

## Former Directors of CB Receive Papal Honours



Two Catholics from Bangladesh namely Dr. Benedict Alo D'Rozario and late Advocate Promod Mankin, MP received papal honours for their outstanding contribution to the church and society of Bangladesh. The Honorary Decoration took place on 19 August 2016 at the CBCB (Catholic Bishops Conference of Bangladesh) Centre with the presence of Archbishop George Kochhery, Apostolic Nuncio to Bangladesh, Most Rev. Patrick D' Rozario, CSC, Archbishop of Dhaka Archdiocese, eight Bangladeshi Catholic Bishops and about 60 representatives of the Catholic community.

Dr. D'Rozario, former Executive Director of Caritas Bangladesh is the first lay faithful from Bangladesh to receive the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice also known as 'Cross of Honor'. This is the highest honor that can be awarded to the laity by the Pope.

Late Promod Mankin, MP, State Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare and former Regional Director of Caritas Mymensingh Region was selected to receive the title Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great. Unfortunately he died before receiving the title which cannot be given after death. So, the Pope honoured him with a special award that was received by Mrs. Scholastica Mamata Areng, wife of late Promod Mankin, MP.

Dr. Benedict Alo D'Rozario was the former Executive Director of Caritas Bangladesh while late Promod Mankin also served Caritas as the Regional Director, Mymensingh. It could be mentioned here that among other Caritas Executive Directors late Rev. Fr. Benjamine Labbe, CSC and Rev. Fr. R. W. Timm, CSC also received Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice and Mr. Jeffrey S Pereira received Benemerenti Medal in the past.