



## **ASIA/SYRIA - The Chaldean Bishop: Aleppo among insecurity, poverty and solidarity**

Aleppo (Agenzia Fides) - "In Aleppo the population is completely worn out because for three months insecurity, unemployment, poverty has reigned, and schools are closed and in hospitals doctors and medicines are lacking. However, we see a high degree of solidarity among families and we see that young people are mobilized to serve the poor ", this is what His Exc. Mgr. Antoine Audo, Chaldean Bishop of Aleppo and President of Caritas Syria, tells Fides Agency with regards to the situation in the city of Aleppo. The suffering of the Syrian population was yesterday at the center of the prayer raised by the participants in the Synod on the New Evangelization, in progress in the Vatican. "Concerned about the tragic situation of the Syrian people - said Archbishop Nikola Eterovic, Secretary General - the Pope and the synodal fathers assure their closeness to the people of this troubled land, shaken by so much violence. They ensure their constant prayer for the victims of such barbarity, who are mostly poor people and children. They ask the Lord for war and violence to stop and that a fair solution is found." "What saddens us more - notes the Bishop Audo to Fides - is the psychological state of exhaustion that drives many Christian families to emigrate. We are comforted, however, by the guidance of the Holy Father and by the words of his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation delivered to us during his visit to Lebanon." "We cling to his teachings - said Mgr. Audo - to keep on going day by day, doing charitable services to the poor and working for peace, remaining faithful in listening to the Word of God and to celebrating the Eucharist." (PA) (Agenzia Fides 10/10/2012)