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Dear brothers and sisters,

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

We are all feeling a deep pain in our hearts as we see the disaster that occurred in Kumamoto Prefecture due to heavy rain.

While praying for the people who have lost their lives, we are deeply concerned about the situation of the people affected by the flood.

We would like to deliver the necessary help to them through concrete actions.

In the diocese of Fukuoka, we will decide on the concrete action to take. Fr. Satoru Aoki and Fr. Miyoshi Makiyama, who are in charge of the disaster victims support committee of the diocese, will coordinate our action.

We will announce the concrete steps to take as soon as possible. I will appreciate your cooperation. We will inform you about the damage reported to us and, at the same time, we will indicate how to make some donations and suggest other possible ways of collaboration through FAX and the website of the diocese, etc.

In particular, I extend my deepest sympathy to the people of Hitoyoshi Parish, Minamata Parish, Yatsushiro Parish, and the religious communities in the disaster area, as well as to other catholic institutions there.

Let us pray for the people affected by the flood. I ask for your generous cooperation to bring concrete support to the victims.

Fraternally in Christ,

Josep M. Abella,
Bishop of Fukuoka