



May 1, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On April 16, 2016, a violent earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale struck Ecuador. Hundreds were killed, and thousands have been left injured or in need of assistance.

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace has allocated emergency relief efforts through its partner organization *Caritas* Ecuador. CCODP is also collecting funds for the country, where a state of emergency has been declared.

I invite you to contribute to this emergency humanitarian campaign. On Sunday, May 8, at all Masses, a special second collection will be held in the Archdiocese for Ecuador relief. All funds collected will go to Development and Peace for distribution to *Caritas* Ecuador.

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver have consistently responded to humanitarian appeals. During this Year of Mercy, when we place special emphasis on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, I ask you to be as generous as possible at this time of need for the people of Ecuador.

With gratitude for your generosity toward those who are suffering and with the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver