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To: All The Faithful in the Diocese of London

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Re: Emergency Relief Campaign for Lebanon

The terrible explosion on 4 August 2020 that devastated the city of Beirut is a major crisis for the people of Lebanon. They desperately need our prayers and support.

The three Christian hospitals close to the port, including the 600-bed St. George Hospital, have been severely damaged and evacuated. Consequently, Lebanon's health care facilities are overwhelmed.

I continue to be amazed by the generosity of the people of our diocese when disasters like this occur, and ask you to support emergency relief efforts for the people of Lebanon. Through collections that will be taken up in our parishes, we will work with the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada to ensure the funds collected are safely delivered. Development and Peace is working in collaboration with Caritas members in the region.

Donations made for this relief effort **before August 24th** are eligible to be matched. As a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Development and Peace will be participating in a matching fund launched by the Canadian Government and the Humanitarian Coalition to help the people of Lebanon.

In the Diocese of London, funds are to be collected at the parish level.

- You can place cash or a cheque in the collection basket. Please mark the envelope with "Lebanon".
- You can also make your donation online or by e-transfer to your parish. Please include "Lebanon" in the message field.

Please pray for the victims and their families. Your prayers, generosity, and assistance are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London