

Divine Liturgy Intentions	Maronite Synaxarion
<p><b>Sunday, July 6th</b> <b>8:30am</b> Jane Hamad by Doris Khoury Norma Bieganski by the OLC Caregivers Souad Mouaness by Yvonne Jesser</p> <p><b>11:00am</b> John and Silva Mahrouk by the Sabbagh family Albert Chaoui by Dcn. Tom and Bernie Maroon</p>	<p><b>St. Abba Sisoes</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, July 7th</b> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Thomas the Hermit</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, July 8th</b> <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Procopius, Martyr</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, July 9th</b> <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Pancras, St. Paternuthius and St. Copres, Martyrs</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, July 10th</b> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>The Massabki Brothers, Martyrs</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, July 11th</b> <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Benedict</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, July 12th</b> <b>9:00am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>St. Rofina, St. Seconda and St. Suzanna, Martyrs.</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, July 13th</b> <b>8:30am</b> Jane Hamad by the Taylor family Tom Hadley by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham</p> <p><b>11:00am</b> Lisa Owen by Peggy and Tom Maroon and family Habiba Chamoun by Jacky and George Zogbi (2 yr. anniv.)</p>	<p><b>St. Innocent I, Pope. Joel, the Prophet</b></p>

Please don't forget to offer intentions for your Loved ones; living or deceased.  
We believe in the Power of the Eucharist



**PASTOR:**  
*Welcome New Parishioners*  
*Please register at our parish office*

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Sunday	8:30am. & 11:00am
Monday	No Service
Tuesday	9:00am
Wednesday	9:00am
Thursday	No Service
Friday	9:00am
Saturday	9:00am

**CONFESSION**  
Available following Saturday  
Divine Liturgy  
or by appointment

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism & Chrismation**  
*Contact the Parish Office*

**Marriage**  
*Contact the Parish Office at least  
6 months before the wedding*

**Sick Calls & Anointing**  
*Notify Fr. Ron  
Through the Parish Office*

**DEACON** Thomas Maroon, Sr.

**SUBDEACON** Paul Boulos  
**SUBDEACON** Chuck Abraham

**CAREGIVERS** Chuck Abraham

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY – FRIDAY  
9:00AM – 1:00PM**

**July 6, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday of  
Pentecost**

“Go rather to  
the lost sheep  
of the house  
of Israel.”

Matthew 10-6





READINGS

THIS SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Philippians 3:7-14  
Matthew 10:1-7

EPISTLE READERS

Sunday, July 6  
8:30am – Stephanie Hamad  
11:00am – Mike Kelly

Sunday, July 13  
8:30am – Tom Jesser, Jr.  
11:00am – George Zogbi

Sunday, July 20  
8:30am - Cheryl Christ  
11:00am – Georgie Hasrouni

Sunday, July 27  
8:30am – Chris Abraham  
11:00am – Sara Sabbagh

Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – TBA

Ladies’ Guild Meeting – TBA

Men’s Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers’ Meeting - 7/6/2025  
(Following 8:30 Liturgy)

Next special collection:

August 17th  
Maintenance and General Upkeep

Next First Friday Divine Liturgy  
And Adoration  
will be held on  
September 5, 2025

Counting our Blessings

Weekly Collection

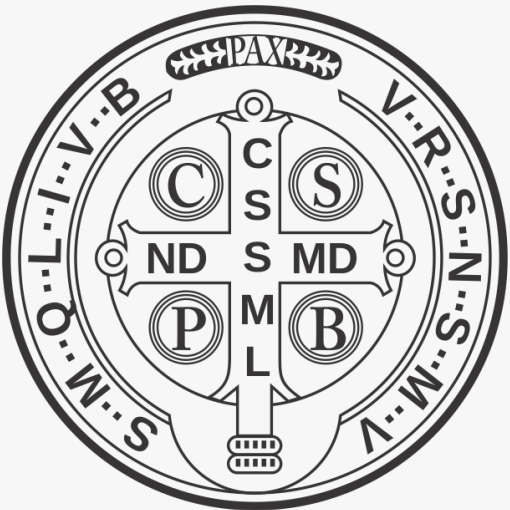
June 29, 2025

\$1,827.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Electronic Giving

If you would like to make your Sunday  
contributions, or give a donation please scan  
the QR Code below:



Saint Benedict Medal



\*\*\*FOOD FESTIVAL NEWS\*\*\*

Do you or someone you know own a business that could  
use some publicity at our 2025 Food Festival?

If you would like to help sponsor this year’s festival, Please consider  
donating to have your name and/or company name on a banner.

If you are interested in donating in this way, please call Roger Hamad  
at 330-338-9719.

Thank you for your consideration.

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On July 10, The Maronite Church celebrates  
the feast of the three Blessed Massabki  
Martyrs.

The Massabki brothers were from a noble  
Christian family, they lived in Damascus in  
the nineteenth century and were known for  
their piety, generosity and Christian values.  
The Massabki brothers were 3 of 6 children,  
Francis, Abdel El –Moeti, Raphael, (the  
three martyrs) Abdullah (who later  
becomes a priest), Mariam and Martha.  
They lived in a time of great persecution of  
Christians. There was much political and  
religious tension for Maronites and other  
Christians in both Damascus and Mount  
Lebanon.



## A Prayer Puzzle

Unscramble each of the following words related to prayer, using the clues given for each word. Then take the letters that appear circled in boxes and unscramble them to find the name of an important Marian devotion.

A prayer in which we ask for God's loving care for a person, place, or activity

BILNESGS  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

A way of praying in which we use our thoughts, imagination, and emotions to get in touch with God

MITTODAEN  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

A prayer in which we acknowledge God's greatness and tell him how much we appreciate all that he does for us

SIRPAE  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

A type of prayer in which we thank God

SIGTAGKIVNHN  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

A type of prayer in which we ask God for good things

TINTOEPI  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

A prayer that uses words to speak to God

LOVCA  
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Wordless prayer in which we listen for God's presence in our lives

NANTOLPOTCEMI  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

The Church's official, public, communal prayer

LYGRUTI  
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The Church's official prayer for certain times of the day

RUYTGLI FO TEH RUSHO  
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A type of prayer in which we pray on behalf of someone else

COTSNSEENIIR  
[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

Forms of piety such as Eucharistic Adoration and the Stations of the Cross

SIOTEDVON  
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Prayers such as the Hail Mary or the Lord's Prayer that are standard prayers of our faith

NIOTAIDRLAT  
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## From the Desk of The Pastor



### What Makes a Parish Truly Special?

Not long after I arrived at Our Lady of the Cedars four years ago, I began asking some of our parishioners a heartfelt question:

**“What is something special you’ve done as a parish, something that truly stayed in your heart?”**

I wanted to understand the spirit and history of this community before I became part of it.

Again and again, the answer came back: *“The festival.”*

And I understand why. I had the blessing of witnessing it myself, one of the most successful and joyful parish festivals I’ve ever seen. The dedication, the food, the hospitality, the teamwork, it was a living testimony of your love for the Church and for one another. I saw a parish acting as *one family, one team*. It made me proud to walk with you.

But I also feel the need to say: festivals, as beautiful as they are, are not unique to churches. Many secular communities also organize amazing events. So what makes *our* parish different? What makes us *Church*?

As I prepare to leave on August 17 to begin a new mission, I carry one deep hope. In the future, if another priest asks the same question,

**“What is something special you’ve done as a parish?”**, I hope your answer will be even greater than before.

I hope your answer will be:

**“At Our Lady of the Cedars... we encountered Christ.”**

We encountered Him in the Eucharist.

We encountered Him in each other.

We encountered Him in prayer, in healing, in service, and in love.

Because that is what truly makes a parish holy, not just what we *do*, but *Whom* we meet.

And when Christ is at the center, every festival becomes a foretaste of Heaven.

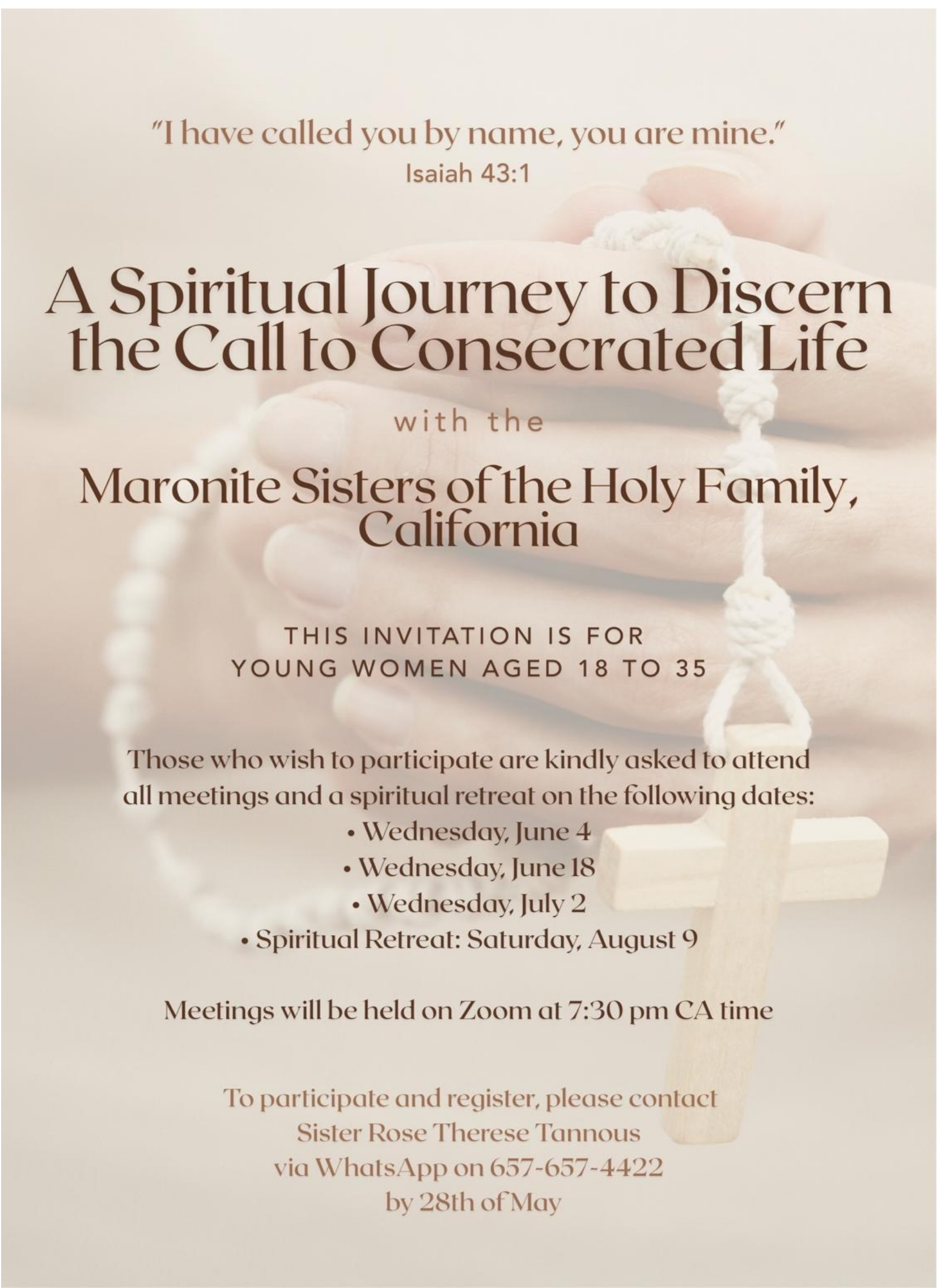
With love and prayers,

**Fr. Eid**



## Saint Benedict

Patron Saint of Europe and Students St. Benedict, was born, Benedetto da Norcia; believed on March 2nd, 480 AD and died March 21st, 548 AD to a Roman noble of Norcia. His twin sister was St. Scholastica. Young Benedict went to Rome to finish his education with a nurse/housekeeper. The subject that dominated a young man's study then was rhetoric -- the art of persuasive speaking. The power of the voice without foundation in the heart was the goal of the student's education. His fellow students were educated, and wealthy, and spent their time in pursuit of pleasure not truth. Benedict watched in horror as vice unraveled the lives and ethics of his companions. Afraid for his soul, Benedict fled Rome, gave up his inheritance and lived in a small village with his nurse. When God called him to leave this quiet life for an even deeper solitude, he went to the mountains of Subiaco. He lived as a hermit under the direction of another hermit, Romanus. One day, the Devil presented Benedict's imagination with a beautiful, tempting woman. Benedict resisted by rolling his body into a thorn bush until it was covered in scrapes. It is said through these body wounds, he cured the wounds of his soul. After years of prayer, word of his holiness brought nearby monks to ask for his leadership. He warned them he would be too strict for them, but they insisted, they tried to poison him when his warning proved true. The monks attempted to poison Benedict's drink, but when he prayed a blessing over the cup, it shattered. Benedict left, and another set of sincere followers joined him. He set up twelve monasteries in Subiaco, where monks lived in the separate monasteries. He abruptly left the monasteries after envious attacks of another hermit. In Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church's monastic system. He gathered his disciples into one whole community instead of many small ones. Benedict had holiness with the ability to lead. His beliefs and instructions on religious life were collected in what is now known as the Rule of Saint Benedict, still directing religious life after 15 centuries. Benedict put what he had learned about the power of speaking and oratorical rhythms in the service of the Gospel. Benedict realized the strongest and truest foundation for the power of words, was the Word of God itself: "For what page or word of the Bible is not a perfect rule for temporal life?". He had experienced the power of God's word as expressed in Scripture: "For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to him who sows and bread to him who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11). For prayer, Benedict turned to the psalms, the very songs, and poems from the Jewish liturgy that Jesus himself had prayed. To join our voices with Jesus in praise of God during the day was so important that Benedict called it the "Work of God." And nothing was to be put before the work of God. "Immediately upon hearing the signal for the Divine Office all work will cease." Benedict believed with Jesus that "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God' " (Matthew 4:4). In Benedictine prayer, our hearts are the vessel empty of thoughts and intellectual striving. All that remains is the trust in God's providence to fill us. Emptying ourselves this way brings God's abundant goodness bubbling up in our hearts, first with an inspiration or two, and finally overflowing our heart with contemplative love. In this lectio divina, he and his monks memorized the Scripture, studied it, and contemplated it until it became part of their being. Four to six hours were set aside each day for this sacred reading. If monks had free time it "should be used by the brothers to practice psalms." Lessons from Scripture were to be spoken from memory not read from a book. On Benedict's list of "Instruments of Good Works" is "to enjoy holy readings." One time, a poor man came to the monastery begging for a little oil. He was refused by the cellarer, as they only had a little left. Angry at this distrust of God's providence, Benedict knelt to pray. A bubbling sound came from inside the oil jar. The monks watched, as oil from God filled the vessel so completely that it overflowed. Benedict died on March 21st, 543 AD only a month after his sister St. Scholastica. It is said he died with high fever on the very day God told him he would. St. Benedict is often pictured with a bell, a broken tray, a raven, or a crosier. He was canonized by Pope Honorius III in 1220 AD. St. Benedict feast day is celebrated on July 11th.



*"I have called you by name, you are mine."*  
Isaiah 43:1

# A Spiritual Journey to Discern the Call to Consecrated Life

with the  
**Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family,  
California**

THIS INVITATION IS FOR  
YOUNG WOMEN AGED 18 TO 35

Those who wish to participate are kindly asked to attend  
all meetings and a spiritual retreat on the following dates:

- Wednesday, June 4
- Wednesday, June 18
- Wednesday, July 2
- Spiritual Retreat: Saturday, August 9

Meetings will be held on Zoom at 7:30 pm CA time

To participate and register, please contact  
Sister Rose Therese Tannous  
via WhatsApp on 657-657-4422  
by 28th of May