

Congregazione dei Rogazionisti

Curia Generalizia

Via Tuscolana. 167 - 00182 Roma Tel. 06.7020751 - Fax 06.7022917 e-mail: segrgen@rcj.org

Rome, 12 november 2013

Prot. n. 275/13

Re.: Solidarity with those affected by Typhoon Haiyan.

To the Most Rev. Superiors of the Rogationist Circumscriptions

c.c. To the M.R.Fr. Herman Abcede

Major Superior

Philippine Quasi Province

c.c. To the Religious Communities of the St. Thomas Quasi Province THEIR HOUSES

Dearest Confreres,

while I am about to leave for India, where I will be appointing the new government of the District within next week, I am witnessing, together with you, the immense upheaval caused by the typhoon Haiyan, crashing into the central area of the Philippines.

Together with the whole Church and all people of goodwill, we are close to our brothers and sisters, who in many cases already lead a life of hardship, and now in large numbers, suddenly find themselves without anything and, in several cases are grieving the loss of their loved ones.

We share in their pain and we want to be close to them with our prayer to implore the Lord so that those who are suffering at this time may find comfort from Him and experience the solidarity of all.

In this painful moment of trial we are particularly close to our Confreres who came from these affected regions, in the island of Iloilo, where we have our religious Community of Mina, in Leyte, Samar, Bantayan (Cebu), and Mindanao.

We feel obliged to let our closeness be felt even with a contribution of solidarity. I therefore call on all Communities to convey their financial help, according to their possibilities, the soonest possible, to the seat of the Circumscription. The Superiors of the Circumscriptions will provide to transmit the amount collected to the Office of the General Curia, so that it in turn it could be forwarded to the Philippine Quasi Province, which will allocate it to the Community of Mina, for the repair of the damage incurred, as well as to the families of our Confreres in the Philippines, who are damaged by the typhoon or for other serious emergencies.

Finally, I exhort you to implore the blessing of the Divine Superiors on the journey of the new Government of the Circumscription and on the Communities of India. With my cordial greetings in the Lord,

(Fr. Fortunato Siciliano, R.C.J.)

Segr. Gen.

Angelo/A. Mezzari, R.C

Sup. Gen.