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On behalf of Beatitudes Missions as well as the Community of the Beatitudes both of the house of Lebanon and of the house of Denver, it is our joy to invite you to our 2021 Lebanon Summer Mission Trip.

Lebanon Mission Trip

Beatitudes Missions programs are a way for young people to give “time for God” according to these five pillars:

- To “**go forth**” to new lands and new relationships (Gen 12:1), in search of deeper identity, formation, and trust in God’s Providence;
- To **worship**, in a rhythm of life centered on Liturgy, personal prayer, and spiritual growth;
- To live out authentic **community**, as a small group of young Americans and encountering, even immersing, in the daily reality of local religious communities;
- To **serve**, as a way of humbly loving each other, witnessing Christ to people along the way, and rediscovering the value of work, adjusting the often prideful or servile relationship that the typical American has with efficiency;
- To **discern**, with a practice of looking for the daily movements of the Holy Spirit, and seeking knowledge, freedom and peace in discerning a life-long vocation and mission.

The Beatitudes in Lebanon

The Community of the Beatitudes was founded in Lebanon in 1983 . The community built several buildings and a church, Mary Queen of Peace Monastery, overlooking the Mediterranean, one hour from Beirut. Permanent members include three priests, one religious sister, and two consecrated lay sisters. A movement of young lay associates, both married and celibate, collaborate daily with house in ministries of evangelization, formation, manual chores in the house and garden, and service outreach. Most members and friends know English, however among themselves, the members pray in and speak Arabic and French.

A Typical Week

Over the years, the community has hosted many pilgrimages as well as several-month immersions, mostly for French-speakers. Fr. Joseph Karam, 42 years old, will be in charge of the young Americans. Michaela Reyes, an intern with Beatitudes Missions, will be your point person for logistics and accompany the group from Denver through Lebanon. A typical day will involve liturgies and meals with the community and an hour of adoration. Several times each week, a member of the house will offer a teaching on spirituality, culture, or language, and most days will include time for personal study/lectio. While the young Americans are present, some of the Liturgy will be in English and a simultaneous translation of the homily will be provided. Daily activities the week may include manual service to the monastery indoors or in their garden, going out into the community to participate in the various ministries the community members perform including youth groups and disaster relief efforts, and visiting significant cultural and spiritual sites.

Itinerary

- Arrive in Denver June 16
- Depart together for Beirut June 20
- The normal trip last 3 weeks, and will end with a day or two of debriefing in Denver around July 12.
- Two-week extended time, departure July 29/30 . Most of this extra time will be formation, manual service, and ministry support at the Beatitudes house/retreat center.

Expenses

For the three-week trip, the fundraising goal of \$2900 per participant will cover all necessary costs, including travel insurance, preparation/debriefing days in Denver, and a common budget for outings. This cost does not cover travel to and from Denver. For the two-week extension, the cost is an additional \$500. We recommend bringing an additional \$150 or so in U.S. cash for spending money. We will send you a fundraising letter that you can edit or send with your own personal note to friends, family, parishes, and organizations.

Refunds

*If we cancel the trip because of travel restrictions or any other reason, all funds will be refundable except for 50% of your deposit. The following will apply if it is you who cancel: “refunds” can be granted for payments coming from the participant or parents, not for donations from benefactors; donations from benefactors can be applied to other Beatitudes Missions experiences.

Scholarship

We do offer scholarship, once you apply, we will schedule an interview and if you are accepted, your letter will include scholarship amounts

Below is a timeline for payments.

- April 27 deposit of \$300 due
- May 10 \$500 more due
- May 22 \$500 more due
- June 5 payment in full due

We seek to trust his *Providence*, to offer to others a *Testimony* of all He does in and through us, and to express our *Gratitude* to Him and to all who support us and are generous with us along the way. We want to shape a life-long relationship with material goods that is based on trust in the Lord, generosity, and responsible stewardship. We will send thank yous and bi-weekly [blog updates](#) to benefactors, family and friends. Here are some [fundraising tips](#).

Security and Safety

Community members or friends will pick up the young Americans at the airport and take them directly to the community. They will accompany participants for any outings outside of the Community property. Day-to-day security risks in Lebanon are probably not worse than in Europe, despite the history of warfare and the difficult economic situation.

Covid-19 Restrictions

- Travelers must show a negative PCR test taken 96 hours prior to arrival, then quarantine a few days. Quarantine will not be necessary if vaccinated.
- Expect restricted movement around the country. Our winter missionaries have still managed outings three times per week to shrines, for volunteering, etc.
- Per the latest instructions issued by the Lebanese Directorate of Civil Aviation effective September 23, travelers arriving in Lebanon must first undergo a PCR test in their home country and show a negative result upon check-in for their trip with the results no more than 96 hours old upon arrival in Lebanon, and upon arrival either take another PCR test no more than 72 hours after arriving or stay in home or hotel quarantine for ten days. All travelers to Lebanon must complete a medical form issued by the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health before boarding their flight; this form can be found at <https://arcg.is/0GaDnG>.
- COVID tests will be given to all arriving travelers at a cost of USD 50 per test, to be paid by the traveler and collected by the airline.
- Are commercial flights operating? Yes
- Is public transportation operating? Yes

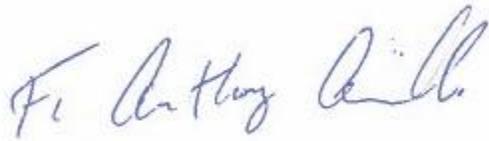
- Masks are required at all times outdoors and in public spaces

Discerning the Trip

Ask your questions, share about it with your family and friends, but most of all, take it to prayer and seek His joy and peace!

You are in our prayers, and we look forward to the next step of discernment.

In His grip,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Anthony Ariniello". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Anthony Ariniello, Director of Beatitudes Missions