

## **AMRI Statement of Solidarity with the Religious of Myanmar**

The Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland (AMRI) stand united with the people of Myanmar, who overwhelmingly voted for a democratic government at the November 2020 elections. We are shocked and saddened as we learn of all that is happening since February 1. We are deeply moved by and commend the courageous determination of the people, particularly the young, in defending their right to democratic values and principles.

We are inspired by the significant service that the Catholic religious community in Myanmar provide as they stand with their people to defend democracy, promote respect for human rights and express wider gospel values in solidarity with the people of Myanmar. We, and many in this country, were particularly inspired by the witness of Sr. Ann Rosa who knelt before the police to plead for non-violence.

AMRI stand with, support and pray with the Catholic Religious Conference of Myanmar as they seek an end to the violence, a return to democracy and respect for the rights of all those living in Myanmar.

In solidarity with the Religious Congregations of Myanmar, the members of AMRI held a prayer service for Myanmar on March 24<sup>th</sup> as we marked the memory of Archbishop Oscar Romero's witness and leadership. We continue to pray for an end to the violence perpetrated against the people of Myanmar and for a lasting peace.

Yours in solidarity in Christ,

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