**Proclamation & Launch of the Caritas Sri Lanka – SEDEC Golden Jubilee**

Caritas Sri Lanka, also popularly known and ‘SEDEC’, the social arm of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka will celebrate 50 years of service to the poor, most vulnerable and marginalized in Sri Lanka, in 2018. SEDEC, which serves as the National Secretariat for the Catholic National Commission for Justice, Peace & Human Development of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference in Sri Lanka was established on 4th November 1968, due to the pioneering efforts of the founder Director, Rev. Fr. Joe Fernando.

The Caritas National Secretariat supports the humanitarian and social development work in thirteen (13) Diocesan Caritas Centres established under each of the twelve Dioceses in Sri Lanka, who themselves serve as the Diocesan Secretariats for their respective Commissions for Justice, Peace & Human Development.

In view of this, Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC will officially proclaim and launch the Golden Jubilee year at SEDEC Premises on the 7th of November 2017.

The day’s programme will be as follows;

**08.00 am - Arrival of Chief Guest & Special Invitees**

**08.05 am - Ceremonial Welcome of the Lord Bishops**

**08.10 am - Hoisting of Flags Ceremony**

**08.15 am - Unveiling of the Golden Jubilee Monument**

**08.30 am - Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

**09.50 am - Proclamation of the Golden Jubilee**

**10.00 am - Refreshments**

**11.00 am - Golden Jubilee Launch Special Session**

**12.00 pm - End of Programme**

**12.30 pm - Lunch**

**02.00 pm - Departure of Chief Guest/Special Invitees and Participants**