

## WE REMAIN CLOSE

### Faith and Hope Accompaniment After the Earthquakes

Humanitarian and Pastoral Assistance Mission | State of La Guaira and Caracas, Venezuela

### A Call Not to Lower Our Guard Amid Adversity

After the devastating double earthquake that shook our country on June 24th, leaving deep scars of pain and extensive material losses across various regions, the Catholic Church, through Cáritas Caracas and the parish network, reaffirms with renewed commitment its uninterrupted presence alongside the most affected communities and families.



## Accompaniment in Shelters and a Call to Solidarity

We make a fraternal and urgent appeal to all Venezuelan people and to all people of goodwill: **Let us not lose heart, let us not be careless, and let us not lower our guard!**

The initial emergency has transitioned into a crucial stage of human, social, and spiritual support. The pain of our brothers and sisters requires us to keep the flame of solidarity alive and continue channeling aid through the various collection centers established in both the Archdiocese of Caracas and the Diocese of La Guaira.



**"Our greatest strength is the faith we share. We will rise again! Jesus Christ does not remain distant from suffering; He walks side-by-side with every man and woman in these crucial moments."**

## Impact of the Tragedy and the Pastoral Response

The double seismic movement caused atrocious damage to infrastructure and housing. Although the city of Caracas suffered severe damage in several sectors, the State of La Guaira was the area of greatest impact and devastation.

Faced with this difficult reality, the ecclesial response has not been limited solely to the delivery of material provisions.



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## Direct Assistance and Support Framework



### Material Aid in Collection Centers

- **Non-perishable food:** Baby food, infant formula, and grains.
- **Personal Hygiene Kits:** Soap, diapers, and toiletries.
- **Drinking water & medicines:** Priority medical supplies.
- **Responsible distribution:** Direct delivery to the most vulnerable families.

### Spiritual and Human Accompaniment

- **Pastoral Listening:** Offering comfort and emotional guidance.
- **Proclamation of the Word:** Bringing the light of the Gospel to pain.
- **Fraternal Closeness:** Walking alongside those who suffer in the shelter.
- **Community Prayer:** Constant intercession for victims and grieving.

## The Comfort of Christ and the Conviction of Hope

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Amid the rubble and difficulty, the central message of our faith remains steadfast: Jesus Christ remains and walks with every man and woman.

Through Pastoral Listening and the close presence of our priests, religious, and laity, we continue to offer spaces for emotional relief, affective containment, and spiritual strength.



We express our deep gratitude to every person, family, and institution that, with their valuable contribution, makes it possible for this work to continue. Every donation and every prayer translates into a tangible embrace from the Church for those who need it today.

## Closing Reflection and Commitment

We offer our special prayers for the eternal rest of all those who lost their lives in this tragedy, and we ask the Lord to grant fortitude, peace, and conviction to those of us who are still journeying through this arduous trial of life.

**"We press on, united in the Love of the Sacred Heart."**

**Bro. Deiby Fuenmayor MSC**

**Missionaries of the Sacred Heart**

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