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Dear Monsignor/Father,

I know that your hearts were saddened, as mine was, viewing scenes of destruction caused by the earthquake in Nepal. Some of you immediately asked if the Diocese of St. Petersburg would be responding to relief efforts of this natural disaster.

Once again, I ask that you appeal to the people of God in the face of this overwhelming disaster this weekend or the next. Please instruct your parishioners to make checks payable to your parish for *Earthquake in Nepal*. Send your parish check to our Office of Finance earmarked for Disaster Relief. The Diocese will then forward all donations to Catholic Relief Services.

May the Lord bring healing and restoration to the lives of our brothers and sisters to the north and let us continue to offer our prayers for them.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert N. Lynch

Bishop of St. Petersburg