



The President

Beirut, the 6th of March, 2026

Excellencies,
Dear Confrères,
Dear Friends,

Once again, the sound of war echoes across Lebanon. Yesterday, more than 700,000 people had only few hours to evacuate their houses. In the darkness of night, families from the South, from Southern Beirut and the Beqaa, gathered what little they could carry and fled their homes. Children woke in fear. Parents searched desperately for safety, many sleeping in their cars. The elderly left behind houses filled with a lifetime of memories, unsure if they will ever return. These are innocent people who are the collateral damage of this crazy situation.

And yet, in the villages along the Southern border, many Christian families, including our staff, refuse to abandon their homes, their churches, and the land their ancestors have cultivated for generations, the very land through which Christ Himself once walked. Despite the danger, they remain. Their steadfastness is not defiance, but Faith : Faith in their land, their community, and in the hope that Lebanon will endure. With them, we also have to stand.

For more than 70 years, the Order of Malta Lebanon has walked side by side with the communities we serve. When war returned in 2024, our 600 team members as well as volunteers were present in 80 shelters across the country, providing medical care, food, and essential support to families who had lost everything overnight.

Even amid Lebanon's many crises, our mission continues. Through a network of more than 60 projects and programs, we serve over 300,000 individuals every year, accompanying each of them multiple times annually and delivering more than 1.5 million services. This represents over 1 million indirect beneficiaries (quarter of the Lebanese population), served by the Cross of the Order, throughout the country, with no distinction.

Many of you have stood beside us during these difficult years. Your generosity has enabled us to remain present wherever suffering calls us, in line with our Charisma. For this, we are profoundly grateful.

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Today, as the tragedy of war unfolds once again, we humbly turn to you once more. The needs are growing. Families are displaced all over again. Entire communities are struggling to endure. With your support, we can continue to provide healthcare and mental health services, warm meals, food parcels, winterization, PSS, hygiene and sanitary kits in and outside of collective shelters, and above all hope to those who need it most.

Saint John Paul II reminded the world and Pope Leo XIV recently reiterated : *“Lebanon is more than a country; it is a message of freedom and an example of pluralism for East and West.”* In these difficult hours, that message must not be allowed to fade.

We hope, once again, that you will stand with us, and with the people of Lebanon, this Holy Land close to where our Order was born. You may find in annex the different channels through which you may support us in this urgent mission. Please feel free to share this letter with your members and friends.

With gratitude and prayer,

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