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Amal Bousamra is a member of the Maronite Church who brings together people, ideas and activities, maintaining the vibrancy of its Australian operations as an organic whole. Serving God and fellow humanity, she unites two diverse cultural backgrounds, forging her own individual identity.

Amal has served the Church since her early childhood. In Lebanon, where she grew up, she was a leader and catechist for younger children in her village. When she married Tony, an Australian-born Lebanese, and moved to Australia, she joined different parish groups and committees, assisting in the pastoral, liturgical and social needs of the parishioners. She was one of the initiators of the parish bulletins in the Diocese.

Her career has taken her to the Maronite Chancery where she is the Diocesan Financial Administrator. She played an important role in diocesan projects such as: the opening of the Maronite Heritage Centre – its activities and exhibitions, *Maronite 08* 'Days in the Maronite Diocese' and WYD 08, the visit of the Maronite Patriarch, coordination of the diocesan stewardship committees, chancery finance and administration, the census project, information technology and others.

In addition, she is editor-in-chief of the Eparchy's journal *Marounia*, a full-colour quarterly magazine, written in both Arabic and English, which publicizes the charism of the Maronite Church. Whether organizing articles or meetings, or disseminating information, Amal maintains warm contact with many various sections of the Maronite and Latin Catholic Churches. She unites Maronites to the nerve centre of their Church, and thus links them to each other.