

LET US BE THE HAND OF THE LORD AND FEED THE SHEEP OF CHRIST!

With your help, partnership and leadership in Charity and Faith, 2021 brings new opportunities to preserve our deep Christian roots and the good nature of the human heritage in the Land of the Cedars of God. Let's join together to accomplish the great works of our Lord!

How can I repay you for your goodness towards our common cause and divinely inspired mission?

- First of all, know that our obedience is to Our Lord and God and we shall always remain faithful to our Holy Mother the Church.
- Also, know that our work as the Apostolate of Our Lady of Hope also known as St. Rafka Mission of Hope and Mercy is consecrated to the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mary. With her and with Saint Joseph, in this Year of grace which our holy father pope Francis has consecrated in honor of Saint Joseph, the faithful and chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, the Custodian of the Holy Family, the protector of the Virgin and the Son of God, the Patron of the Universal Church and all families and workers, the Carrier of the High Priest and the example of Obedience and trust in God, we pray for you day and night seeking Our Lady's unique intercession and St. Joseph's for you and your loved ones to be fed by the Lord the grace of salvation and the reward of the faithful servant.

Finally, my hope for you is that when your time comes to submit account before the Throne of Christ the King, you will hear from HIM these Words:

*"Come, ye blessed of my Father, possess you the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat;
I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in;
Naked, and you covered me: sick, and you visited me:
I was in prison, and you came to me.
Then shall the just answer him, saying: Lord, when did we see thee hungry, and fed thee; thirsty, and gave thee drink?
And when did we see thee a stranger, and took thee in?
Or naked, and covered thee?
Or when did we see thee sick or in prison, and came to thee?
And the king answering shall say to them: Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me."
(Matthew 25: 34-40)*

My friend and servant of the Lord, in this holy time of the Great Penitential and Catechetical Season of Lent, please help me to accomplish this Holy Gospel of Life and Salvation: help me: **Feed a Family, Save a Nation!**

In the end, what I have heard from the Lord, I also say to you: "on your conscience sits the future of life, faith, peace and safety for all my people that I have called 'my sheep' in Lebanon and in all the nations of the world!"

I trust the Lord is our God of Life, and that we will listen to what the Virgin Mary invited us all to do as she told the stewards at the Wedding feast of Cana of Galilee: "Do What Ever He Tells you" (John 2: 1-12)

Let us turn their tears of sadness and death into tears of joy and thanksgiving to God.

May the Lord make us enter into this Lent as sharers in his passion, cross and death, and reap the victorious glory and joy of His great Resurrection!

Thank you on behalf of all; the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the oppressed, the marginalized, the rejected, the migrant, the dejected, the persecuted and the dying.

Yours in the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

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