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Two and a Half Months After the Kumamoto Earthquake

Fukuoka, October 15, 2026

To the brothers and sisters of the Fukuoka Diocese,
And to all who have cooperated in the relief efforts for the Kumamoto earthquake

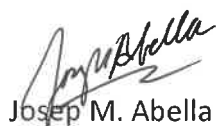
The peace of the Lord be with you.

It has already been two and a half months since the earthquake struck Kumamoto on July 28, 2026. As the extent of the damage became clear, various relief activities were launched. The Fukuoka Diocese has also been doing its utmost—however humbly—to stand by those affected and cooperate in overcoming this difficult time. We have carried out relief activities, including gathering information on the damage, organizing volunteer work, and conducting fundraising campaigns, in the hope of being of some help. All of this has been made possible by the cooperation of so many people.

While the Diocese's activities will continue for some time, we will be closing the fundraising campaign on October 31. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many groups and individuals across the country who have offered donations. The funds raised are being used for relief payments to victims, support for volunteer activities, provision of supplies, and assistance with repairing church facilities. We will provide a detailed report via the Fukuoka Diocese website. Thank you all very much.

The prayers, donations, and participation in various forms of volunteer work by so many people have undoubtedly served as a source of comfort, encouragement, and strength for those affected by the earthquake. Through these various encounters, we have been able to reaffirm the fundamental importance of helping one another and living together in solidarity.

I pray for God's abundant blessings upon you all.


Josep M. Abella

Bishop of the diocese of Fukuoka

