

**Introducing Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)
Circular 2016-21**

**To: All Parishes, Religious Houses of Men and Women, and Schools,
Diocesan and Congregational, even the Non-Sectarian**

Have you heard about the refugees of Syria? What about the war in Lebanon or terrorism by the ISIS in Paris, even in our Asia?

“If the situation does not improve, Christianity is on course for extinction many of its biblical heartlands within a generation, if not before.” This is a quote from the “Persecuted and Forgotten”, a Report on Christians oppressed for their Faith 2013-2015 released by the Aid to the Church in Need.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) founded in 1847 as a Catholic Aid Foundation for war refugees and recognized as a papal foundation since 2011 is dedicated to the service of Christians around the world, wherever they are persecuted or oppressed or suffering material need. It has recently opened a national office in the Philippines at the CBCP Building which joins twenty two (22) national fund raising offices all over the world. Its international headquarters is in Konigstein im Taunus, Germany.

In this regard, the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines (AMRSP) is inviting to two events in November to formally launch ACN in the Philippines:

1. National Conference on Persecuted Christians
Saturday, November 12, 2016, 1PM to 5PM
San Pedro Poveda College (along EDSA, Quezon City)
2. Eucharistic Celebration and Blessing of the ACN Philippines Office
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 9AM
Manila Cathedral

Please pre-register by visiting www.acn-philippines.org or by email at info@acn-philippines.org, or call/fax to (02) 244.7334 and indicate which of the two you are attending.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 3 November 2016.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
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Attested by:

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