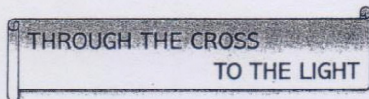


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TO THE CLERGY AND THE RELIGIOUS OF THE DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA

God's Blessings and Fraternal Greetings

"God loves the cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9, 7)

Humanitarian Assistance to the Victims of the Earthquake in Nepal

As a fraternal and humanitarian gesture, on my instructions, our Caritas- Ratnapura-Sethmini has organized a charity programme to assist, in some way, the victims of the terrible earthquake which occurred in Nepal a few weeks ago. You would have seen in the media the devastation it has caused, leaving thousands of people homeless and dead.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis too has expressed his concern about it and has advised us to help the victims whatever possible way.

Hence, let us too, as a Diocese, shall contribute our mite to this humanitarian gesture. I would kindly request you to sacrifice as a parish your collection on Sunday the 24th May 2015 and send it to the Director, Caritas-Rn-Sethmini, Hospital Road, Eheliyagoda, who will along with Caritas-Sri Lanka, do the needful with it in helping the victims of the earthquake. The religious communities too may make their own community contributions. The contributions have a greater value when they are made, not from your abundance, but from your sacrifices. Please announce this charity gesture on the previous Sunday, the 17th May and motivate the people, so that you may have a better response from them.

Let us also note that we too have received relief assistance in the past from Caritas Internationalis, when our Diocese fell victim to natural disasters such as floods and cyclones.

We value your kind cooperation and sacrifices a great deal in this respect

With prayers and much appreciation of your sacrifices,

Yours fraternally

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