

NOVAE EPISTULAE



"Virgin Mary will appreciate it !"

November 28th, 2017

Dear friends,

We write to you today to share Novae Terrae Foundation's new project. Over the last months we have been in close contact with the Archbishop of the Melkite Greek Catholic Archeparchy of Aleppo, Archeparch Jean-Clément JEANBART. I am happy to announce that **tomorrow the 29th of November we will launch our first international fundraising campaign with the goal of supporting the Christian minority in Aleppo, Syria.**

**Between 19 July 2012 and 15 December 2016 there were
31,000 people killed in Aleppo, 76% of all fatalities were civilians**

The conflict in Syria began on 15th March 2011, and has since taken the conflict has taken the lives of almost 250,000 people, with almost 3 million Syrian refugees fleeing to neighboring countries to escape the violence.

Before the conflict started in **2011 the total number of Syrian Christians numbered about 2.4 million or 11-12% of the population**: 1.1 million Greek Orthodox, 700,000 Syrian Orthodox, 70-100,000 Armenian Christians (Apostolics and Catholics), and 400,000 Catholics of various rites. It is not clear how many Christians fled and are refugees in countries around Syria. But **we know that the majority of Christians were not able to flee the conflict and are living in the devastated cities**. Aleppo had once one of the largest Christian population, and we all know how much suffering the citizens of that city have experienced in almost 7 years of conflict.

The Archeparchy of Aleppo is one of the oldest ones in Christianity.
The eparchy of Beroea (ancient name of Aleppo) had its origin goes back to the First Council of Nicaea (325).
The eparchy of Aleppo was elevated to the rank of archeparchy in the sixth century

There are many needs in Syria, and particularly in Aleppo, we cannot try to fix them all, but what we will try to do is **help the reconstruction of one of the main Christian symbols in the Middle East, the Cathedral of the Holy Virgin of Aleppo**. In response to this crisis growing humanitarian crisis, Novae Terrae Foundation will do a fundraising appeal to all our friends around the world for the reconstruction of the Cathedral.

This Cathedral has been a place where many Christians have received multitude of blessings reason why for centuries thousands of pilgrims go to venerate our Lady to which this Cathedral is dedicated
[\(Pictures of Cathedral\)](#)

We will start a Novena to our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. **We will invite all**

of our friends from around the world to join us in prayer for our Christian brothers suffering in Aleppo and other cities in Syria. During these nine days we will be asking also your financial support, **even a small donation of €30 can make a difference** in this reconstruction effort.

Over the next 2 weeks I will be updating you on our appeal

You might find the letter addressed to us few days ago by Archeparch Jean-Clément JEANBART here : <https://www.novaeterrae.eu/notizie.html> OR on our FB account : <https://www.facebook.com/Fondazione-Novae-Terrae-Italia-486135691756145/> .

Light will shine again thanks to your generosity

Thank you for your kind attention !

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