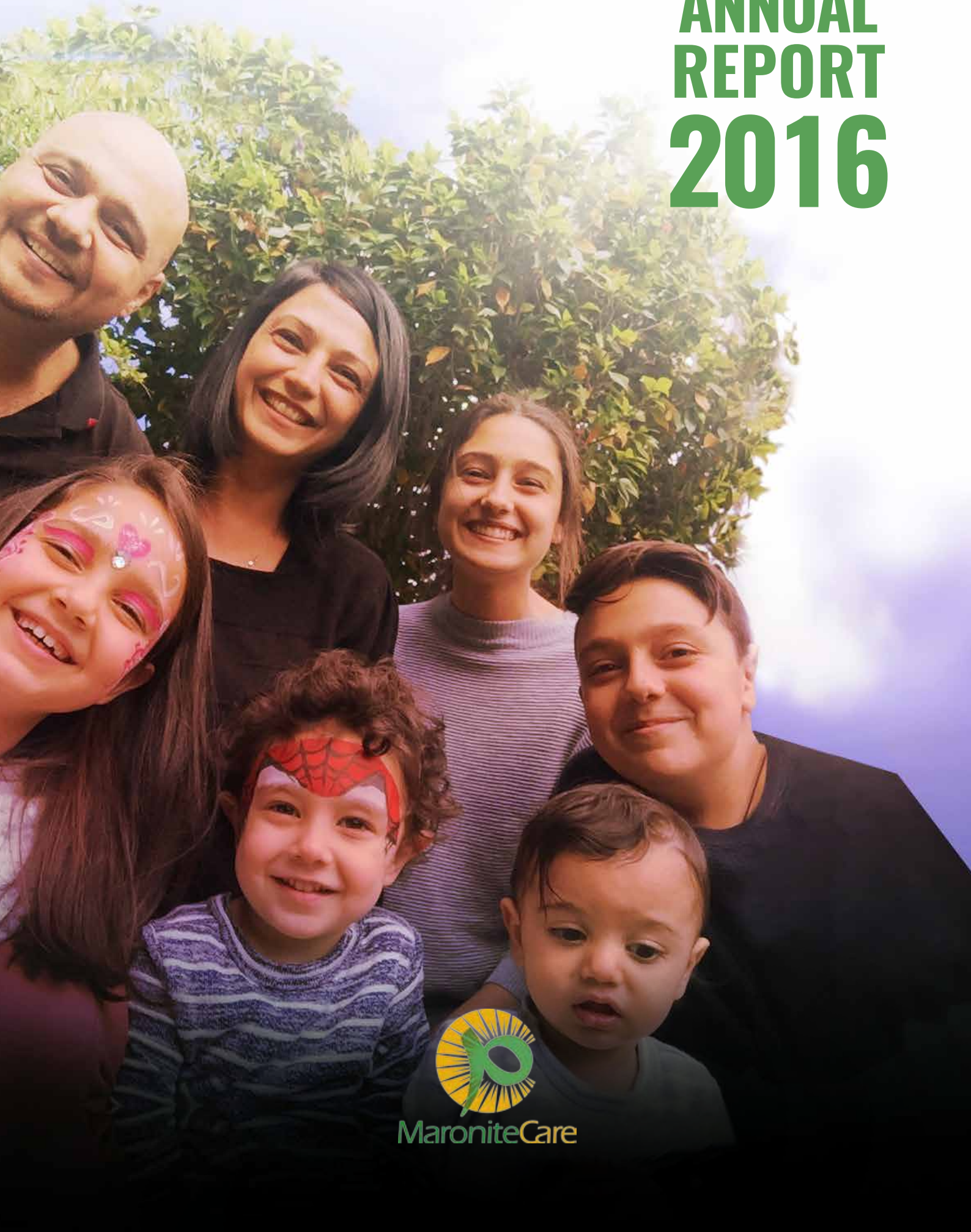


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MaroniteCare

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*MaroniteCare acknowledges and appreciates the following individuals and organisations for their support*

## ***Our Staff, Supporters, Donors and Volunteers***

*The generous support of our community members who contributed time, talents, funds, and humanpower made it possible to continue assisting those in most need in our Maronite and greater Australian community*

## ***The Australian and NSW Governments***

*Family and Community Services  
Western Sydney Local Health District*

## ***Maronite Catholic Church Community***

*Maronite Eparchy of Australia, Chancery Staff  
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral*

## ***The Catholic Community***

*Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC)  
CatholicCare  
Catholic Social Services Australia  
National Fertility Services Australia*



***MaroniteCare acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land. We pay our respects to Aboriginal elders past and present, and celebrate their continuing culture.***



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# MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP



*Dear Friends,*

*In his Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis called for a church that 'goes forth' in its mission of evangelization and that prioritises its missionary and pastoral roles. In order that the spiritual journey of the Church is aligned with our pastoral and apostolic reality, it is important to have welfare agencies and social services organisations such as MaroniteCare.*

*Established in 2004, MaroniteCare is the welfare agency of the Maronite Eparchy of Australia dedicated to extending social, welfare, and other community and care services, to help the families, youth, elderly, and to provide relief to people in need. It is formed of a wonderful team of people who are dedicated to serve our Maronite community and the wider Australian community.*

*It was perhaps providential that Pope Francis announced the Jubilee Year of Mercy at a time when MaroniteCare was undergoing restructuring and launching new projects and initiatives. Mercy is at the heart of the mission of MaroniteCare: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink..." (Matthew 25:35)*

*The Church offers many wonderful examples of people and Saints who were channels of mercy and love. A shining example is Mother Teresa of Calcutta whose canonisation was celebrated in Rome on the 4th of September. Mother Teresa was an apostle of peace and mercy and one of the most renowned personalities of the 20th century. A woman of few words but great actions, Mother Teresa is a perfect example of humility in service and of love in action. May she inspire us in our work at the service of our brothers and sisters.*

*I encourage you to support MaroniteCare in its mission and events so we truly become a church that 'goes forth' and a community of **people who care** and offer love and support to **people who need our care**.*



✝ **Antoine-Charbel Tarabay**  
**Maronite Bishop of Australia**

# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

*I was honoured to be asked by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay to be the Chair of MaroniteCare. I have previously worked for ten years as a legal aid solicitor and barrister. I have also served for over 23 years as a Federal Member of Parliament. I hope to use this experience to assist our Maronite Community and the wider Australian community. Together with the expertise of my fellow board members, I believe that we are well placed to make a difference for the better.*

*All members of the Board are donating their time.  
They are not paid for their contribution.*

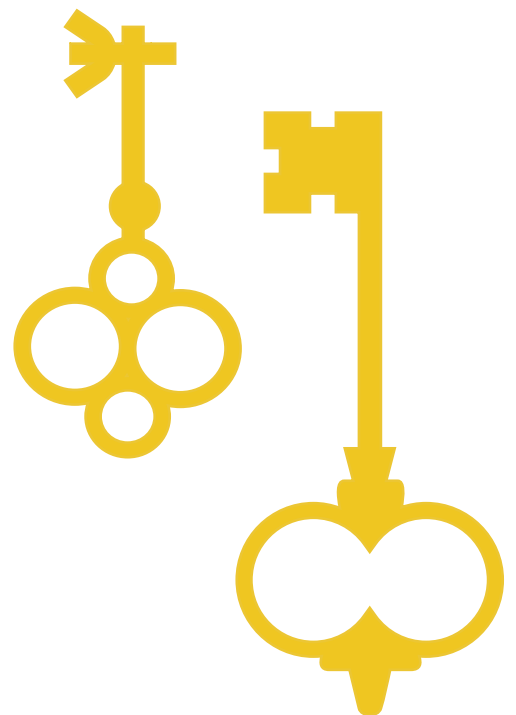
*Subdeacon Danny Nouh has been appointed our Executive Officer.*

*We hope to grow and improve the services that are available to all our parishioners and the wider community. It is important to note that the Board sees itself as working in partnership with all our parishes and organizations.*

*We need to work together. We cannot do it on our own.*



**Daryl Melham**  
**Chairperson MaroniteCare**



# REPORT FROM OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## *"Working together to make a Difference"*

*In his Pastoral Plan for the Maronite Eparchy of Australia 2014-2020, Faithfulness and Openness, His Excellency Antoine-Charbel Tarabay focuses heavily on the social and welfare needs of the community. These needs are strongly upheld in the priorities that he has furnished for the Maronite and the wider community in Australia.*

*MaroniteCare exists to support, educate and empower individuals, couples and families to better participate in and contribute to the society in which they are part of. Over the last few months we have been working hard to re-establish MaroniteCare so that it can truly fulfil this mission. Under the guidance and leadership of His Excellency Antoine-Charbel Tarabay and the management of the Board, we have been building our governance structures so that we can become a professional, transparent, consistent and coherent organisation which the Maronite community can be proud of. We are in the process of reviewing and renewing our processes and procedures with the goal of achieving best practice and targeting accreditation within Australian Standards. We would like MaroniteCare to one day be recognized alongside organisations such as CatholicCare, AngliCare, The Salvation Army and other such organisations who play a big role in supporting the needs of the community.*

*In the near future we will be launching several initiatives which include; Mental Health Awareness Month in October; White Ribbon Week in November; and various other health and wellbeing initiatives. Our motto is "Working together to make a difference." This is the spirit in which we would like to work within, a spirit of partnership and collaboration. Partnership and collaboration with our parishes, schools, businesses and community organisations! This requires that all our talents, successes and achievements are brought together in a unified spirit so that we can truly make a difference to the lives of the people that seek our help and support. Each one of us according to our responsibility, participate and exercise authority derived from our Lord Jesus Christ. For this reason, MaroniteCare will be forming partnerships so that together we can achieve the mission of the Church, glorifying God and serving his people.*



**Subdeacon Danny Nouh**

# ABOUT US

**MaroniteCare** was established in 2004 as the welfare agency of the Maronite Eparchy of Australia. Within the light of our Catholic ethos, Maronite Spirituality, charism and values, MaroniteCare is committed to enhancing the well-being of all within our diverse community. Currently we provide support services to youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen and their families through an individual, family and group counselling service funded by the NSW Department of Family and Community Services. MaroniteCare also provides free counselling and support to individuals, couples and families who are experiencing challenging family situations. Issues like relationship problems, grief and loss, mental health and behaviour problems are addressed in a confidential environment. Other services that we provide include pre-marriage classes, natural family planning, parenting courses, speech therapy and much more.

MaroniteCare gathered and consolidated the multiple services that had been established in the past. MaroniteCare is governed by the MaroniteCare Charter and Rules which conforms to the Code of Canons of the Eastern Catholic Churches and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission governance standards.

The vision of His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay for MaroniteCare is to be the overarching organisation which will gather all the Maronite Church agencies under its umbrella. These agencies include, Maronite Youth Services, Maronite Family & Adult Counselling Services, Maronite Natural Family Planning Services, The Maronite Office of Family Life and Marriage, Maronite Catholic Society, White Stone, Our Lady Aged Care Centre, Maronites on Mission and the Australian Maronite Professionals Council and more.



## Our Services

. Aged Care . Community Building . Disability and Special Need .  
. Parenting Courses . Family and Youth Counselling . Marriage Preparation . Early Learning .  
. Natural Family Planning . Women and Men's wellbeing . Support Groups .



# WHO WE ARE

## *Our Mission*

*MaroniteCare is the official social and welfare agency of the Maronite Catholic Eparchy of Australia. The mission of MaroniteCare, as an instrument of Christ's Mercy and Compassion, is to support, educate and empower individuals, couples and families to better participate in and contribute to the wider community.*

## *Our Vision*

*MaroniteCare's vision is for a society in which there is total respect of individuals' privileges and responsibilities, a society that empowers all persons to participate and contribute with dignity.*







# OUR PATRON

**Blessed Father Yaccoub the Capuchin:** An apostle of Mercy and truly a representation of the MaroniteCare's vision and mission. Blessed Father Yaccoub constructed institutions including schools, monasteries and hospitals that took in neglected people of all conditions, ages, races or religions. He took care of their needs including education and physical and mental health care. He constructed the first monastery for ageing priests so that their needs could be attended to. Abouna Yaacoub transformed the Convent of the Cross from an asylum to a hospital for mental and psychological diseases. A true pioneer in philanthropy and a founder of an order of nuns, he expanded the Capuchin school network and established a number of religious and social institutions, some of which have gained iconic status in Lebanon. His faith and actions for those in need inspire MaroniteCare to persevere in our mission of social institutions, some of which have gained iconic status in Lebanon. His faith and actions for those in need inspire MaroniteCare to persevere in our mission of serving our community.

*"Mercy is an essential part of love;  
it is the love taking care of the needy neighbour."*

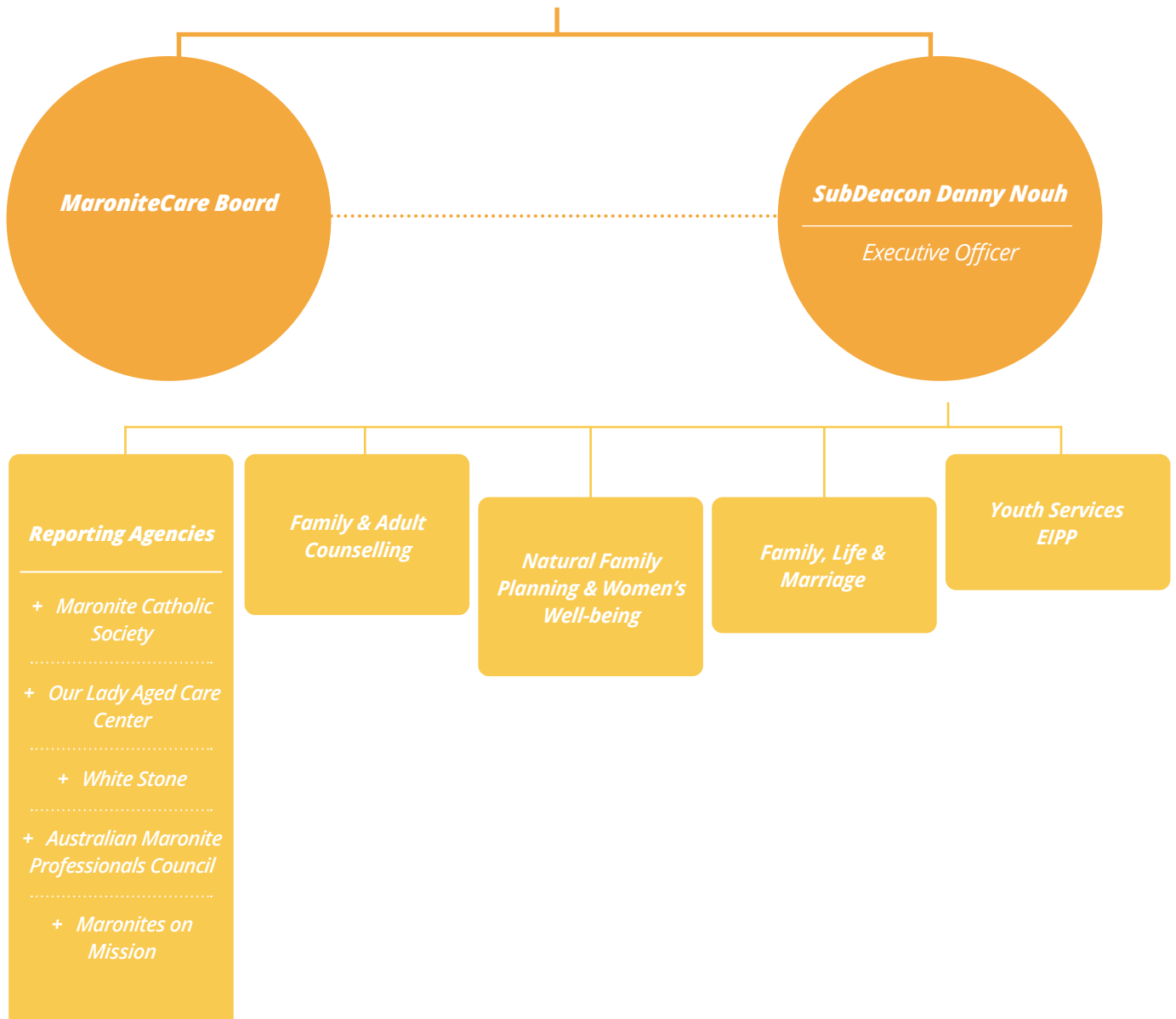
- Blessed Abouna Yaccoub



# ORGANISATIONAL CHART



*His Excellency  
Antoine-Charbel Tarabay  
Maronite Bishop of Australia*





# OUR BOARD



*Monsignor Marcelino Youssef*

- Vicar General -

Monsignor Marcelino Youssef is the Vicar General at the Maronite Eparchy of Australia. He arrived in Australia in September 2006, after serving at the Maronite Archdiocese of Beirut since the year 2000. Monsignor Marcelino attained a Masters of Education (Leadership) from the Australian Catholic University, Sydney, Australia, after completing a Certificate of Aptitude for Scholar Administration through the University of St Joseph, Institute for Teaching & School Administration - Achrafieh, Lebanon. Monsignor was the Primary School Director at La Sagesse High School, Achrafieh, Lebanon, concurrently with being a Parish Priest at the different parishes.

*Father Yuhanna Azize*

- Honorary Secretary and Chaplain -

Father Yuhanna has a doctorate in Philosophy (Ancient History), and a law degree from the University of Sydney. He is a research officer for Bishop Tarabay and assistant priest at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral. He is an honorary associate in the Department of Studies in Religion (USyd), and an Adjunct Associate Professor in Theology and Ancient History at Notre Dame. Father has devoted a lot of effort to Adult Faith Formation, English Faith Formation, and the conversion of adults to the Maronite Catholic faith. In addition to many talks and papers on these topics, he is now completing a primer on the faith, specifically on the Maronite approach to God.



*Daryl Melham*

- Chairperson -

Daryl studied law and economics at the University of Sydney, graduating with an LL.B. and a B.Ec.

He worked as a solicitor, specialising in criminal law. He then was admitted as a barrister, and was a public defender until his entry into federal politics. He was a Shadow Minister for over 7 years which included more than 4 years as Shadow Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. Daryl served on many Parliamentary Committees. He is the President and a Life Member of Revesby Workers' Club.



*Barry George Harry Barakat*

- Vice Chairperson -

A widely experienced investment banker, with a B.E and M.B.A from The University of Sydney, Barry has more recently been heavily involved in community service assisting various charitable organisations. Barry was a director of St Charbel's Care Centre. He has since become a director of the Our Lady Care Centre and is working with the team to create an aged care facility for Our Lady of Lebanon in Harris Park. Barry is also a member of the Maronite Catholic Society.



# OUR BOARD



*Sister Elham Geagea*

*Sister Elham studied nursing and pursued a Masters at the University of Saint Joseph in Beirut before moving to Australia. Sister Elham began working in the Nursing field and was an active member of her congregation, Child Care centre and the Aged Care Facility. She is currently the Chief Executive Officer of The Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family Village at both Marrickville and Dulwich-Hill. Sister Elham is highly recognised and awarded in her field for quality aged care, charitable work and humanitarian causes*



*Peter John El Khouiri*

*Peter has authored, lectured and curated Maronite history for almost two decades. He holds degrees in Economics and Law from the University of Sydney. Peter is a director of Our Lady Aged Care Centre Limited's nursing home project at Harris Park. As an Advisory Board Member of NSW Government's department of Multicultural NSW, he also chairs one of its Regional Advisory Councils. Over the last 27 years, Peter has held various committee and board positions for the Maronite Eparchy of Australia and St. Charbel's Parish and School and nursing home project at Punchbowl.*



*Anne Farah Hill*

*Anne's career in the Community Services and Welfare sector stems over 30 years, managing NGO's in the Sydney metropolitan area to the present day. She has a BA in Community Organisations and Masters of Community Management from UTS. Anne's work in the Community services sector has earned her considerable recognition from both Government and the Private sector. Anne has been mentioned in parliament on several occasions for her work and has been awarded high recognition by various councils and communities.*



*Bakhos Georges*

*Bakhos has his qualifications in a Bachelors of Pharmacy and JP. Currently, he runs and manages the family pharmaceutical business. Bakhos is the President of the Maronite Catholic Society and has been part of it for 25 years. Bakhos has worked on various projects with the Eparchy, including the St Maron and St Charbel statues, retreat centres, large scale events and feast days.*

# OUR BOARD



*Jannette Haddad Samawi*

*- Honorary Treasurer -*

*Jannette has been a public Accountant, Tax agent and Finance broker as well as the Principal of DSJ Taxation & Accounting Services and Director of Finance Professionals Mortgage Group for the past 14 years. She has been awarded many prestigious business awards. Jannette has been involved in organizations and projects such as White Stone, the Our Lady of Lebanon Parish, Heaven on Earth, the St John Paul II Monastery, QMHR, International Mission to poor countries, and the St Mary Queen of Heaven Parish.*



*Hilda Clune*

*Hilda is Chief Information Officer at PwC Australia. A senior business leader with strong transformational, technology and digital experience, Hilda has been engaged in a range of sectors for the last three decades. With core knowledge and experience primarily in the professional services sector, Hilda has focused on business transformation enabled by digital and technology. She is a Member of PwC's Global Technology Strategy Council. Hilda is also Vice-Chair of the Australian Maronite Professionals Council and a Director of PwC Services Pty Ltd.*



*Charbel Azzi*

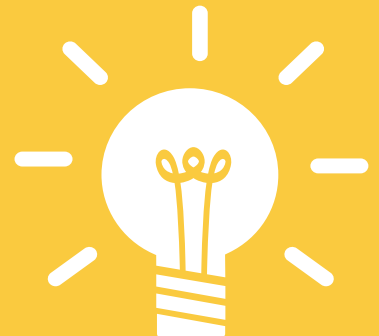
*Charbel has been a part of St Charbel's Monastery and Parish since primary school at St Charbel's College Punchbowl. He graduated with a degree in Commerce (Accounting, Finance and Economics) from the University Sydney and a degree of Law (First Class Honours) from UTS. Charbel was a property and litigation solicitor at top tier firm, Clayton Utz, for about 5 years prior to co-establishing Lionheart Lawyers where he has been director for the last 4 years. He is also a director and co-founder of Maronites on Mission Australia Limited*



# YEAR AT A GLANCE

**2015  
/ 2016**

**SEPTEMBER**  
APPOINTMENT OF THE  
*New Board*



**FEBRUARY**  
APPOINTMENT OF THE  
*Executive Officer*

*Establishment of the  
Maronite Office  
of Family, Life  
and Marriage*



**Official Launch of  
Facebook Page**

[facebook.com/maronitecare](https://facebook.com/maronitecare)



**MARCH**  
*International  
Women's Day*

*His Excellency  
Bishop Tarabay  
celebrated a  
Mass to pray for  
women with  
cancer*

**300**  *couples attended*  
**PRE-MARRIAGE CLASSES**

**120** *youth accessing*  
**COUNSELLING**



# MAY

## INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR *the Family*

*International Day for the Family*  
Procession for families of the Eparchy from  
***Our Lady of Lebanon*** Co-Cathedral to  
***Saint Joseph the Worker*** Church in Saint  
Raymond's Parish, Auburn



*walking with*  
***Mary to***  
***Joseph***

*In partnership with the **Maronite College of the Holy Family**, Parramatta we started a four session **Parenting Course** led by **Dr. Dima Akik** in Arabic and English*



# JUNE

*First National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) information session for people with special needs and their carers*



***MYDC** Leadership Retreat gathered youth leaders **from all parishes** to collaborate and combine their talents in serving the Maronite Youth Groups*

**500+**  
*Students utilising our facilities*

*Establishment of*  
***Full day Marriage Preparation Workshops***  
at ***Our Lady of Lebanon*** Co-Cathedral



*reached*  
**2000+**  
*people through facebook*



over  
**2500**  
hours of  
*free counselling*  
provided



*"The future of humanity  
depends on the family"*

*St John Paul II*

**100+**  
*Parents attended our  
Parenting Courses*



If we do not learn to look after and respect our elderly, we will be treated in the same way. The quality of a society, I mean of a civilisation, is also judged by how it treats elderly people and by the place it gives them in community life."

**- Pope Francis**



**300**  
*couples assisted in*  
**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**



# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME As of 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>569,332.75</b>	<b>621,923.50</b>
Other income		220.44
Administration expenses	(80,546.83)	(127,762.46)
Donations	(15,420.00)	(207,255.00)
Employment expenses	(44,268.17)	(72,846.49)
Project expenses	(79,115.81)	(105,653.46)
Other expenses	(198,777.28)	(260,463.42)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(512,615.71)</b>	<b>(773,980.83)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) before income tax</b>	<b>61,204.66</b>	<b>(151,836.89)</b>
Income Tax (credit) expense		
<b>Surplus (deficit) for the year</b>	<b>61,204.66</b>	<b>(151,836.89)</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Annual Income</b>	<b>61,204.66</b>	<b>(151,836.89)</b>

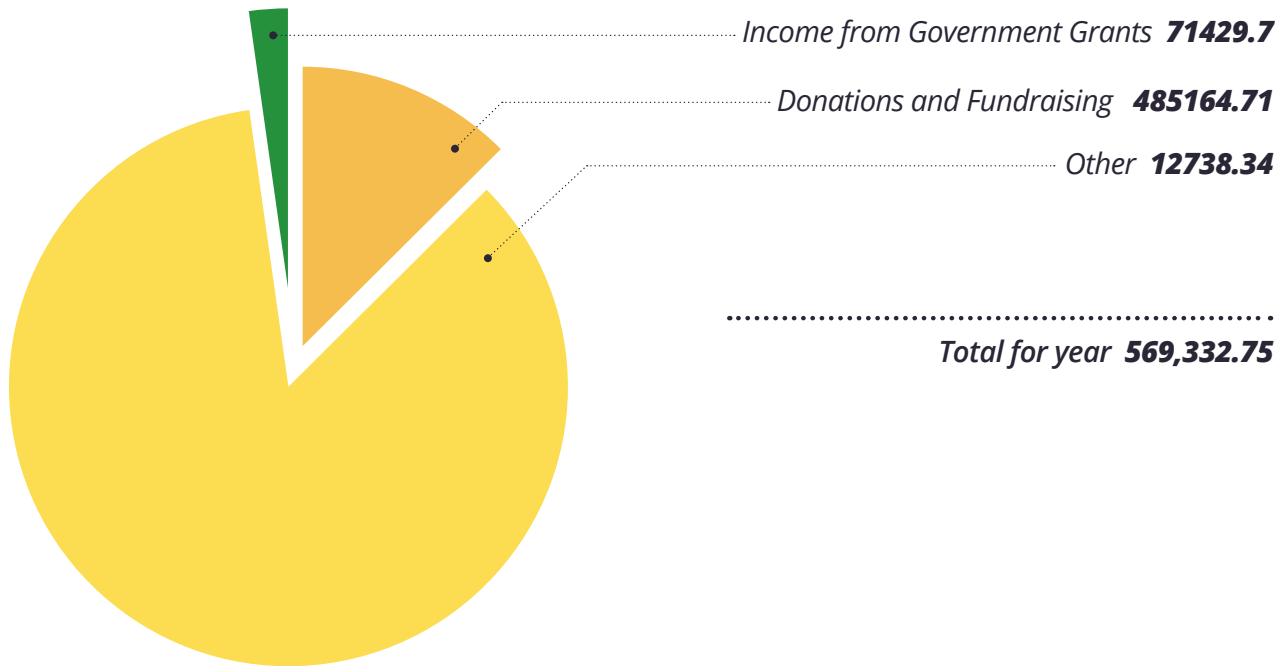
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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As of 30 June 2016

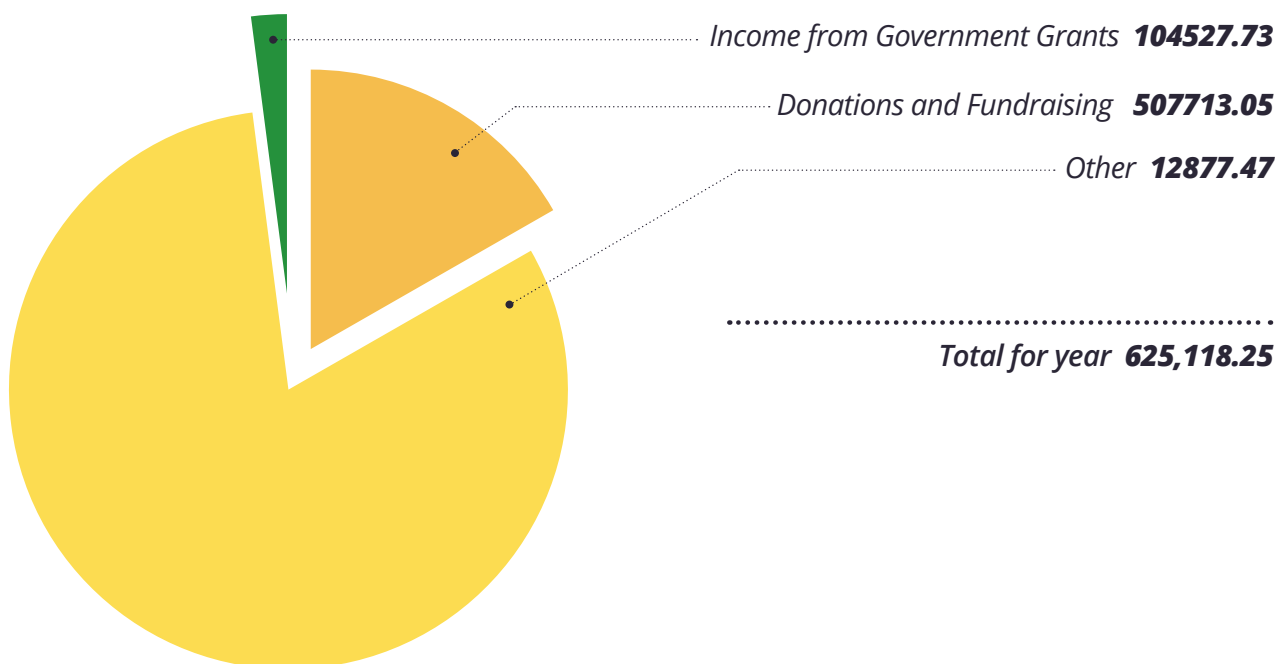
	2016	2015
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash assets	234,903.43	202,054.45
Other		(617.24)
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>234,903.43</b>	<b>201,437.21</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Payables		23,416.43
Current Tax Liabilities	4,703.26	5,898.32
Provisions	1,208.33	4,335.28
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>5,911.59</b>	<b>33,650.03</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>228,991.84</b>	<b>167,787.18</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Annual Income</b>	<b>61,204.66</b>	<b>(151,836.89)</b>

# SOURCES OF INCOME

## YEAR 2016



## YEAR 2015





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**Independent Auditor's Report**  
**To the members of MaroniteCare**  
**ABN 47 142 064 532**

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of The Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of St Maron, Sydney trading as MaroniteCare (MaroniteCare), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the responsible persons's declaration.

## *Responsible Entities' Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The board members are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and the needs of the members. The board member's responsibility also includes such internal control as the board members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## *Auditor's Responsibility*

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the board member's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the board members, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.



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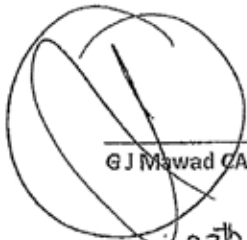
## *Opinion*

In my opinion, the financial report of MaroniteCare is prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the board member's financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year 2016 ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

## *Basis of Accounting*

Without further modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the board member's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



G J Mawad CA

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

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## Auditor's Independence Declaration under Subdivision 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 to the Responsible Persons of MaroniteCare

In accordance with section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2016, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

G J MAWAD  
Registered Auditor

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2016  
Parramatta NSW





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