

# Vancouver Catholics Holding Collection for Philippines

*Funds will provide food, water, shelter*

VANCOUVER (Nov. 12, 2013) – Archbishop J. Michael is urging Catholics in the Archdiocese of Vancouver to be as generous as possible in responding to the Philippines in its moment of need.

The Archbishop has called for a special collection to be taken up at all weekend Masses Nov. 24.

The special collection is being coordinated across Canada with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

The emergency humanitarian campaign for the typhoon-stricken Philippines will be used for urgent needs such as food and water. Development and Peace's partner in the Philippines, Caritas Internationalis, will be coordinating distribution of food and shelter for victims of the catastrophe.

A letter from Archbishop Miller will be read at all Masses this weekend, encouraging Catholics to stand in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in the Philippines.

For more information, or to donate online, visit [rcav.org](http://rcav.org).

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