Message from the Office of the Embassy of Lebanon Ottawa Message du bureau de l> Ambassade du Liban á Ottawa

The visit of His Beatitude Bechara Boutros Al Rahi to Canada is of extreme importance.

In respect of his holiness John Paul II, His Beatitude as a good shepherd to his Maronite community in Canada wants to strengthen their spiritual links with the mother church in Lebanon and encourage them to preserve their Eastern values acquired as the maintaining of their marriages and thereafter their families.

This is an opportunity also to maintain hope and faith in the future of the country of our fathers and ancestors "Lebanon" despite the difficult and transitional period that runs through the Middle East and the rise of extremism in this region; for this reason I encourage you to register your marriages and the births of your children at the Embassy of Lebanon and maintain relationships with your families and loved ones in the "Land of the Cedars" and do not hesitate to help when you find it necessary because Lebanon can breathe only through both lungs, I mean its inhabitants and its expatriates and do not forget that without its Diaspora Lebanon could disappear from the map during the civil War.

So let's forget our political divisions and be united around his Beatitude and the Spiritual values that represents Bkerke for the well-being of Lebanon and the Lebanese community in the Province of Alberta.

Big Welcome to Canada to whom "The Glory of Lebanon" was given and we all pray that" God grant you many years" Sayyidna.

Ottawa, May 9, 2012

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