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Welcome to 2010!!!

Now that the Christmas celebrations in all of Caritas Lebanon Sectors and Centers are over, usual activities are back although they are focusing on the tribute paid to Father Louis Samaha before his going away in February, as well as the welcoming of its new president, Father Simon Faddoul.

Christmas latest celebrations



For the seasons holidays and in order to present their wishes for the new year, members of Caritas Lebanon's Council and Bureau paid a visit to His Beatitude Mgr Mar Nasrallah Boutros Sfeir, President of the Assembly of Patriarchs and Catholic Bishops in Lebanon, at the Siege of the Maronite Patriarchate in Bkerkeh as well as to the new Apostolic Nuncio to Lebanon, His Excellency Mgr Gabriele Caccia, in Harissa.



Besides, they visited Lebanese former Prime Minister, Mr. Fouad Siniora, to thank him for the support he showed for Caritas Lebanon's activities during his mandate.

The Higher Institute for Technical Education, located in Zahleh, celebrated its first Christmas in presence of Father President Louis Samaha and members of the Council.

Tribute to Father Samaha

As a part of the tribute paid to Father Louis Samaha before his departure from Caritas Lebanon, members of Youth Caritas, social workers as well as the North, Zawieh-Zghorta, Tripoli, Baabda II and Jezzine Sectors officially said goodbye to Father President.



Human Rights

In order to « throw light on the rights of migrant workers» (which was the theme of the activity), candles and brochures were distributed nationwide at "barricades of love", during the month of December.

This symbolic activity helps clarifying some obscure spots on the matter...



On the other hand, the educational teams of the Tripoli (North) and Qobeyate (Akkar) Evening Studies Program took part in a workshop on the rights of the child.

At the Center for Children with Specific Needs, a day with plain regular activities (watching cartoons, playing various games...) was scheduled in view of offering children the opportunity to spend a day just like any child usually does.

A documentary on Caritas Lebanon

A 41mins documentary on Caritas Lebanon's programs, projects and activities, untitled "Together for the development of human beings", was recently released.

This comprehensive documentary will serve as archives and as a reference for a better diffusion of the association's image. Some extracts will be used to produce TV commercials, especially for the 2010 Lent Campaign.

The film has already been broadcasted by major Lebanese televisions.