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Dear brother *Bishop Ephraim!*

With this letter I would like to offer the sympathy of our church with your country at this difficult time, and to assure you of our love and prayers and our full solidarity with you.

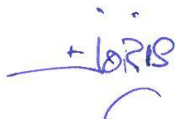
Even though it is too early to assess the full impact of the Typhoon Yolanda / Haiyan, it is clear to the world that the Philippines are suffering. Reports are that over 11 million people have been affected by the typhoon, and many of them have been displaced. We are shocked by the images of the many people who have lost their lives in tragic circumstances. Agencies tell us that urgently clean water, medicines, food and clothing is needed. We have also heard how damaged infrastructure are hampering humanitarian access especially to remote areas.

We have learned that many efforts are being made to assist the victims. Over the last days, many appeals have been launched around the world.

In our parishes, we will remember before God at this time all the vulnerable people hit by this disaster. We pray for all who are out there in difficult circumstances seeking to help people in need.

Please let us know if your church community anywhere has been hit especially hard, so we may try to seek to offer more help as needed.

Yours sincerely in Christ



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