

Below, please find an email communique between our immediate past president Maribeth Stewart-Blogoslawski, and WUCWO Lebanon Board Member Viviane Sebrini regarding the recent explosion in Beirut, with a message to the National Council of Catholic Women. We continue to pray for the victims of this tragedy and their families.

Dear Viviane,

We are devastated by the news of the terrible blast, loss of life, numerous injuries, and loss of homes and businesses in the blast zone. Please know that the thoughts, sympathy, and prayers of your sisters in the United States of America, the members of the National Council of Catholic Women, are with you, your families, and your citizens at this difficult time and in all that is suffered in your land. May you find comfort and solace knowing that your suffering is known and that our hearts are with you. May Our Lady of Lebanon guide you, protect you, and unite you as you recover,

Maribeth Stewart Blogoslawski
National Council of Catholic Women, USA

My Dearest Sister Maribeth,
and Our Sisters members of the NCCW, USA

Our heart grows seeing your sympathy and closeness and union of prayers and of all our sisters in WUCWO. As this is the most important in the current difficult times and challenges that our country is experiencing. Your beautiful message of solidarity and prayer fills heart with love and courage.

The explosion three days ago, resulted in the fall of nearly 160 victims and more than 5,000 wounded and dozens lost, as well as the massive destruction of houses, institutions, main hospitals, schools, churches and monasteries, and hit the citizens with their lives and livelihoods.

Our Lebanon has always risen from ashes, like the Phoenix, I hope this phoenix does not get exhausted by all the deaths and rebirths. Despite the fire in our forests, our drowning economy, the Covid 19 pandemic, the social instability, incapable and corrupt politicians and now this apocalyptic explosion... despite how hard and difficult the journey is for our small country, we still have hope in the potentials of our resistant people, of hundreds of our energetic young people who took their brooms, to clean the places, and remove the rubble, and to bring assistance to the greatest number of people, affected by the indescribable catastrophe of August 4, as well as trying to create the strength out of weakness, the hope out of despair for the Lebanese population invaded by wounds and screaming in pain ...

We pray that our country be freed of all conspiracies
and that God gives us strength to surpass these dark days

Please pray for Our Lebanon
we must start again to rebuild Our Beyrouth

Best regards to National Council of Catholic Women-USA and my love to you, dear Maribeth,

Viviane & all of us in WPC-Jounieh LEBANON
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