

## *Message from the Office of Moe Amery*

It is my great honor to extend a warm greeting to your community as you welcome your Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, His Beatitude Mar Bechara Peter Al Rahi to Alberta.

I am sure that as parishioners of the Maronite church each and every one of you is aware of the prime importance in the church of this role, as “overseer”, since it has been from its earliest period. This diocese is one of the few for which the names of its bishops from the apostolic beginnings has been preserved. As I am sure you are also aware that according to church traditions, this ancient Patriarchate was founded by the Apostle Saint Peter.

I am greatly honored that I am greatly honored that Msgr. Joseph Salame, Pastor of the Maronite Catholic Parish of Edmonton and Fr. Michel Kassas, Pastor of the Maronite Catholic Parish of Calgary invited me to attend this momentous event that is occurring within your community.

I hope that you all enjoy the Patriarch’s visit.

I would further like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Patriarch on his election and inauguration to this illustrious position. I also look forward to future meetings that we may have in years to come.



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