



## Patriarchs Council Statement

25-27 April 2017



### Council Attendees

Abp Craig Bates  
Bp Douglas Kessler  
Bp Elmer Belmonte

Abp Paulo Garcia  
Bishop Ricardo Alcaraz  
Bp Michael Davidson

Abp Chuck Jones  
Bp Yuhanna Prakash  
Fr Jim House

### Guests

Bp Eugene Lilly  
Fr Terry Gensemer

Bishop Ariel Santos  
Fr Ivan Rocha

Bishop Gregory Ortiz  
Fr Terry Gensemer

The Patriarch's Council meet from 25-27 April 2017, at the Cathedral Church of the Intercessor, in Malverne, NY.

**Reports on the State of the church:** Reports on the current status of the International Church were presented, with a discussion of the future as well as reports from all other Territories.

**Primate Asia:** Bishop Ricardo Alcaraz was affirmed by the Patriarchs Council and the Primate Council of the Philippines to be the next Primate of the Philippines. The dates of his installation are to be announced. The Installation Service will be 4 Jan 2018.

**Europe:** Bishop Elmer Belmonte recommended that the Asian Mission in Europe become a separate diocese. The Patriarch's Council affirmed at Europe would become separate to better develop the diocese in the future. Bishop Belmonte will continue to sit with the Philippines Primates Council as a non-voting member and will sit on the Patriarch's Council.

**Words:** Bishop Bates spoke about the need to rely on faithful men, not able. We need to live lives of faithful men, we measure ourselves by our faithfulness, not a success as the world sees it. Fr Jim House spoke that we are to live a life without a safety net and that we have a multi-generational vision.

**CEC for Life:** Fr Terry reported on the activities of CEC for Life. It was discussed that our roots are in a jail cell (fighting for Life) not a conference. The CEC has been and remains rooted the Sanctity of Life.

**Legacy Fund:** The Patriarch's Office establish a fund to provide for a future Patriarch who may be from a country not as wealthy as the USA.

**Next Meeting:** The 2018 Patriarch's Council will be held at the Cathedral Church of the Intercessor, Malverne, NY, on 7-9 May 2018.



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