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Sunday, August 30, 2026, 14th Sunday After Pentecost

الأحد، 30 آب، الأحد الرابع عشر بعد العنصرة

Services:

Fridays 7:30 pm: Arabic Divine Liturgy

Sundays 8:30 am English Divine Liturgy

9:45 am Spanish Divine Liturgy

11:00 am English/Arabic



FIRST ANTIPHON:

1: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth, and sing praise to His Name.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

2: Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.

3: Let all the earth worship You and sing praises to You; let it sing praises to Your Name, O Most High!

1- هَلِّلُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا جَمِيعَ الْأَرْضِ. رَنِّمُوا تَسْبِيحًا لاسْمِهِ الْقُدُّوسِ. اجْعَلُوا تَسْبِيحَهُ مَجِيدًا

بِشَفَاعَةِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخْلَصُ خَلَصْنَا .
2- قُولُوا لِلرَّبِّ مَا أَرَهَبَ أَعْمَالُكَ. إِنَّهُ لِعَظَمَةِ قُدْرَتِكَ يَتَمَلَّقُكَ أَعْدَاؤُكَ .

3- لِنَسْجُدْ لَكَ جَمِيعُ قَبَائِلِ الْأَرْضِ، وَلِنُشِيدَ بِاسْمِكَ أَيُّهَا الْعَلِيِّ .

HYMNS

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our Salvation, for He was pleased to

be lifted in the flesh upon the cross, and to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

نشيد القيامة : لننشيد نحن المؤمنين ونسجد للكلمة، الأزلي مع الآب والروح، المولود من العذراء لخلصنا. لأنه ارتضى أن يصعد بالجسد على الصليب، ويحتمل الموت، وينهض الموتى بقيامته المجيدة.

Kontakion of the Nativity of our Lady

Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anne were delivered from the shame of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people, redeemed from the debt of their sins, cry out to you to honor your birth: “the barren one gives birth to the Mother of God the Sustainer of our life!”

قنداق الختام لميلاد السيدة

ان يواكيم وحنة من عار العقر أطلقا، وأدم وحواء من فساد الموت أعتقا، بمولدك المقدس أيتها الطاهرة. فله يُعَيِّدُ شَعْبُكَ أَيْضًا، وَقَدْ أَنْقَذَ مِنْ تَبْعَةِ الزَّلَّاتِ، صَارِحًا إِلَيْكَ: الْعَاقِرُ تِلْدُ وَالِدَةُ الْإِلَهِ مُغْدِيَّةٌ حَيَاتِنَا.

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 1: 21-2:4

You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

BRETHREN, the one who strengthened you and us in Christ, who anointed us, is God, who also stamped us with his seal and gave us the Spirit as a pledge in our hearts. Now, I call God to witness against my soul that it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but rather we are fellow-workers in your joy, for in faith you stand. (2: 1) I made up my mind not to come to you again in sorrow. For if I make you sad, who can gladden me; save the very one

who is grieved by me? And I wrote to you as I did, that when I come, I may not have sorrow upon sorrow from those who ought to give me joy: for I trust in all of you that my joy is a joy to all of you. For I wrote to you in much affliction and anguish of heart, with many tears, not that you might be grieved, but that you might know the great love I have for you. **ALLELUIA**

Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For You have said, "My kindness is established forever." In heaven You have confirmed your faithfulness.

الأحد الرابع عشر بعد العنصرة

أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ تَحْفَظُنَا وَتَحْمِينَا، مِنْ هَذَا الْجِيلِ وَإِلَى الدَّهْرِ
خَلَصْنِي يَا رَبُّ فَإِنَّ الْبَارَّ قَدْ فَنِيَ، لِأَنَّ الْحَقِيقَةَ قَدْ ضَعُفَتْ عِنْدَ بَنِي
البشر

الرسالة 1 كورنثس 1 : 21 الى 2 : 4

يا اخوة، ان الذي يُبَيِّنُنَا مَعَكُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، وَقَدْ مَسَحَنَا، هُوَ اللَّهُ،
الذي خَتَمَنَا أَيْضاً وَمَنْحَنَا عَرَبُونَ الرُّوحِ فِي قُلُوبِنَا. أَمَّا أَنَا
فَاسْتَشْهِدُ اللَّهَ عَلَى نَفْسِي، أَنِّي لِإِشْفَاقِي عَلَيْكُمْ لَمْ أَتْ أَيْضاً إِلَى
كُورِنْثُسَ، لِأَنَّا نَسُودُ إِيمَانَكُمْ، لَكِنَّا أَعْوَانُ فَرْحِكُمْ، لِأَنكُمْ ثَابِتُونَ
فِي الْإِيمَانِ. وَقَدْ حَزَمْتُ بِهَذَا فِي نَفْسِي أَنْ لَا أَتِيَكُمْ أَيْضاً مَغْمُوماً.
لَأَنِّي إِنْ غَمَمْتُكُمْ فَمَنْ الَّذِي يَسُرُّنِي غَيْرُ مَنْ عَمِمْتُهُ أَنَا؟ وَقَدْ كَتَبْتُ
إِلَيْكُمْ بِهَذَا عَيْنِهِ، لَنَلَّا يَنَالُنِي عِنْدَ قُدُومِي غَمٌّ مِمَّنْ كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ
أَفْرَحَ بِهِمْ. وَإِنِّي لَوَاتِقٌ بِكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ، أَنَّ فَرْحِي هُوَ فَرْحُكُمْ جَمِيعاً.
فَإِنِّي مِنْ شِدَّةِ الْكَآبَةِ وَكَرْبِ الْقَلْبِ، كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِدُمُوعٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، لِأَنَّهُ
لَتَغْتَمُّوا، بَلْ لَتَعْرِفُوا مَا عِنْدِي مِنْ فَرْطِ الْمَحَبَّةِ لَكُمْ. هَلَلُوبَا
بِمِرَاحِمِكُمْ يَا رَبُّ أَرْنِمْ إِلَى الْآبِدِ، إِلَى جَبَلٍ فَجِيلٍ أَعْلَنُ حَقَّكَ بِفَمِي
لَأَنَّكَ قُلْتَ: إِنَّ الرَّحْمَةَ تُبْنِي إِلَى الْآبِدِ، وَفِي السَّمَاوَاتِ يُهَيِّئُ حَقَّكَ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 2-14 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost (Parable of the Wedding Feast)

The Lord told this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a king who made a marriage feast for his son. And he sent his servants to call in those invited to the marriage feast, but they would not come. Again, he sent out other servants saying: 'Tell those who are invited, behold. I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fatlings are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it, and went off, one to his own farm and another to his business; and the rest laid hold of his servants,

treated them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it, he was angry; and he sent his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The marriage feast indeed is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy; go therefore to the crossroads and invite to the marriage feast whomever you shall find.' And his servants went out into the roads and gathered all those they found, both good and bad; and the marriage feast was filled with guests. Now the king went in to see the guests, and he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' But he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, take hold of him, and throw him out into the darkness, where there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

الأحد الرابع عشر بعد العنصرة الأنجيل متى 22 : 2 - 14

قال الربُّ هذا المثل: يُسَبِّهُ مَلَكُوتَ السَّمَاوَاتِ بِإِنْسَانٍ مَلِكٍ صَنَعَ
عُرْساً لابْنِهِ. وَأَرْسَلَ عَبِيدَهُ لِيَدْعُوا الْمَدْعُودِينَ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ، فَلَمْ
يُرِيدُوا أَنْ يَأْتُوا. فَأَرْسَلَ مِنْ جَدِيدٍ عَبِيداً آخَرِينَ وَقَالَ: قُولُوا
لِلْمَدْعُودِينَ، هَا أَنِّي قَدْ أَعَدَدْتُ غَدَائِي، ثِيَابِي وَمُسَمَّنَاتِي قَدْ دُبِحَتْ
، وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ مُهَيَّأٌ، فَهَلُّمُوا إِلَى الْعُرْسِ. وَلَكِنَّهُمْ تَهَاوَنُوا، فَذَهَبَ هَذَا
إِلَى حَقْلِهِ الْخَاصِّ، وَذَلِكَ إِلَى تِجَارَتِهِ، وَالْبَاقُونَ قَبَضُوا عَلَى عَبِيدِهِ
فَشَتَمُوهُمْ وَقَتَلُوهُمْ. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ ذَلِكَ الْمَلِكُ غَضِبَ، وَأَرْسَلَ جُيُوشَهُ
فَأَهْلَكَ أُولَئِكَ الْقَتْلَةَ، وَأَحْرَقَ مَدِينَتَهُمْ. حِينَئِذٍ قَالَ لِعَبِيدِهِ: أَمَّا الْعُرْسُ
فَمُعَدَّةٌ، وَأَمَّا الْمَدْعُودُونَ فَغَيْرُ مُسْتَجِيبِينَ. فَادْهَبُوا إِلَى مَفَارِقِ
الطُّرُقِ، وَكُلُّ مَنْ وَجَدْتُمُوهُ فَادْعُوهُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ. فَخَرَجَ أُولَئِكَ
الْعَبِيدُ إِلَى الطُّرُقِ، وَجَمَعُوا كُلَّ مَنْ وَجَدُوا مِنْ أَشْرَارٍ وَصَالِحِينَ،
فَحَفَلَ الْعُرْسُ بِالْمُتَّكِينَ. فَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْمَلِكُ لِيَنْظُرَ الْمُتَّكِينَ، رَأَى
هُنَاكَ إِنْسَانًا لَيْسَ عَلَيْهِ خُلَّةُ الْعُرْسِ. فَقَالَ لَهُ: يَا صَاحِبَ، كَيْفَ دَخَلْتَ
إِلَى هُنَا، وَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكَ خُلَّةُ الْعُرْسِ؟ فَسَكَتَ. حِينَئِذٍ قَالَ الْمَلِكُ
لِلْخُدَّامِ: أَوْثِقُوا يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ وَخَذُوهُ وَأَطْرَحُوهُ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ
الْخَارِجَةِ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصَرْيَفُ الْأَسْنَانِ. فَإِنَّ الْمَدْعُودِينَ
كَثِيرِينَ، وَالْمُخْتَارِينَ قَلِيلِينَ



Mass intentions for Sunday 30th of August:

For Well Being, Health, Peace, Protection, Safety and Salvation for Nabel & Violette Nijmeh and family and in gratitude for sponsoring the coffee hour

For WBHPPSS of Sami & Omaymah Awwad and family.

For good health and speedy recovery for all the sick among parishioners and friends. Denise Shehata, Antoinette Mansour, Basemah Aranki, Dolores Maalouf, Abe & Tony Baroud, Ghassan Azar, Mounir Massih, Mary and Elias Elkhoury, Magdi Rizkalla.

For the rest of the soul: +Jamileh Nakhleh; +Mary Nahhas; +Sophia Alcheikh; +Dc Tony Shehata; +Martha Rayyan +Jamileh Akkawi; +Emile & Clotilde Harb.

Sunday September 6th: Nativity of the Theotokos (Jreisat family sponsoring Coffee hour)

Friday September 11th: 7:30pm Arabic Mass and lighting of the fire (weather permitting) for the occasion of the fest of the Holy Cross.

Sunday September 13th: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. 1st year Memorial for Jamileh Akkawi.

1:00 pm Online required diocesan training “**Circle of Grace**” for the families and registration for Sunday School

Sunday September 20th First Sunday School class

Bishop Francois Beyrouti's visit to Chicago

Friday October 16th: 5:30pm Prayer service & cutting ribbon ceremony followed by the Annual Dinner at Crystal Palace

Saturday October 17th Family Retreat Day

Sunday October 18th: Blessing of Saint John's Church at 11:00am

Weekly donations August 16, 2026:

Friday: \$100; Sunday: 8:30am: \$36; 9:45am: \$8; 11am: \$1,402; Online Don: \$210; Candles: \$44; Rentals: \$2,000; Souvenir Book: \$250; Religious items Donations \$500; Bulletin Advertisement: \$2,250; Baptisms: \$1,000.

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COME AND SEE. TRY ALPHA!

Saint John The Baptist church cordially invites you to come to Alpha and explore life and its questions in a welcoming, friendly environment. This



ten-week series includes a shared meal, a video that looks at a different question of faith each week and leads to conversation and an opportunity to share thoughts and hear from others. The conversations are fun, open, honest and judgment free. Alpha is a seven-week build up to a “Day away retreat” with a three-week follow up. Alpha is offered free of charge.

St John's invites you to our next session of Alpha. Come and see, even if only for one night. If you find that Alpha is not for you there is no pressure to come back.

For more information, please contact George Sahyouni at georgesahyouni7@gmail.com or Nader Sahyouni at xnader@sbcglobal.net Begins Tuesday Sept 29, 2026 at Libanais restaurant private room in Lincolnwood.

St John Families and Business Owners!

The St John Committee for the upcoming visit of Bishop Francois has been working hard for you!! Do you have a family business? Why not purchase an ad in our Ad book and be a part of the community our church promotes and supports! Don't have a business but still want to support St. John's? Purchase a family acknowledgment! This is a great way to shine a light on your (families) especially if celebrating a special event this year like a baptism or graduation. Be the first to bring good wishes upon our new Church. Don't miss out on your chance to "Be the Hope" and help contribute to our amazing Parish!

Examples and ideas for your advertisement in our Souvenir book.

We received the first ad for our souvenir book from a member of Saint Basil Melkite Catholic Church in RI.

Resignation Announcement

Parish Advisory Council

We wish to inform our parish community that the chair of the PAC, Nabel Nijmeh, has submitted the resignation of the Parish Advisory Council, effective immediately. We are grateful for the dedicated service, valuable insights, and commitment to the mission of our parish.

Please join us in thanking all the members of the previous PAC for their many contributions, especially their biggest accomplishments in purchasing our new and beautiful church. We ask everyone to pray for them as they continue to serve our parish in other ways.

Electoral committee

The electoral committee consists of Albert Haddad, Inaam Bisharat, Nabeel Nijmeh.

The committee is collecting names of parishioners who are interested in joining the PAC.

New Members requirements is to Love God, SERVE our parish with enthusiasm, passion and dedication, Have the flexibility and willingness to Work with the priest and other members of the PAC to advance and success the parish.



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TO
VILLA PARK**

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& BLESSING OF THE CHURCH**

VILLA PARK, ILLINOIS

WITH FEATURED GUESTS, CLERGY,
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7:00 PM

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If possible, please forward your message, artwork, photos or graphics via email to Stjohn.chicago@melkite.org. Please submit your artwork in a jpg format. Call Norma-Jean with questions

Domingo, 30 de agosto de 2026

14.º Domingo después de Pentecostés – El Banquete de Bodas del Rey

Himnos

Tropario de la Resurrección (Tono 5)

Alabemos y adoremos, oh fieles, al Verbo, coeterno con el Padre y el Espíritu, nacido de la Virgen para nuestra salvación; porque quiso ser elevado en la carne sobre la Cruz, padecer la muerte y resucitar a los muertos por su gloriosa Resurrección.

Kontakion de la Natividad

Por tu santo nacimiento, oh Inmaculada, Joaquín y Ana fueron librados del oprobio de la esterilidad, y Adán y Eva, de la corrupción de la muerte. Tu pueblo, redimido de la deuda de sus pecados, clama a ti para honrar tu nacimiento: «¡La estéril da a luz a la Madre de Dios, Sustentadora de nuestra vida!»

Epístola: 2 Corintios 1, 21–2, 4

Tú, Señor, nos guardarás y nos preservarás para siempre de esta generación

Sálvame, Señor, porque ya no queda ningún hombre santo; la fidelidad ha desaparecido de entre los hijos de los hombres.

LECTURA de la Segunda Epístola de San Pablo a los Corintios

HERMANOS: El que nos fortalece, junto con ustedes, en Cristo, y el que nos ha ungido, es Dios. Él también nos ha marcado con su sello y ha puesto en nuestros corazones el Espíritu como garantía. Ahora invoco a Dios como testigo sobre mi alma de que, por consideración hacia ustedes, no volví a Corinto. No es que pretendamos dominar sobre la fe de ustedes, sino que somos colaboradores de su alegría, porque ustedes permanecen firmes en la fe. Por eso decidí no volver a visitarlos con tristeza. Porque si yo los entristezco, ¿quién podrá alegrarme sino aquel a quien yo mismo he entristecido?

Y les escribí como lo hice para que, cuando vaya, no tenga tristeza de parte de aquellos que deberían causarme alegría, pues confío en todos ustedes y sé

que mi alegría es también la alegría de todos ustedes. Porque les escribí con mucha aflicción y angustia de corazón, y con muchas lágrimas; no para entristecerlos, sino para que conocieran el gran amor que les tengo.

ALELUYA

Cantaré eternamente tus misericordias, Señor; de generación en generación mi boca proclamará tu fidelidad.

Versículo: Porque tú has dicho: «Mi misericordia está establecida para siempre». En los cielos has confirmado tu fidelidad.

Lectura del Santo Evangelio según San Mateo Evangelista (22, 2-14)

El Señor dijo esta parábola: «El Reino de los cielos es semejante a un rey que celebró el banquete de bodas de su hijo. Envío a sus servidores a llamar a los invitados a las bodas, pero ellos no quisieron venir. Entonces envió a otros servidores, diciéndoles: “Digan a los invitados: Miren, he preparado mi banquete; mis toros y animales cebados ya han sido sacrificados, y todo está preparado. Vengan al banquete de bodas”.

Pero ellos no hicieron caso y se fueron, uno a su campo y otro a sus negocios. Los demás se apoderaron de los servidores, los maltrataron y los mataron. Al enterarse, el rey se indignó y envió sus ejércitos, acabó con aquellos asesinos e incendió su ciudad. Entonces dijo a sus servidores: “El banquete de bodas está preparado, pero los invitados no eran dignos. Vayan, pues, a los cruces de los caminos e inviten al banquete de bodas a todos los que encuentren”. Los servidores salieron a los caminos y reunieron a todos los que encontraron, buenos y malos, y el salón del banquete se llenó de invitados. Cuando el rey entró para ver a los invitados, vio allí a un hombre que no llevaba traje de boda. Y le dijo: “Amigo, ¿cómo has entrado aquí sin traje de boda?”. Pero él se quedó sin palabras. Entonces el rey dijo a los servidores: “Átenlo de pies y manos, sáquenlo y arrójenlo afuera, a las tinieblas, donde habrá llanto y rechinar de dientes”. Porque muchos son los llamados, pero pocos los elegidos».

“Circle of Grace”

September 13, 1:00 pm

The USCCB’s Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People mandates that every Catholic diocese/eparchy in the country provide age-appropriate sexual abuse prevention training to kids enrolled in religious education. This training must be repeated every year. (See the “Parish Compliance with the USCCB Charter” video below for more information.)

The Eparchy of Newton uses the “Circle of Grace” program. “Circle of Grace” is NOT sex education; it teaches children and youth about personal boundaries, how to recognize when boundaries are being violated, and what to do if this happens. (See the “What is ‘Circle of Grace?’” video below for more information.)

The “Circle of Grace” content is available for free to parents, catechists, and clergy – both the Standard Lessons used to teach the kids and the Parents First newsletter which is an educational resource for parents. You can access “Circle of Grace” content using this link.

Children and youth enrolled in religious education must be trained using the “Circle of Grace” program before June 30, 2026 to satisfy the Charter. The training is usually given by a catechist during one class meeting. No prior experience with the “Circle of Grace” program is necessary because each Standard Lesson provides easy to follow directions.

Please do not begin the training until you have communicated the following information to parents of children and youth enrolled in religious education.

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Parents have the right to opt out their children from the training. The Eparchy simply asks that the opt-out form be submitted which is available on the Eparchy website. Go to Safe Environment > Key Links > Parent Opt-out Form for “Circle of Grace” Training.

Samaritan's Purse Seasonal Job Openings

Greetings,

My name is Olga, and I am with Samaritan's Purse Human Resources, hiring for Operation Christmas Child. We are currently seeking to hire approximately 150 Christian men and women for paid positions on a four-week project with Operation Christmas Child, and we need your help to spread the word!

Partnering with like-minded churches and organizations is the most effective way to identify candidates who are passionate about spreading the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and working in our processing centers.

Our seasonal positions include a wide variety of customer service roles, such as team coaches, greeters, and floor coordinators. There are also a variety of warehouse positions - including dockworkers, quality/inventory control, class A CDL drivers, and forklift drivers. The ideal candidates for these positions will have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, align with the mission of Samaritan's Purse, work well with volunteers, be flexible, and function well in a fast-paced environment.

If you know anyone in your congregation who would be interested and match this description, please feel free to share this information with them.

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- 40+ hours per week, Monday – Saturday (Thanksgiving Day off)
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- Warehouse Team Member Job Description: Warehouse Team Member in Aurora, IL.
- Hourly pay rate of \$20 per hour for Customer Service and Warehouse Workers

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We ask that you would spread the word about these temporary job opportunities to help us continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Would you post the attached information in your bulletin, on your job board, in your social media, or send this in an email blast to your congregation? Would you send this to anyone who matched this description and is looking for a seasonal job? We are grateful for any way that you can help us spread the word to fill these seasonal jobs with an eternal purpose!

Questions and more information – We would love to answer any questions you may have or send you more information about our hiring. Please reply to this email with any questions or information requests or contact me directly at the number below.

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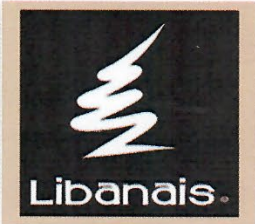
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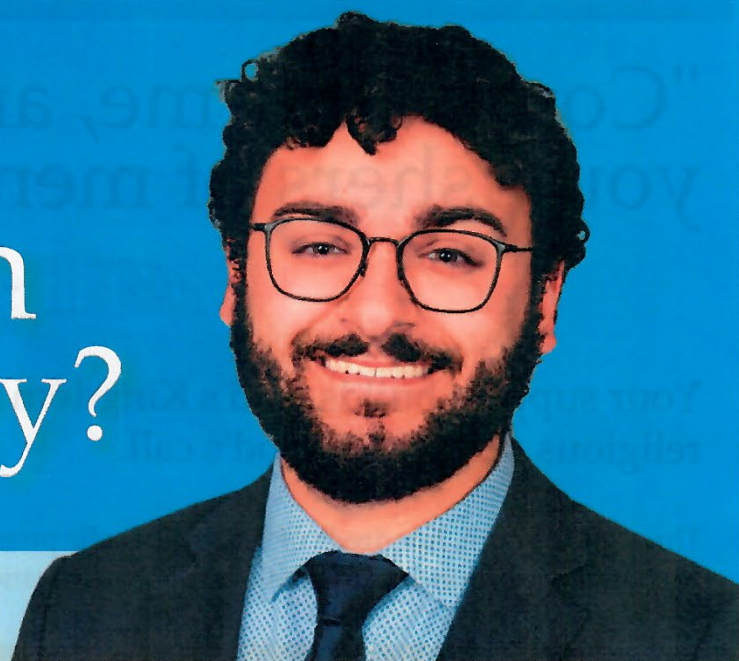


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If you would like to know more about my vocation journey and my work with The Labouré Society, I would love to speak with you individually. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me via email: Christopher.Karroum@rescuevocations.org or by phone: (216) 702-9554.

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