

Courage in Red



Support *Persecuted* Christians



“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 5:10

In remembrance of today’s Christian martyrs and in tribute to those currently suffering persecution, the Parish Family of St. Elizabeth and St. Brigid will participate in the Courage in Red initiative organized by the charity, Aid to the Church in Need. Both of our churches, St. Elizabeth and St. Brigid, will be floodlit in red on November 24 - 30. We will join in solidarity with our fellow Christians that will hi-light in red their landmarks, churches, and cathedrals around the world, including London, Rome, Mexico, Brazil, Syria, the Philippines, and Washington, DC.

Today, the persecution of Christians is as brutal and vicious as that experienced in the early church. More Christians (45,000,000) were martyred in the twentieth century than those killed in the previous nineteen centuries since the time of Jesus. Many of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East, Africa, China and other regions are coming face to face with evil. They are being harassed, discriminated against, beaten, maimed, tortured and killed. Their homes and churches are being vandalized, burned and looted. Some ancient Christian communities in the Middle East are facing extinction.

Efforts are underway to aid persecuted Christians in refuge camps and in their homeland, as well as to help resettle others by aiding them in rebuilding their homes that were destroyed.

What can you do to help?

- * *Pray each day* and keep Faith with those who suffer for Christ.
- * *Be a Voice* and take a stand in defense of persecuted Christians. Share this information with your friends and family.
- * *Wear Red* (the color of the martyrs) in fellowship with Christians who risk their lives for their faith.
- * *Attend Mass* for a Christian in the world who cannot worship out of fear for their safety.
- * *Hold a special prayer vigil* for persecuted faithful with your prayer group, friends or family.
- * *Donate* to an organization that aids persecuted Christian.

For more information and to donate contact:

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