



## **Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia (CBCM)**

### **Pastoral Letter on Earthquake in Myanmar and Regional Solidarity Appeal**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

#### **Peace be with you**

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you following the recent and devastating earthquake that struck Myanmar and Thailand. The destruction has been extensive – especially in Myanmar, where thousands have lost their lives, countless more have been injured or displaced, and entire communities, including Catholic parishes and missions, have been reduced to rubble.

In the face of such suffering and devastation, we, the Church in Malaysia, is called to respond – not only with compassion and prayers but with concrete acts of solidarity and hope. Let us unite our hearts with the people of Myanmar and Thailand during this painful time. Let us remember them in our prayers and respond generously to their urgent needs.

#### **A Nationwide Humanitarian Appeal from 26<sup>th</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia (CBCM) is launching a nationwide humanitarian appeal, and we invite all faithful – clergy, religious, and laity – to participate in the following ways:

**1. Donate to special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on weekend of *Divine Mercy Sunday*  
26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**2. Ongoing Donations until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

Additional donations can be made through:

- **Parish Offices:** Cash donations may be handed in at any parish office. These will be channelled to Caritas Malaysia.
- **Online Transfers:**

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Account Name: **Caritas Malaysia**

Bank: **RHB Bank**

Branch: **No. 380-A, Jalan Burma, 10350 Georgetown, Pulau Pinang**

Account Number: **20708200054188**

SWIFT Code: **RHBBMYKL**

Reference: **"CaritasMy Myanmar Relief"**

Notification: Kindly email your transfer slip to **info@caritas.org.my**

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All donations received will be directed to Caritas Malaysia – the official social charitable arm of the CBCM – who will ensure that all your contributions are responsibly directed to trusted partners on the ground, with special attention to long-term rebuilding in communities most affected and often forgotten.

Let us, as **Pilgrims of Hope**, bring the light of Christ to those in darkness. May our generous response be a living testimony of the mercy of our Heavenly Father and the unity of the Body of Christ.

We also urge you to accompany your giving with earnest prayer – for the victims and their families, for all relief workers and volunteers, and especially for those who are suffering in silence and despair. Thank you for your unwavering faith, your compassion, and your witness to the Gospel in action.

With heartfelt gratitude and blessing,



✠ **Archbishop Simon Poh**

President, Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia (CBCM)

Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025



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