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Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines

March 1, 2017

His Royal Majesty King Abdullah II
King of Jordan

Your Majesty:

We have the honour to submit our entry to the World Interfaith Harmony Week observance for the year 2017. We have launched a **thirteen episode television program** dedicated to interfaith dialogue entitled *Katropa* (roughly translated as “one of us” – signifying unity and friendship) on February 7, 2017. The first episode would be aired in the Catholic television channel TV Maria in March 2017.

The *Katropa* TV program stars two young female TV hosts who are engaging and disarming. This is part of our strategy to dispel biases and prejudices among religionists. The twofold ideological weapons of choice of extremists and terrorists are: [1] to dehumanize the other, and to [2] desacralize the other. The format of the TV program seeks to [1] humanize the other and, [2] sacralize the other. Topics to be discussed in the TV program range from dietary practices like halal, vegetarian and kosher, fashion, hobbies of religious leaders, religious places and rites, courtship, millennials and other subjects of interests.

It is our hope that this project initiated during Harmony Week may pervade during the entire year of 2017.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Carlos V. Reyes
Executive Secretary