

## **BIOGRAPHY OF MONSIGNOR PIERRE AZZI**

Monsignor Pierre Azzi was born on April 27th, 1963, to Michel Azzi and Renée Maroun (RIP) in Rmeileh, Lebanon. He is the sixth of seven siblings. He received his elementary and secondary education in Saida, Jieh, Jezzine and Beirut, Lebanon. At a young age, he began his involvement and other activities with his local church.

In 1989 he moved to Montreal, Québec in Canada. He immediately started to get involved with St. Maroun Parish. He took part in founding the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception and was involved with the Marian Apostolic Movement and other youth activities. He played a leading role in organizing and coordinating the pilgrimage youth group for the Jubilee 2000 and different World Youth Day events. In 1993, he entered the seminary at Grand Seminary of Montreal. He later received his Bachelor degrees in Philosophy and Theology. Rev. Azzi was ordained Deacon on January 8th, 2001 and priest on March 2nd, 2003, by His Excellency the late Bishop Joseph Khoury.

Msgr. Azzi served as an assistant priest at the Cathedral of St. Maroun in Montreal and was very active in organizing and directing different youth groups and activities including the Marian Apostolic Movement, Fersan and Talaeh Al-Aadra, prayers groups, etc. He organized and supported spiritual activities outside the Parish at Great Montreal and was appointed by the Diocese to several external pastoral missions including Calgary, Windsor, Leamington and Ottawa.

On September 9th, 2006 Msgr. Pierre Azzi was appointed by His Excellency Bishop Khoury new Pastor of Our Lady of Lebanon Parish in Halifax, N.S, replacing retired Msgr. K.A Aoukar. He was also appointed the Pastor of the Maronite Mission in PEI. In Our Lady of Lebanon Parish, Msgr. Pierre founded and leads numerous groups and committees. These include: Ladies Auxiliaries of Mary, Youth Council, "Fersan Al Arz Dabke Group" for youth, Firsan & Talaeh El Aadra, Annual Lebanese Cedar Festival, prayers groups, etc.

He facilitated the founding of the Chapter of the Knights of Columbus for Our Lady of Lebanon Parish.

In 2012 he was appointed as Administrator for St. Charbel Parish in Fredericton, NB.

After the enthronement of Bishop Paul Marwan Tabet as Bishop of the Maronite Eparchy for Canada, he trusted in him many responsibilities and tasks, including: member of the Eparchial Presbyterial Council, member of Eparchial College of Consultors, member of Eparchial Economical Committee, Protopresbyter for the Atlantic Region, and others. Rev. Azzi encouraged the youth-adults of the Eparchy to become more involved and more motivated within their parishes throughout four youth conventions that he lead as General Coordinator of Eparchial Youth Organisation (CMYO).

With his vision and guidance, Our Lady of Lebanon Parish, started the construction of a new church and cultural center to accommodate all the pastoral needs.

On July 11th, 2017, Rev. Pierre was appointed to the position of Vicar General in the Eparchy of St. Maron and on September 23rd, 2017 he was elevated to the ecclesiastical degree of "Monsignor

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