



**Symposium**  
**POPE JOHN PAUL II AND LEBANON THE MESSAGE**

**Conference Hall**

**Program**

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

<b>Opening Session   John Paul II Amphitheater</b>	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Short documentary about Pope John Paul II and Lebanon</li><li>- Speech by Most Rev. Abbot Neemtallah Hachem, Superior General of the Lebanese Maronite Order (OLM)</li><li>- Speech by Farid El-Khazen, PhD, Ambassador of Lebanon to the Holy See</li><li>- Speech by H. E. Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with States within the Holy See’s Secretariat of State</li></ul>	
<b>Break</b>	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
<b>First Axis: The Historical Path</b>	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
<b>Moderator: H.E. Archbishop George Assadorian, Patriarchal Vicar of the Armenian Catholic Church</b>	
H. E. Archbishop Maroun Nasser Gemayel	<i>Maronite Archbishop of France and Apostolic Visitor to Europe</i>
	The Maronite College: Mission and Achievements
Fr. Karam Rizk	The Historical Roots of Lebanon the Message prior to State Establishment
Antoine Hokayem, PhD	The Emergence of the State, the Constitution, and the Lebanese Specificity
<b>Lunch</b>	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
<b>Second Axis: Christian-Muslim Relations in the Case of Lebanon</b>	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
<b>Moderator: H.E. Bishop Mounir Khairallah, Archbishop of the Maronite Archdiocese of Batroun</b>	
Mohammad Amine Farchoukh, PhD	Christian-Muslim Relations in Lebanon: Characteristics and Reasons
Jaafar Fadelallah, PhD	The West, the East, and the Region in the Lebanese Context
Youssef Kamal El-Hage, PhD	The Apostolic Character of Islamic-Christian Charity in Lebanon

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

### **Third Axis: Coexistence, the State, and Society**

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Moderator: H.E. Archbishop Elie Haddad, Melkite Greek Catholic Archbishop of Sidon and Deir Al Qamar

Antoine Msarra, PhD	The State and Coexistence, Past and Present
Mr. Kassem Kassir	Society and Coexistence, Past and Present
Mr. Jean Aziz	Lebanon Today and Current Challenges

Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### **Fourth Axis: Education, Culture, and Freedoms**

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Moderator: H.E. Bishop Peter Karam, Patriarchal Vicar

Rev. Paul Haidostian, PhD	Universities and the Lebanese Specificity
Fr. Charbel Batour, s.j.	Schools: Their Role, Mission, and Challenges
Mr. Ghassan Hajjar	Culture and Freedom in Politics and the Media
Sr. Marie Antoinette Saade	Education and the Role of Women

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### **Fifth Axis: The Abu Dhabi Declaration and Lebanon the Message**

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Moderator: Archimandrite Antoine Dib, Superior General of the Basilian Order of the Most Holy Savior

Rev. Habib Badr, PhD	A Reading of the Declaration
Ridwan Al-Sayyed, PhD	A Reading of the Declaration
Mr. Nayel Abou Chakra	A Reading of the Declaration
Mr. Jihad Al-Zein	A Reading of the Declaration

**Recommendations:** Fr. Tony Eid, USEK Vice-President for Community Life