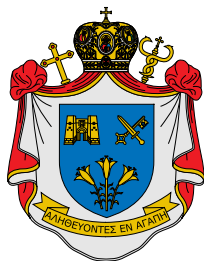


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## WITNESSES OF FAITH 2023 EVENING



**SPECIAL NOTE:** This visit of the Patriarch is the first major trip His Beatitude will make at the start of a one-year commemoration of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the restoration of the full Communion with the Church of Rome, in 1724.

The Pontifical Foundation *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) is honoured to be bringing to Auckland in November 2023 three very special guests from the Middle East and Nigeria as part of our 'Witnesses of Faith Tour' across Australia and New Zealand.

The first guest is the Melkite Catholic Patriarch, **His Beatitude Joseph Absi**; Second, **Sister Majella Dogonya**, a Dominican Sister from Nigeria; third, **Mr Xavier Stephen Bisits**, ACN's head of projects for Syria, Lebanon and Egypt.

Each of them comes to share their own stories of Christian suffering and persecution and we know of course that the situations in both the Middle East and Nigeria are very difficult ones.

Entry to the evening is free but we will be seeking donations for specific projects of *Aid to the Church in Need* in the Middle East and Nigeria.

The event has been welcomed into the Diocese of Auckland by Bishop Stephen Lowe, who will be in attendance. The evening will involve prayer, reflection and testimony, and will conclude with a simple supper.

*All are welcome!*

Thursday 30 November **7.00-9.00pm**  
Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph,  
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