to both preach and build Churches of stone and people. And I encourage you, this Christmas season, to discover your own vocation, so that together we may build the Body of Christ and together bear fruit in this beautiful Mission in South Africa.

God bless you all.

FATHER BADAOUI HABIB - SUPERIOR OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MARONITE MISSION



A CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM JESUS

TO MY DEAREST FRIEND,

During this time there are many people shopping for gifts and there are many commercials in every part of the world talking about my birthday getting closer and closer. As you know, the celebration of my birthday began many years ago. At first people seemed to understand and be thankful for all that I did for them, but in these times, family and friends get together and have a lot of fun, but they don't remember the meaning of the celebration.

I remember that last year there was a great feast in my honour. But, do you want to know something? I wasn't invited. I was the guest of honour and no one remembered to send me an invitation. I came to my party but was left outside. A fat man, all dressed in red, wearing a long white beard, entered the home yelling Ho-Ho-Ho! All the children ran to him as if the party were in his honour.

At midnight, through the window I saw, all the people began to hug each other; I extended my arms waiting for someone to see me and hug me but no did. Then they all began to share gifts. When all had been opened, I looked to see if, maybe, there was one for me. I then understood that I was unwanted and quietly left.

Every year it gets worse. People only remember the gifts, the parties, to eat and drink, and nobody remembers me or the reason I, God, was born a little baby boy in the arms of my pure mother in a lowly stable.

I would like this Christmas that you allow me to enter into your life. I would like that you appreciate the fact that almost two thousand years ago I came to this world to give my life for you, on the cross, to save you. Today, I only want that you believe this with all your heart.

I Love you!

JESUS



Christmas: the Season of Visiting

Like Mary, who hastily went out to her cousin, Elizabeth, after conceiving the child Jesus, let us too, in preparing for this Christmas season, go out to meet our friends and family members, taking with us the Child Jesus in our hearts, spreading love, peace and joy where we go.



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And let us not forget why or for who this Feast is celebrated, and therefore let us set aside some time to go visit our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament or at Daily Mass.

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The annual Christmas party was held at the club on Sunday 2/12/07, preceded by Holy Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Charbel. We were delighted to host Fr Charbel who has only been in South Africa for two months and we certainly hope to see a lot more of him. We would also like to thank the choir for their much-appreciated contribution.

The children brought Christmas presents for the less fortunate which was taken up during the course of the Mass as well as a second collection for the St. Charbel's Helping Hand.

The Christmas function was well attended and the highlight of the day was when the Mogale City Fire Engine arrived with 'Father Christmas' who distributed Christmas presents to the children. The adults also enjoyed the braai with salads and pudding (Lebanese style) and we were especially happy to see a number our 'senior members' who turned out to support the day. The committee and I would like to pay special tribute to the many members who sponsored the function, their generosity is acknowledged and sincerely appreciated.

As a token of our appreciation a Christmas Mass will be offered for all our benefactors and members who have given of their treasures, time and effort during the past year at the club premises on Christmas eve (24/12/07) at 8.00 pm followed by light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas!

NAZHA ESSEY - CHAIRLADY



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ANTICIPATION FOR FR CHRISTMAS
TO CALL THEIR NAME**



**NAZHA ESSEY, FR CHRISTMAS
AND CHILDREN RECEIVING GIFTS**

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A LEBANESE MEAL AND ONE
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SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

In appreciation of your gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure, you are invited

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Celebration: SUNDAY, 9 DECEMBER

9:30 AM SOLEMN MASS

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15 - 24 DECEMBER

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Celebrated at both parishes: Our Lady of Cedars, Woodmead & Our Lady of Lebanon, Mulbarton.

THE HOLY SPIRIT SHELL



Going to the beach for this festive season? Look out for the Dollar Shell, also called 'The Holy Spirit Shell' as it is one of Nature's most unusual shells and of beautiful religious significance.

There's a pretty little legend that many people tell of the birth & death of Jesus found in this lovely shell.

If you examine closely, you'll see that you find here four nail holes & a fifth one made by a Roman's spear. On one side the Easter lily, in its center Bethlehem's star that appeared unto the Shepherds & led them from afar.

The Christmas Poinsettia etched on the other side reminds us of His birthday a symbol of Christmastide. Should you break the center open here you will release five small white doves awaiting to spread Good Will & Peace.



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SAINT OF THE MONTH - ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

[ABRIDGED] LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS
BENEDICT XVI ON THE OCCASION OF THE
16th CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF ST JOHN
CHRYSOSTOM

Source: www.vatican.va

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year is the 16th centenary of the death of St John Chrysostom, a great Father of the Church to whom Christians of all time look with veneration... May both the life and the magisterial teaching of the holy Bishop and Doctor ring out in all the centuries and still today inspire universal admiration.

St John Chrysostom was born in Antioch, Syria, in the middle of the fourth century... John deeply distinguished himself by his eminent skill at interpreting the Sacred Scriptures in a way that the faithful could understand.

His doctrinal magisterium and preaching as well as his concern for the sacred Liturgy soon earned him recognition as a Father and Doctor of the Church. His fame as a preacher was also already acknowledged by the sixth century with the attribution of the nickname: “Golden Mouthed”, in Greek “Chrysostomos”. Chrysostom’s faith in the mystery of love that binds believers to Christ and to one another led him to experience profound veneration for the Eucharist, a veneration which he nourished in particular in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Indeed, one of the richest forms of the Eastern Liturgy (celebrated in the Maronite Mass) bears his name:

“The Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom”. John understood that the Divine Liturgy places the believer spiritually between earthly life and the heavenly realities that have been promised by the Lord.



**FEAST DAY:
Nov 13**



POPE'S SECOND ENCYCLICAL “SPE SALVI”

30 November 2007, Pope Benedict XVI's released his second encyclical entitled “Spe Salvi” (Saved in Hope). (An Encyclical is one of the most important letters issued by a Pope). The document, explains the Christian understanding of hope, and contrasts it with the hope that modern secularists place in ideological systems.

Pope Benedict opens the encyclical with the observation that “according to the Christian faith, ‘redemption’-- salvation-- is not simply a given.” But the promise of salvation provides “trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present.” Throughout the text Pope Benedict encourages Christians to cultivate the virtue of hope in several different ways.

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**FR. LIONEL'S ORDINATION
9 SEPTEMBER 1967**



**FR. LIONEL'S FIRST MASS
10 SEPTEMBER 1967**



**FR. LIONEL'S FIRST WEDDING
11 SEPTEMBER 1967**

FR LIONEL SHAM'S 40TH PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARY

UNOVEMBER, the Maronite Catholic Church celebrated the joyous occasion of Fr Lionel Sham's 40th Priesthood Anniversary at Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon, with fellow priests, Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid (MLM), Fr. Barney Mc Aleer - whose 70th birthday was also celebrated, Fr. Gerard Hattingh, Fr. Luke Cheketri (OMI) and Fr. Victor Carter as well as his excellency, Mr Michelle Katra, Ambassador of Lebanon with approximately 300 friends and family members, some of whom had come from as far distances as Australia. Sr Lorna Costa (HRS) was also present and she too celebrated this year her 40th anniversary in the religious life.

It was an emotional and truly happy event to share the love and life of a priest so passionate about his ministry. As a closing speech on the altar, Fr. Lionel read from a letter which was published (by the Family Club) in a complimentary book for all those who attended:



FR. LUKE CHEKETRI, FR. BARNEY MC ALEER, FR. LIONEL SHAM, FR. NADIM ABOU ZEID, FR GERARD HATTINGH & FR. VICTOR CARTER CELEBRATING MASS



“Thank you for being part of my life and journey as a priest - in my joys and struggles. I hope I have been for you what you have been for me. I have enjoyed my priesthood and I WOULD DO IT ALL AGAIN. Thank you for the support, love and care you have shown me. All of you have been gifts to me, gifts from a Loving God.”

Thank you, Fr Lionel, for these past 40 years of love and sacrifice.



FR LIONEL & HIS DEAR MOTHER



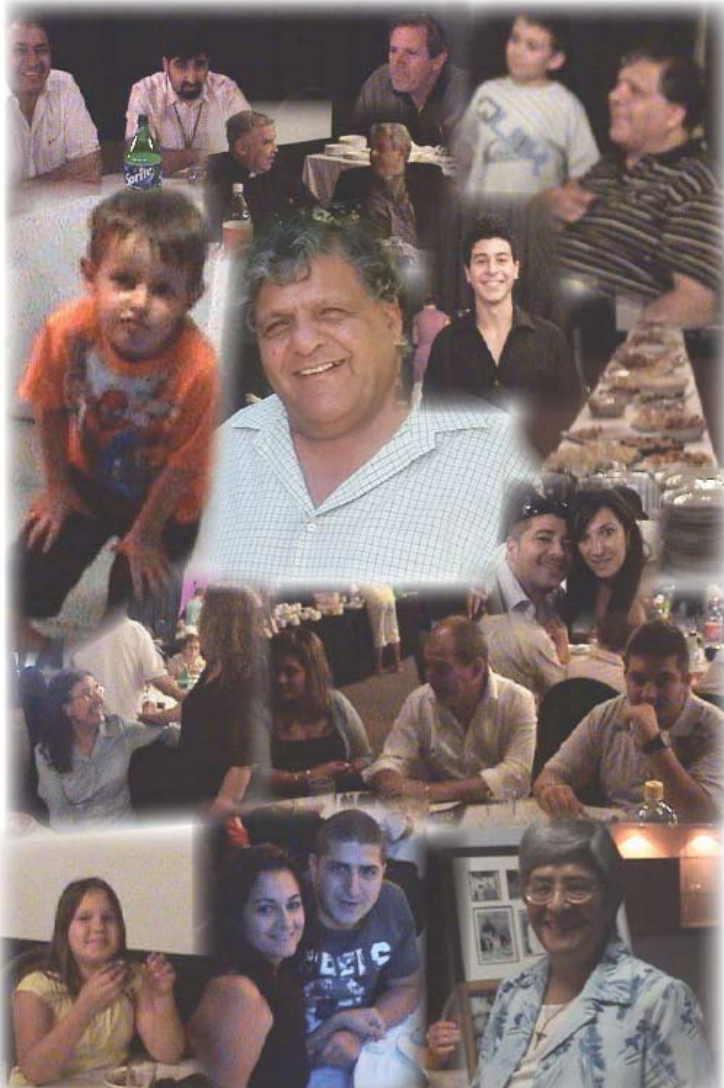
MEETING MOTHER TERESA



MEETING POPE JOHN PAUL II

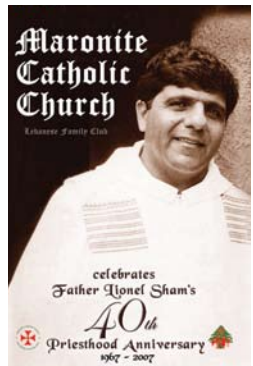


MEETING POPE BENEDICT XVI



FRIENDS & FAMILY WHO ATTENDED THE CELEBRATIONS

SR LORNA COSTA





DEEB FAMILY GATHERING



Eblen and Asma Deeb had eight daughters and two sons (one, Joseph, died at an early age). It was a family rule that every Sunday all the members of the family, i.e. daughters, sons-in-law, son, daughter-in-law and all the grandchildren, gathered at Situ Asma's home for lunch. As a result all the cousins grew up more like siblings than cousins and a strong family bond was thus established. As the grandchildren married and had children of their own, they too were included in the weekly gatherings. With the passing away of Situ, the tradition was carried on at the home of Auntie Wadiyah & Uncle Budu Rohana. With their passing away and the families growing bigger, the meetings became less frequent.

It was recently decided that as none of our homes were big enough to cater for all 170 of us, that we gather at Cedar Park for a family lunch. Father Nadim was kind enough to join us on 2 December and a wonderful day was had by all. Present at the lunch were Raymond Deeb & his wife Vilma & Rhona Karime (the last of Eblen & Asma's children), grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren from Leichers, Bakos and Kalils to all nationalities.

Special thanks to Uncle Raymond Deeb, Mike Rohana and Vincent Leicher for organising this event and the whole family is looking forward to the next one.



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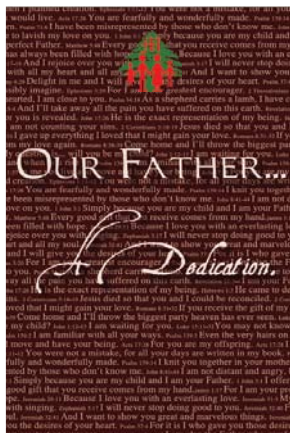
THE ETERNAL ROLE OF PARENTING

How often have you heard it being said 'one must move with the time'? Humanity has become so arrogant, as to think that we can change God's eternal principles and values with our fashions! God's laws are will never change 'with the times'. Do we creatures honestly think that our Creator must change His ways and move with the times!?

Too often we compromise our principles by accepting; bad behavior, disrespect, homosexuality, same-sex marriages, blasphemy, sex before marriage, adultery etc., etc., etc. Values such as families eating and praying together, respect and care for the aged and the love of God's creatures are just some examples of values that are disintegrating and should yet, never change.

The source of this problem starts with parenting. Parents are generally failing their children by abdicating their roles as parents. How many parents know where their children are on a Friday night and what company are they keeping? In the 'modern' world of today, roles are reversed and children dictate to their parents. Parents find it easier to say yes in order 'to keep the peace' than to say no to their children's demands. So, most parents accept that their children will come home at any time of the night, that they are sexually active, because all there friends are doing it and "Oh well you can't stop it, they are going to do it anyway, so I may as well know that they are doing it, it is after all the 21st century!"

Are you spoiling your child thereby spoiling your child's life? The Ten Commandments teaches us that out lives must be built on solid values, with unwavering and unchanged principles.



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QUIT SMOKING GOD'S WAY

Smoking will slowly kill us over the span of several years, destroying and contaminating numerous parts of the beautiful body that God made for us. It wasn't in God's plan for us to smoke. Satan will try to deceive you and to get you to say that lung cancer, lip cancer, tongue cancer, throat cancer or emphysema that everybody else is getting from smoking will never happen to you.

Smoking used to be popular and the "cool" thing to do. Today it is more and more frowned upon. Second hand smoke will harm non-smokers lungs too and cause breathing problems for children. If a pregnant mother smokes, she is risking her babies health. There is a greater chance that she will lose the baby during pregnancy or that it will be born too soon before the lungs are fully developed.

Think of your own health too because statistics show that 1 in 3 smokers die early from smoking. It causes bad breath, brown stained fingers and nails, it ages your skin prematurely and causes cancer and emphysema. Not to mention how bad a smokers house, car and clothes smell like a dirty ashtray. The cost of a pack is also astronomical. If you are smoking one pack a day, that means you are spending more than R7000 a year on this addiction - think what you could do with this if you stopped smoking.

The fact is that it is very hard to quit smoking without the help of Jesus. He has already set you free from all oppression. **THAT WHICH JESUS SETS FREE, IS FREE INDEED** - John 8:36, Galatians 5:1. God's Word says if we ask anything, believing we will receive from God through Christ Jesus, we can have what we ask for - John 15:16, 14:13-14, 16:23-24. God tells you, **IF YOU CAN BELIEVE, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM WHO BELIEVES** - Mark 9:23. Remember also that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit - 1 Corinthians 6:19. Make a decision today to defeat the lies of Satan and to quit the bad habit of smoking by stopping with the help of Jesus.

Adapted from www.christianjourney.com/godsword/quitsmoking.html

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Dreams Really Do Come True So Never Stop Dreaming



MOUSSA'S CASTLE MUSEUM

Courage, determination, firmness, patience, endurance, perseverance, dreams, work, truth, faith in God, satisfaction of parents - that is what characterised the personality of the man who built a castle on a hill between Deir El Kamar and Beiteddine, and engraved on its stones his ideas and beliefs. Moussa Abdel Karim's dream was born when he was only 14 years old, inspired by the Middle Ages that had conquered his mind. He dreamt of building a great castle with his own hands, turning sand into gold (as his mother had predicted). Beaten by his teacher and mocked at by his classmates, especially by his pretty sweetheart, his life totally changed. He escaped from school and went to Sida on foot where he worked with his uncle in restoring Sida's fortress. After gaining much experience he bought a suitable land then he started planning and getting legal permits to build his long life dream castle and this stage was so complicated that it took long years to be done. Then the foundation stone was laid and the real task has begun in 1962 with the help of his virtuous wife from mornings till late nights. He worked hard for more than half of a century; He wasn't able to rest until his castle of the twentieth century became visible. It now houses a wax museum of Lebanese tradition, and other invaluable, fascinating galleries and is a popular tourist destination.

Source: www.moussacastle.com

"When we stop dreaming, we die." - Emma Goldman



SWEET CEDAR OF GOD

ABRIDGED POEM BY ANTHONY S. FARAH "DEDICATED TO MY
LATE BROTHER, JOSEPH ASSAF YOUSSEF FARAH"

*Oh! Shattered walls that cannot speak,
And winds that make the trees creak.
Hearts still ache for your land,
Where the magnificent Cedar trees stand.*

*Despite the bombardment and the toil,
Your Cedar stands fast within its soil.
Roots that penetrate the earth's inner sphere,
Holding onto your motherland, so dear.
And, above the ground of God's beautiful earth,
Emerges your durable trunk, which knows no dearth.
Evergreen foliage that spans the sky,
And branches that form your pinnacle, Oh! So high.*

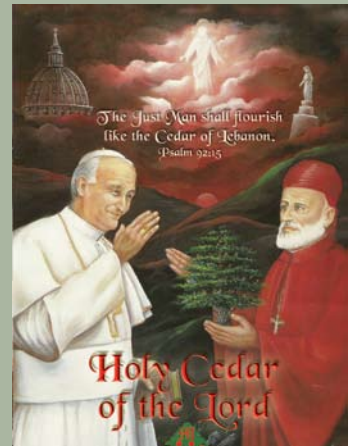
*In days gone by, when they fought with the sword,
King Solomon built a temple for the Lord.
With your precious, fragrant wood,
When finished stood strong and oh! So good.
Because you've stood the test of time.
The future looks good and will be fine.
For, in this wonderful world of ours,
Lies hope and an abundance of peaceful hours.*

*But oh! Beneath your broken heart,
Lives a desire, which will not part.
A history filled with great traditions,
And your people, filled with many ambitions.
The winds of change will no doubt arrive.
To return your people to their shattered hive.
For at the end of your vast tunnel of darkness.
Shines a little, but wonderful, light of brightness.*



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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MARONITE? PART ONE

By Ken Hanna

To answer, one has to go to the very soul of one's being. It embraces family, religion, land, spirit, culture, history and culminates in mission.

Where then does one start? With my Mother, my Father and my family? Both my maternal and paternal grandparents came from Becharre, Mount Lebanon, the heartland of Maronity, birthplace of Gibran Kahlil Gibran, a stone's throw from St. Charbel's village. So Maronity's one pillar is tradition. But tradition alone does not give one a philosophy to life, a path to follow. Tradition's strong arm is that it enables one to delve into history ... to discover as much as possible of one's past, because a people who has no past has no future.

What does the past tell us? There are pleasant replies such as: our civilization (which emerged from the ancient Sumarians over 6,000 years ago), makes us the descendents of possibly an Aramanian' and a Phoenician - the Phoenicians were the first sailors, great craftsman, inventors of the alphabet and the world's first colonists. The heartland of the Phoenicians was the cradle of western civilization. The Aramaic language spoken by Jesus was the language of my ancestors until approximately 300 years ago. History tells me Jesus of Nazareth led a simple life. History also tells me that the Maronites of Lebanon walked in the footsteps of the apostles: their leader was St. Maroun, that they embraced Christianity from the very dawn of our era. They lived a very simple, holy and communal life in the valleys, mountains and villages of Lebanon.

This communal life developed to such a degree that it manifests itself now in the fourth and fifth generation Lebanese in South Africa today, and especially in our culinary arts.

Customs and traditions developed in the confines of austere and lonely "small Lebanon" are loved and enjoyed by all who have the good fortune to

CELEBRATING OUR FAMILY & FRIEND'S SUCCESS

enter a 'traditional Maronite home' that the hospitality of the Maronite is paramount.

History also tells me there was a very sad side to being Lebanese, that my ancestors had to flee from persecution: that so many died as martyrs. They made the Lebanese mountains their home, a safe refuge not only for themselves but for all persecuted people and yet only for a while (say fifteen hundred years). Then the superpowers looked covetously to the Eastern Shores of the Mediterranean. They played one family against another: they played one religion against another: they took control of the seashore and left my people economically stranded and abandoned in the mountains.

Someone thought of immigration to ease the burden of poverty and over population.

So the great waves of Lebanese migration started in the middle of the nineteenth Century. (Is this not a parallel to what is happening in Lebanon today?).

The Maronites left Lebanon, but they never forgot the land nor their religion: the land takes on a special significance - a holy land; a spiritual and cultural home of the Maronites who are a minority in dispersion.

To be a Maronite means that I can identify with other minorities, that I care about the cultural advancement of all people. That I respect other cultures and religions but am always mindful of my own. As a Maronite I visit Lebanon and understand and feel what it is like to walk in a holy land and can comprehend that it is easy for the "Blessed Virgin" to appear to Lebanese in time of stress and need. Everywhere in the mountains there is veneration to the Mother.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO TATUM MICHAEL
- HEADGIRL OF REDDHAM HIGH, 2007**

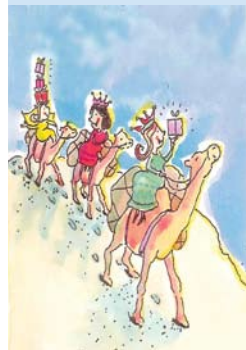
Your Family Club celebrates with you, all your children's and spouse's achievement and awards from school to work. Send us their photos and details and we will publish these in our next issue.

Joke of the Month:

*THINGS would have been different
if it had been THREE WISE WOMEN
who followed the star...*

*...THEY would have asked for
directions, arrived on time, brought*

*diapers as gifts,
helped with the
baby, cleaned
the stable, made
a roast - and
felt bad that
they didnt do
more!!!*





Family Message Of the Month

“Children, give them love”

Just as love is a gift, so children are gifts too, gifts of love and gifts to love. Pope John Paul II writing on for the Jubilee of Families in 2000 spoke of children as “the springtime of the church and society.” He wrote of the mystery of the Incarnation and Jesus’ childhood “between the hospitable walls of the house of Nazareth.” He added, “this mystery teaches every family to beget and raise its own children, marvelously co-operating with the Creator’s work and giving the world in every child a new smile.”

That is our evangelizing mission, the task of the Church as Family and Family as Church.

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theology of the body

DEAR FRIENDS

We are hosting South Africa’s very first Culture of Life Seminar in December this year! There is so much confusion in society and media and sometimes even in our own families around our sexuality and the way we choose to live it.

What is the truth? Is there really a way to live our human sexuality that brings us lasting happiness and fulfillment?

This seminar aims at exploring these important questions. We still have room for more attendees. Don’t miss this incredible opportunity - register today and encourage those you know to do the same!

NATASHA COUTO

- Date:** 8-9 December
- Venue:** St. Benedict’s College, Bedfordview
- Cost:** R200 per person (meals included)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL NATASHA 0833827096 OR GLENDA 0828571059

“GOD’S WONDERFUL CREATURES”

“PRAISE THE LORD FROM THE EARTH, YOU SEA CREATURES...

YOU ANIMALS, WILD AND TAME, YOU CREATURES THAT CRAWL AND FLY” (PSALM 148: 7,10)

Family Club Publications is preparing to publish a new work on the gift of animals which God has given us. If you have any special stories you would like to share with our readers regarding animals, from your beloved pets to those in the wild - please contact the Family Club Office.



BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

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

Baptised	Parents	Godparents
Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon - Woodmead		
DONATELLA RAPOSO	Domenico & Nicole Ige Raposo Picone	Manuel Raposo & Roberta Picone
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SETH HAYWOOD	Branden Haywood & Dominique Wahl	Darryn Kruger & Charlene Wahl
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Weddings

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- ✠ JOSEPH SAVVA & BELINDA BILLINGS
- 3 NOVEMBER 2007
- ✠ ROBERT CHAOUI & SALLY GHARZO
- 4 NOVEMBER 2007
- ✠ EDWARD ABBOTT & JERILEE BURKE
- 8 NOVEMBER 2007
- ✠ KEITH BENNETT & JENNA-LEE SCOTT
- 17 NOVEMBER 2007
- ✠ MICHAEL JULIAN & MICHELLE RYKE
- 24 NOVEMBER 2007
- ✠ ZAINE EBLEN & SARAH DAWSON
- 24 NOVEMBER 2007

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- ✠ FABION KALIL & NATASHA RUIVO
- 3 NOVEMBER 2007
- ✠ CRAIG JACOB & LUISA MIGUEL
- 24 NOVEMBER 2007

OBITUARIES

MAY our merciful Lord grant pardon and peace to these, our faithful departed:

OUR LADY OF CEDARS

- † EDNA CHEMALY 25/11/28 - 2/11/07
- † DANIEL SHALALA 09/03/83 - 7/11/07
- † THERESA FARRY 03/11/29 - 7/11/07
- † THERESA ANTONY 18/05/28 - 25/11/07
- † DENNIS GEORGE SAFFY 5/4/40 - 3/12/07

OUR LADY OF LEBANON

- † CESARIO AUGUSTO DA GRACIA 22/11/51 - 06/11/07
- † MARCO ANTONIO DIAS 23/12/549 - 11/11/07