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Dear Brother Priests,

We follow with great pastoral concern the ongoing crisis in southern Lebanon. We mourn the terrible suffering of our Christian brothers and sisters and all innocent victims of violence in Lebanon and the region struggling to survive and live with dignity in dire conditions.

The Church in Lebanon is already providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick and suffering. Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, I am asking you to take up a special collection or do a small fundraiser to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters, especially in the villages of south Lebanon. This special collection is to take place either on Palm Sunday or sometime in the next few weeks. Please notify your parishioners ahead of time so that they are prepared to make their donations.

The situation in southern Lebanon cries out for our assistance. I am asking each of our parishes to do their part. Once the collection is taken, please send to the Chancery no later than April 22, 2026.

With gratitude for your generosity, and with prayers for a lasting peace, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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