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Archbishop urges prayer, action in response to typhoon

Seattle's Catholic Archbishop J. Peter Sartain to celebrate Mass Friday, Nov. 22 at noon in St. James Cathedral for victims in Philippines, Vietnam

(Seattle) Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain encouraged Catholic parishes throughout Western Washington to provide information to their parishioners on how to support the emergency response to Typhoon Haiyan through Catholic Relief Services (CRS). The archbishop also encouraged people to pray for the victims in the Philippines and Vietnam.

Archbishop Sartain invited all parishioners to join him in celebrating Mass for the victims Friday, Nov. 22 at 12:10 p.m. in St. James Cathedral.

"Everyone has been saddened and worried by the terrible destruction wrought by this powerful typhoon, and we want to reach out to those who have been affected through both our material support and our spiritual support. Many Filipino and Vietnamese residents of Western Washington have family members who live in the affected areas, and we want them to know that they are in our prayers and thoughts," said Archbishop Sartain.

Many parishes in the archdiocese, which includes all of Western Washington, will take up special collection for emergency relief over the next two weekends. Funds collected will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services to respond to the immediate emergency need for water, food, shelter and medical care and assist in the long-term recovery from the disaster.

To donate to Catholic Relief Services, send donations to:

The Archdiocese of Seattle Missions Office

710 9th Ave

Seattle, WA 98104

or call 877-435-7277; or online at www.crs.org

Make checks payable to CRS (note "Haiyan typhoon")

Representatives from Catholic Relief Services were among the first responders to reach the Philippines by boat Nov. 10. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of Caritas International. The Archdiocese of Seattle Missions Office is the local representative for CRS.

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