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A victim of floodings is rescued in Pasig City, Metro-Manila .

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To: ALL Filipinos

The appeal for typhoon victims which I launched on 1st October has given good fruits. As of today, October 14, total donations have reached **\$6,327.70**. It sounds marvellous that we've reached this amount in just two weeks. This is a clear proof that Filipinos are generous!

From the bottom of heart, I would like to sincerely THANK those individuals and communities for slicing an amount from their daily budget and shared it to the poor victims of typhoons in the Philippines. This is a Christian noble act!

I mentioned in my letter dated October 1, that the donations be sent to the diocese of Pasig for the victims of Ondoy. But the devastating effect of the second typhoon Pepeng, which covers almost all parts of northern Luzon, has led me to decide to cut the whole cake into 5 equal slices, thus:

1. Diocese of Pasig (covers Pasig City, Taguig City and Pateros)
2. Diocese of Antipolo (covers province of Rizal, Cainta and Marikina City)
3. Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan (covers Lingayen, Dagupan and whole of Pangasinan)
4. Diocese of Baguio (covers Baguio City and the whole Benguet Province)
5. Archdiocese of Tuguegarao (covers Tuguegarao City, Aparri and the whole province of Cagayan Valley)

I have already spoken over the phone to the respective bishops of above dioceses, and they are very grateful of our concern and our swift response to the victims of floods. Each of the above dioceses has a SOCIAL ACTION CALAMITY PROGRAM which is composed of priests and nuns who are directly involved in helping the typhoon victims in their respective diocesan jurisdiction.

I would like to thank Efren Altez, our Brisbane Chaplaincy Coordinator, for his utmost patience in monitoring and handling donations from people. Today, Efren sent every slice of the cake to the above-nominated beneficiaries. Each diocese will receive an equal amount of \$1,255.95 or an equivalent of 52,749.90 pesos computed at today's rate of 42.00 per Australian dollar.

Again, THANK YOU for your generosity. Certainly, GOD KNOWS YOUR REWARD.

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