

CRADLING CHRISTIANITY'S 2026 ANNUAL FUNDRAISING
DINNER KEYNOTE SPEAKER

BISHOP A. ELIAS ZAIDAN



*Chairperson of the USCCB
Committee on International
Justice and Peace*

Born in Lebanon, Bishop A. Elias Zaidan was a member of the Congregation of Maronite Lebanese Missionaries and was ordained a priest by Patriarch Nasrallah Peter Sfeir at Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine on July 20, 1986.

Assigned to the United States in 1988, he pursued graduate studies in Education and served as Assistant Rector at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York. He was appointed as Pastor of Saint George

Church in San Antonio, Texas, in 1990. While there, he helped establish parishes in Dallas and Houston. In 1994, he was appointed Rector of Our Lady of Mt. Lebanon-St. Peter Cathedral in Los Angeles, California, and remained there until he became bishop.

On July 10, 2013, Pope Francis, based on the recommendation of the Synod of Maronite Bishops, appointed Rev. A. Elias Zaidan as the third bishop of the Eparchy. He was ordained bishop by the Maronite Patriarch Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai at the Basilica of Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine in Harissa, Lebanon, on September 28, 2013. He was enthroned at St. Raymond Cathedral on October 23, 2013. His motto is: "Thy will be done."

Bishop Zaidan was a delegate for the Maronite Church for the Synod of Bishops for the Youth at the Vatican in October 2018. He serves as Chairperson of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace.