



Dear friends,

On the occasion of the 23rd *Annual Family Gathering around the Virgin Mary*, I would like to greet each and every participant to this gathering. I express my appreciation to the organizers, the volunteers and the parishioners for their commitment to promote this event.

This gathering has grown to become a true celebration of harmony and peace within our community. There is a time to pray, there is a time to serve. There is a time to socialize; there is a time to celebrate. This is true to our parish of Saint Charbel in Ottawa.

A special thought goes to our beloved Tony El Hage whom we will miss at our gathering this year.

I assure you of my remembrance in prayer and entrust you to the tenderness of our Mother Mary.



+Paul-Marwan TABET
Bishop