

***Emigrant and Scholar Fr. Charles Khachan visits LERC and donates materials***

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Father Charles Khachan, based in San Antonio, Texas, in the United States, visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center at Notre Dame University to learn more about the center, to satisfy his own academic curiosity, and to donate transcripts and photos to the Lebanese Emigration Archives and Database.

Fr. Khachan, who is a missionary of the Lebanese Maronite Missionaries, emigrated from Lebanon in 2003 to the USA to serve at the St. George Maronite Church in San Antonio Texas.

He finished his Master's degree in Sociology at the University of Texas in San Antonio and completed internship at the Institute of Texan Cultures also in San Antonio. Father Khachan is planning to select Diaspora and Religion for his PhD dissertation; this is a topic that interests LERC.

While at the Institute of Texan Cultures, Father conducted oral history interviews with several members of the Maronite Church. Fr. Khachan shared his recorded interviews and their transcripts with LERC, promising to continue doing so while still serving in the United States.

Following a meeting with LERC Director Guita Hourani, Fr. Khachan was introduced to LERC's electronic archives and databases by LERC Indexer Mrs. Liliane Haddad and taken on a tour of the Lebanon and Migration Museum at NDU by Mr. Elie Nabhan



Father Charles Khachan pictured at the Museum during his trip to LERC (Jan 2010).