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Dear Parishioners,

Our Lady of Lebanon is a vibrant parish of about 350 families. With all the activity that comes with a modern parish we access or database daily. We also know that this data is constantly changing. Parishioners marry, babies are born, children move away, new people move in, others move out, Sacraments are celebrated, etcetera and we are not always made aware of these life events.

We don’t know when the last census was conducted, but we have become an online and mobile society. This impacts our records. The parish is not typically notified when landlines are disconnected, cell phones added, and emails get created or changed. The parish records quickly become outdated.

The council and I decided that it was time to update our records. The census form collects relevant information for each member of your household. Remembering that Joseph and Mary walked about 70 miles to Bethlehem for a census when Jesus was born, we ask that you take about 10 minutes in the comfort of your home to provide us with this needed census data.

We are asking each household to complete the enclosed Census form no later than April 1, 2019. A household includes children under 18 years old. Those 18 years or older (and not a student) should register individually. If you no longer attend Our Lady of Lebanon church and wish to be removed from our records, please check the circle where indicated at the bottom of the form, sign, date and return the form. All information is confidential and will only be used by authorized personnel.

Included is a sample census form for your convenience If you have any questions, please call the office at 610-252-5275 and we will be happy to help you. Forms may also be downloaded from our website at [www.ololeaston.org](http://www.ololeaston.org). Paper forms will also be available in the front and back entrances to the church. Completed forms may be dropped into boxes labeled “Census Forms” that will be placed in the front and back entrances to the church. They may also be mailed or emailed to [ololchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:ololchurch@yahoo.com).

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us obtain an updated census on all our parish households. We pray that our census will bring new life in various ways to our parish. At the very least, our updated records will help us to serve you better.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours in Christ

Father Youssef Keikati, Administrator Our Lady of Lebanon Church