Most Reverend Nicholas James Samra
& Rev. Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo

Bishop Nicholas Samra was born August 15, 1944 in Patterson, New Jersey. After completing a B.A. at St. Anselm’s College, in Manchester, New Hampshire, and a B.D. from St. John’s Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Newton, Massachusetts, on May 10, 1970. On April 21, 1989, Bishop Samra was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Newton. In June 2011, the Synod of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church nominated him as Eparch of Newton to succeed Archbishop Cyril Salim Bustros. An active speaker and author, Bishop Samra has written extensively on the subjects of ecumenism, Christian leadership and stewardship.

Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo is the director of the Office of Educational Services for the Melkite Eparchy of Newton. Deacon Sabatino graduated from Christendom College in 2004 and completed a Masters degree with an Advanced Apostolic Catechetical Diploma in 2008 at Notre Dame Graduate School. He was ordained to the diaconate in 2011. A frequent speaker for the Institute of Catholic Culture and numerous other dioceses, parishes, and other Catholic groups, Deacon Sabatino has appeared on EWTN and is a frequent guest on the Guadalupe Radio Network. Deacon Sabatino and his wife, Linda, have four children and live in Front Royal, Virginia.

The EASTERN CHRISTIAN CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE is dedicated to welcoming adult Catholics of the Byzantine Tradition to a unique opportunity to renew our faith through an intensive study of the Sacred Scriptures. This one-day conference will offer participants the opportunity to study the Bible as one book, revealing the mystery of God’s love for mankind. All are welcome to attend this free one-day conference sponsored by the Melkite Eparchy of Newton. No reservation is required. For more information, please contact Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo at (703) 504 - 8733.