

**In the blessed name of the Tri-une God, Self-existent,
Beginningless and Endless, Perfect in Being, (Glory be to Him)**

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Malankara Metropolitan enthroned on the Apostolic Throne of St. Thomas**



No. 213/2018

Blessings to our beloved Vicars of the churches, Priests of the locality, *Kaisthanees* and faithful of all the Parishes!

Dearly beloved,

This is the time when the state of Kerala witnesses the most disastrous flood in her history and the subsequent rehabilitation. Preliminary statistics reveals that more than one million people were forced to leave their homes and stay in relief camps and the total damage has been estimated to exceed rupees 200 billion. By the grace of God and with the imitable unity and co-operation of our people, the State is on path of a resurrection from this catastrophe.

Our Church too, in a laudable way, gives maximum support to the relief works. Words are inadequate to explain the exemplary service carried out by our parishes, spiritual organizations, monasteries and convents, priests, seminarians and above all our faithful in the salvage and relief works and the rehabilitation process. Supply of basic necessities and medical care were done under the auspices of our parishes, institutions and monasteries. The holy Church as a whole worked hand in hand in perfect co-ordination and appreciable unity to wipe away the tears of the distressed. Special mention is deserved for the timely and invaluable help extended by the Outside Kerala Dioceses.

We recollect with pride and appreciation the brave action of our youth to salvage the life of fellow beings. We consider this as a time to participate in the salvaging work as shown by our Lord and convey our love and gratitude to one and all who toiled tirelessly and selflessly in the rescue and relief operations.

The Committees of the Church have decided to raise a minimum of Rs. 300 million to be utilized for the rehabilitation of the victims. The sincere participation of our beloved church members is solicited to impart maximum assistance to the distressed people. To raise Rs. 300 Million on the Church level, the target set for that Diocese Rs. 30 million. This amount has to be collected from the parishes and institutions of that Diocese. We solicit your heartfelt co-operation in this regard considering it as a golden opportunity to stretch our helping hand towards the people who lost everything in their life. As already mentioned in our Kalpana No. 202/2018 each parish shall co-operate in this charity work in accordance with their ability and send the amount so collected to the accounts given below.

Those who send money to these accounts may please intimate the same to our Catholicate Office through email *catholicate_office @mosc.in* .This will enable us to check the accounts and send the receipts thereof. Arrangements shall be made to receive amounts collected by the Dioceses as per the target at the central office.

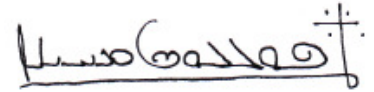
By the Grace of God the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Kerala “the God’s own country” is possible. When we become part of this great project, it obtains a sacramental, spiritual and social dimension. Therefore, let us do it with mindfulness, holiness and utmost devotion. May the Holy Spirit guide us in this noble venture!

Beloved of the Lord,

Since it is indispensable to make an estimate of the damages and loss incurred to an parishes and parish members and the rehabilitation work already done by the Church for the effective implementation of the rehabilitation project, the enclosed forms sent along with the Kalpana shall be filled in by the vicar of the parish and send to the Association Secretary..... before 20th Sept.2018.

May the Grace and Blessings of God Almighty abide with you forever. And may the prayers of the Mother of our God the Holy Virgin Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle of India, our Holy Fathers Mar Gregorios, Yeldo Mar Baselios, Mar Dionysius and all the Holy Saints be a stronghold for us. Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven.....



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