Dear Brother Knight,

The plight of Christians in the Middle East continues to be dire. The Christian populations in both Iraq and Syria have fallen to a fraction of their previous numbers. Many have been martyred, others have been displaced or had to flee for their lives. The Knights of Columbus continues to support the needs of these Christians, having raised more than \$10.5 million on their behalf, and having supported projects with that money to provide food, clothing, shelter, catechesis, general relief, medical assistance, education and assistance for other critical needs.

As part of these efforts, last week Supreme Knight Carl Anderson gave congressional testimony of the plight of Middle Eastern Christians. He laid out a six point plan to secure their future in the region. The points he made have been suggested by John Allen of CRUX as important issues for the candidates in this year's election and can be read here.

Last week the supreme knight also co-authored a piece with Archbishop Jean Clement Jeanbart of Aleppo, Syria. It can be read here.

For more information, or to donate to support these efforts, please visit www.christiansatrisk.org