

## FOREWORD



We thank our Lord whose bountiful Grace has allowed us to bring about a whole program for church education. We are confident that it is suitable for the young immigrant Copts (4-17 years old).

Whether you are an instructor, student or parent or a church member, this program is altogether a Coptic Orthodox one. It contains studies in the Holy Bible, the feasts of the Church, lives of saints, history, sacraments, rites and doctrines of the Church in addition to various religious and social subjects. This program too leans heavily towards the spiritual side in tackling these subjects. Also, the practical segment is well taken care of particularly in the life of the individual or the life of our youth in general.

This program was revised by His Holiness Pope Shenouda III who expressed many important views which have been duly included. Though it is still in its preliminary stage, the program may be used in our Coptic Orthodox Churches abroad. A final version will be issued in the future. However, Pope Shenouda expressed his satisfaction and his appreciation of the effort in devising it. It is certainly a pleasure that this program would be helpful in the spiritual growth of our children.

Your comments would be greatly appreciated. It is possible to get in touch with me personally at the Patriarchate in Cairo or during my pastoral trips to Canada or the U.S.A. You can also forward your letters to St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 280, Station "D", Toronto, Ont. M6P 3J9.

May this program be a blessing to all participants and may the Lord absolve those who spared no effort to prepare it.

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