FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 3, 2015

Contact: Rev. Kerry Walters, Director of Communications

570 522-0514

kwalters@anccmail.org

American National Catholic Church Mourns Victims of the Nepal Earthquake

The people and clergy of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC) join people of good will everywhere in praying for the thousands who perished, and the tens of thousands left injured and homeless, by the Nepal earthquake,

ANCC Presiding Bishop George Lucey, FCM, has issued this statement: "St. Paul, in writing to the Romans (12:12), exhorts them to 'be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faith in prayer.' We in the ANCC will continue to prayerfully hope for the quick restoration of normalcy to the people of Nepal."

The ANCC also urges everyone who is able to donate to one of the many relief agencies dedicated to providing medical care and basic supplies to the Nepalese people.

The American National Catholic Church is an inclusive Catholic community independent of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to making the world a more caring place. Guided by a presiding bishop, the ANCC celebrates the same sacraments as the Roman Church and follows the spirit of reform initiated by the Second Vatican Council. Although sharing core theological and liturgical practices with Roman Catholicism, the ANCC differs on several major issues, such as married clergy, female priests, divorce and re-marriage, same-sex marriage, and lay leadership. The Church has parishes across the U.S. and a host of ministries to the alienated, under-served, and forgotten. For more information, visit www.TheANCC.org.