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Reverend Edward Nedder St. George Church 1493 Cranston Street Cranston, RI 02920

Dear Father Ed and Faithful Parishioners:

Thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$2,000 to support the people of Lebanon in their hour of need.

Our hearts go out to our brothers and sisters in Lebanon who are enduring their greatest difficulties since the Lebanese civil war. The country's economic situation had deteriorated over the past year, the banking system failed, the government collapsed, and the COVID-19 crisis pushed Lebanon to the brink; and then this massive explosion in Beirut devastated so many lives. The people of Lebanon have suffered so much.

I will be sending your donation to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Lebanon, which is doing so much to help the poor and needy in Lebanon. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is truly one of the most effective organizations in Lebanon today, almost every parish has one. Parishioners help each other in a way that is so very respectful. I plan to wait a week or two to collect a few more donations so as to save on the wire transfer fees, and then I will send your gift to Saint Vincent de Paul.

Thank you again for showing your love for the people of Lebanon. Your generosity is a ray of light amidst the darkness. Please remember the good people of Lebanon in your prayers.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory John Mansour

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