



# Maronite Catholics For Life united for the defense of the sanctity of all human life, of married & family life!!



Office of Family and Sanctity of Life of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

## February 11th-Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of the Sick

### Intention for the month:

We pray for those who are ill and for their caregivers that they draw strength from the Sacred Heart of Jesus and join their suffering to the redemptive passion of Our Lord for the salvation of souls and for the grace to meet the suffering Christ in the sick.

### Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy: Show care and support for the sick, the elderly and the dying.

1- Coordinate parishioners (possibly with MYA & MYO groups) and arrange visits to residents at a local nursing home. Sit with them, talk to them, listen to them, help them with lunch, play cards, etc. If priest is available, Divine Liturgy can be celebrated.

2- Organize home visits to the elderly and homebound people, spend time with them and offer support to them and their families. Pray with them and for them. Bring them the Eucharist if priest or deacon is available.

**"I was sick and you visited me"**  
**Matthew 25:36**

### Did you know??

Martha Robin, a French Mystic Lady, spent the last fifty-three years of her life in a divan (which was shorter than a bed) unable to eat, drink or sleep. Our modern culture would encourage the physician-assisted suicide for people like Martha since the culture considers them "useless" and "burden" on society. However Martha's long years of suffering have brought much fruit in the life of the Church; Martha, while bedridden, was instrumental in the foundation of the Foyers of Charity movement, which makes part of a "New Pentecost of Love" working for the renewal of the Church.

We pray that the example and the life of Martha Robin will fill the hearts of all the suffering, the terminally ill people and their caregivers, with the assurance that their pain will blossom into life.

The Church recognizes the dignity of those who are sick and the importance of their suffering in the plan of salvation and advocates always for compassionate care for the sick and dying and is against Euthanasia.

### Food for the thought:

**"Human Life is beautiful and should be lived to the full, even when it is weak and enveloped in the mystery of suffering." Pope Benedict XVI**



Do you realize that physical illness is a reminder of our human frailty and mortality & it does not diminish a person's worth or dignity?  
Do you unite your sufferings and others with The Lord's for the salvation of souls?

**Our life is a sacred gift from the Author of Life and we must care for it!!**

