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Subject: Aid for our Confreres of Kerala

To: Most Reverend Superiors of the Rogationist Circumscriptions Cc: Most Reverend Superiors of the Communities and Confreres

Dear Confreres,

The torrential rains and floods of the past days have caused more than 300 deaths and 300,000 displaced in Kerala. After a silence in the press, the news has started appearing in the media and yesterday, even Pope Francis spoke about it during the Angelus. Our confreres from the communities of Kerala are working in every way they can and with all the means available in order to bring help to the displaced, welcoming them in our communities. In the Seminary and Seat of the Quasi Province in Aluva, about a thousand people have sought refuge, and are still waiting to return to their homes. The families of some of our confreres, priests and seminarians have lost everything and are in a situation of extreme discomfort due to the lack of minimum means to return to normal life.

TheMajor Superior and the Councilors, together with all the Religious of the St. Thomas Quasi Province have been busy, day and night, to respond to the needs of the people rushed to our homes to save themselves. They have asked our prayers from the beginning, but now they also need our concrete help. Therefore, I ask all the Superiors of the Circumscriptions and Communities to offer help, as much as possible, in the spirit of fraternity and solidarity that must distinguish us. Please send the contributions to the following account of the General Curia, specifying the reason for this. ACCOUNT: Curia Gen. dei PP.Rogazionisti, ViaTuscolana 167 – 00182 Roma; BANK: Monte dei Paschi di Siena Ag. N. 7, Via Tuscolana 316 - 00181 Roma; ACCOUNT NUMBER/IBAN: IT66 Z 01030 03207 000000913363; SWIFT: PASCITM1RM7; Reason: Aid for Kerala.

The Curia will then send all of it to the Seat of the Circumscription of St. Thomas Quasi Province, which in turn will distribute the funds according to needs and urgencies.

I thank you in union of prayer and in fraternity.

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