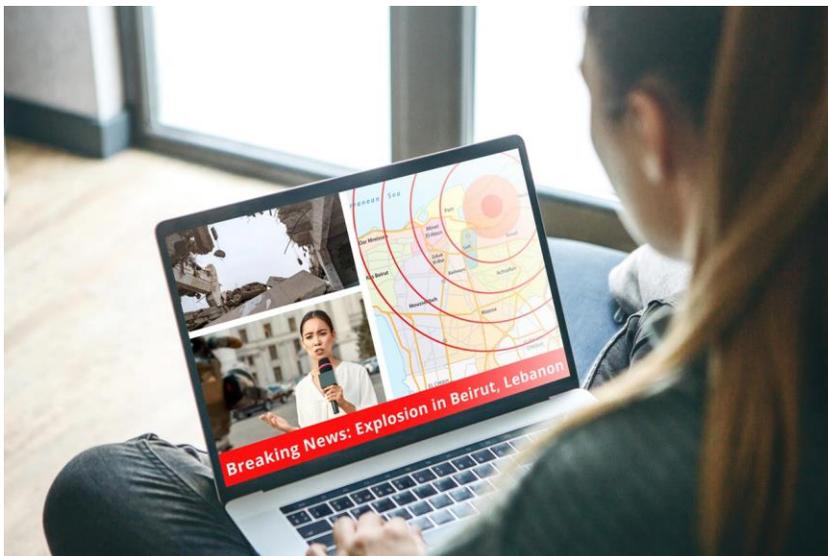


**Special Emergency Collection for  
Disaster Relief in Beirut, Lebanon  
August 23, 2020**

In response to the recent explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, Most Reverend Michael F. Olson has announced an emergency special collection in the Diocese of Fort Worth on August 22-23, 2020. Funds collected will be directed to Caritas Lebanon through Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church in Lewisville TX.



Hosting more than 1-million Syrian refugees while battling the COVID-19 pandemic, Lebanon is already suffering from an economic and a healthcare crisis.

On August 4, a massive explosion rocked the city, injuring more than 5,000 and killing at least 137. Officials are still evacuating residents, while trying to grasp the cost in human life and misery.

Caritas Lebanon is distributing emergency supplies, clearing rubble and preparing medical and mental health team for dispatch.

When you give, you provide critical and immediate relief to the most vulnerable—hot meals, safe shelter, medication, hygiene kits and clean water. Your gift also helps ensure that mobile medical units and trauma support are available for those who need it most.

Your prayers and support are urgently needed. Please give generously and donate to help families affected by the explosion in Beirut.

**General Information for Parishes:**

Read Letter from Bishop Olson	August 15-16, 2020
Collection Date	August 22-23, 2020
Date Funds Due to Diocese	September 14, 2020
Intacct Account Number	214000
Intacct Fund Number	28206
Intacct Project #	P001-0132
Online Donation Link	<a href="https://bit.ly/BeirutCollection">https://bit.ly/BeirutCollection</a>

**Please read the attached letter from Bishop Olson during all Sunday Masses on August 15-16.**

**If you need a copy of the image above to use royalty free in bulletins, websites and social media, please contact the Advancement Foundation.**

## **COVID-19 Information**

Even though we no longer pass collection baskets, your parishioners may still support this special collection in the following ways:

1. Drop off at Mass. (Parishes: Provide two drop off baskets or collection boxes in your Narthex: one clearly marked for parish offertory and one clearly marked for special collections).
2. Mail a donation directly to the parish with Beirut Special Collection in the memo space.
3. Use the parish online giving portal, such as Faith Direct, OSV, Vanco, ParishSoft, etc., you can set up all special collections as fund options for your parishioners to choose from.
4. Donate online: <https://bit.ly/BeirutCollection>

## **ENGLISH PROMOTIONAL INFORMATION**

### ***Bulletin, Pulpit, Social Media or Website Announcement***

#### **Beirut Blast Relief: Special Emergency Collection**

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#### **General Intercession/Intention**

For those affected by the explosions in Lebanon, that they can face this tragic and painful moment, and with the help of the international community, overcome the serious crisis they are undergoing. We pray.

## **INFORMACIÓN PROMOCIONAL EN ESPAÑOL**

### ***Boletín/Sitio web/Púlpito /Anuncio de Rede Sociale***

#### **Alivio Para la Explosión en Beirut: Colecta Especial de Emergencia**

En respuesta a la reciente explosión en Beirut, Líbano, el Reverendísimo Michael F. Olson ha anunciado una colecta especial de emergencia en la Diócesis de Fort Worth del 22 al 23 de agosto. Los fondos recaudados se enviarán a Caritas Líbano a través de la Iglesia Católica Maronita Nuestra

Señora del Líbano para distribuir suministros de emergencia, limpiar escombros y preparar equipos médicos y de salud mental para su envío. Por favor, apoye generosamente esta colecta a través de nuestras donaciones parroquiales en línea o visitando <https://bit.ly/BeirutCollection> para hacer una donación segura en línea.

**Intercesión/intención general**

Por los afectados por las explosiones en el Líbano, que puedan afrontar este trágico y doloroso momento y, con la ayuda de la comunidad internacional, superar la grave crisis que atraviesan. Oremos.

If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact Renée Underwood, CFRE, Chief Operating Officer of the Advancement Foundation, at 817-945-9441 or [runderwood@advancementfoundation.org](mailto:runderwood@advancementfoundation.org)