

Dear Sisters of the USRTS,

we all have in our eyes and in our hearts the terrible images of the explosion, which sowed death and injury, pain and fear... in Beirut in Lebanon.

With intense and affectionate fraternity at this moment we are particularly close to the Religious Families in the Holy Land who mourn the tragic death of some of their Sisters, or suffer together with those injured or upset by the event.

We also carry in our hearts all the families of the Lebanese people, the relatives of the Religious affected by this disaster. With them we "bend our knees before the Father in Heaven" and ask from Him for mercy and courage, serenity and Christian consolation.

In particular, the whole U.S.R.T.S. assures the prayer of suffrage for the Sisters who in the explosion encountered the "luminous face of Christ" and the prayer of support for those who carry in their bodies the consequences of the explosion.

Sisters, may the Lord "make us strong in tribulation, persevering in prayer and patient in everything" (Rom. 12:12) so that we may "overcome (within us) and always help to overcome evil with good". (Rm. 12, 21)

Together with Sr. Fulgida Gasparini and Sr. M. Pia Carbajal of the General Presidency of the USRTS, and our Ecclesiastical Assistant Fr. Marco Riva, I assure cordial closeness and prayer, sure that "the Lord of peace will himself give peace to all at all times and in every way". (2 Thess. 3,16)

I embrace you all with tender affection

Sr. Bruna Fasan  
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