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August 11, 2020

Most Rev. Gregory John Mansour Eparch of St. Maron of Brooklyn 109 Remsen Street Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Bishop Mansour:

I along with all the members of the Church in the Diocese of Providence have been very saddened by the loss of life and suffering that has resulted from the terrible explosion that occurred in Beirut, Lebanon. We pray for the peaceful repose of those who have died and also for healing, comfort and peace for those who have experienced other severe difficulties.

As a tangible expression of our fraternal solidarity at this time in need, I am enclosing a donation of \$5,000 from the Diocese of Providence to the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn to assist in the recovery efforts in Beirut. Please use this donation in the manner that you feel will be most helpful in that regard.

Please be assured of my personal best wishes, prayers and blessings for you, the faithful of your Eparchy, and the good people of Lebanon.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Tobin Bishop of Providence

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C: Rev. George Nedder