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Blessings to the beloved Vicars of the Parishes, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopoi, Rambans, Deacons, and faithful of all parishes in the Diocese of South-West America!

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We are deeply saddened and burdened with grief by the news of the devastating landslides in Mundakkai and Chooralmala, Wayanad. This disaster has left many families without homes, access to necessities, and hope. Tragically, many have lost their loved ones. As members of the Christian community, we are called to extend our love and support to those in need, embodying the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This Sunday, during our Holy Qurbana, let us remember and pray for all those affected by the recent landslides, especially the deceased and their grieving families. Your spiritual support is invaluable to the victims.

Under the banner of Project Love Indeed, our diocese is committed to providing financial assistance for the rehabilitation of those affected. After thorough consultation and planning with the Diocese of Sulthan Bathery and its Metropolitan, we will share the details of the required restoration projects with our community at the earliest. Instead of focusing solely on immediate relief, which our Church in India is already handling, we are planning long-term rebuilding projects that include the construction of homes, hospitals, and schools, as well as offering educational support for orphaned children. Let us come together in this time of need and work collectively. Let us rebuild the lives of these poor friends and families.

We kindly request our generous faithful to contribute to the diocesan Zelle Account at <u>donatetodswa.zelle@gmail.com</u>. Please include the memo "Wayanad Disaster Fund."

Compassion is a cornerstone of our faith, and comforting those suffering from this tragedy is our duty. Your generosity and kindness will be a beacon of hope for many who are in desperate need.

May the love of God the Father, the grace of the Only-Begotten Son, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Urshlem Aramana, Beasley July 30, 2024

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