**WORLD DAY REMEMBRANCE FOR TRAFFIC VICTIMS**

**NOVEMBER 2012**

Date : Sunday November 18th, 2012

Location : Basilica of our Lady of Lebanon – Harissa

On the occasion of the **World Remembrance Day for Road Crash Victims**, **YASA** and **Foundation ZEINA HAUCH** organized as every year, memorial masses in various churches.

A mass was held on Sunday November 18, 2012 by the Father Khalil Elwen at Basilica of our Lady of Lebanon in Harissa for the remembrance of road victims in Lebanon among who we had parents of Victims Liliane Atallah and Jean Mark Safi. Many people participated in this mass to remember those lost in traffic crashes. The mass was dedicated to all the victims. After the bible was read, religious words and thoughts were given by Father Khalil on the issue of road safety and the tragedies that are invading families. He confirmed that it is not God who is to be blamed, but it is the responsibility of the reckless driver and road user as well as the road infrastructure and the government that is absent to implement the law. He also called on the responsible people to take action to improve this situation.

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Date : Saturday November 24th, 2012

Location : Church of St Takla Bauchrieh – Metn

With the increase of road traffic victims in Lebanon and particularly in the past five weeks, **YASA Association** in collaboration with the **European Federation of Road Traffic Victims** **FEVR**, **LASIP**, and **LASSA** and **Zeina Hauch Foundation** and with the presence of the victims' families participated in the closing Mass of the World Week for victims of traffic accidents chaired by the church pastor in Mar Takla Bouchrieh Father Joseph Sweid.
Father Sweid explains in his sermon the importance of traffic awareness in order to successfully apply the new and modern traffic law published on October 25, 2012 in the Official Journal by the state and the citizen. In addition, he emphasized on the importance of cooperation between the internal security forces and civil society to face the widespread chaos on the roads.
This mass is closing a whole week of activities and campaigns, which were launched at Our Lady of Lebanon – Harissa on Sunday, November 18.