



**Maronite Youth Organization**  
Leading Teens to Encounter Christ

June 10, 2020

Dear Monsignors, Pastors, Parents, Youth Leaders, Advisors and Chaperones,

We hope this letter finds you well and healthy. We wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Season of Pentecost. May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless all of us and guide us to serve his people in holiness.

We are reaching out to you to announce that, with God's providence and your help, we are excited to come together virtually for the 2020 National MYO Retreat. While we unfortunately are unable to come together in person, having the chance to reconnect virtually through ZOOM is the next best way for our MYO members to meet with each other from all over the country and be enriched by one another's presence and experiences, especially during this difficult time.

Some important points to note regarding the retreat:

**Theme:** Ignite Your Light #ComeHolySpirit

**Dates:** June 26, 2020 6:45-10:00PM EST; June 27, 2020 6:45-9:00PM EST; June 28, 2020 6:45-9:00PM EST

**Cost:** Free!

**Open to all youth ages 12-18 in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.**

**Registration Opens: June 11, 2020; Registration Deadline: June 23, 2020**

The goal of the virtual retreat is to emphasize the vital work of The Holy Spirit in the life of our youth. We will be talking about who the Holy Spirit is, and how young people can open their hearts to receive Him and build a relationship with Him. Moreover, we will discuss the obstacles that prevent us from having a relationship with Him, so that, once we overcome these obstacles, we can enjoy the fruits of The Holy Spirit.

A retreat flyer, along with a complete schedule, is attached to this communication for your use in promoting the retreat.

On Sunday, before ending the retreat, we will conduct a special Graduation Ceremony for all the graduates from 8th grade and High School. During registration, graduates can upload their graduation information. We are very excited to have both of our Bishops be present with us during our Sunday program.

**All youth, advisors, and pastors will be able to register at [www.maronityouth.org](http://www.maronityouth.org). Please note that youth are unable to register themselves. They must have a parent fill out the registration form for them. Please make sure the pastor is aware of any youth registering, as they will receive a final list of all registrants. You can direct any registration questions or issues to Peter Harb at [pharb@maronityouth.org](mailto:pharb@maronityouth.org).**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to welcoming you and your youth for the 2020 National MYO (Virtual) Retreat!

Sincerely,

National Maronite Youth Organization