



Auxiliary Bishop of Manila

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To whom it may concern:

Dear Sir/Madam.

I am Bishop Broderick Pabillo of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP). I am an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Manila. For the past six year (2007-2013) I have been the chairperson of the Catholic Bishops' Commission on Justice and Peace and the national director of its working arm known as the National Secretariat for Social Action, or NASSA for short. Since 2009 Risen Savior Mission (RSM) has been a partner of NASSA is addressing the malnourishment and undernourishment of many children found in many of the dioceses in the country. In the past five years RSM has sent us more than 31.5 million nutritious meals which have served some 300,000 children. We do this with the partnership of the dioceses involved and with the HAPAG-ASA Feeding program of the Assisi Foundation in the country. Furthermore, with the Manna Pack meals sent to us by RSM we are able to respond rapidly to emergency situations caused by natural (typhoon, earthquakes, floods and landslides) and man-made (fires and military operations) calamities which often hit our country. We have been able to reach half a million emergency victims these past five years. It is an understatement to say that the Risen Savior Mission is a great help to us. Our poor people in the Philippines are able to access the generosity of many American Catholics through the Risen Savior Mission.

At the moment, together with the strong support of the US-based Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Foundation there is an on-going project to uplift the situation of the people of the Boac diocese in the island of Marinduque. It is a wholistic program addressing not only the nutrition needs of the children but also the nutrition needs of the elderly, the livelihood of the adults, and the education of the young. It aims to help the whole population of the island, around 200,000 persons. This is a partnership of the RSM, FMSC, NASSA, HAPAG-ASA, the social action of the diocese and the local government units of that island. So far, the success rate of the program is good. The partnership is already on its second year.

I hope, through your generosity, RSM will continue its mission here in the country and even expand all the more to reach our far-flung islands that are currently not being served. RSM is a very concrete expression of solidarity among us Catholics, even though we are divided by the Pacific Ocean. God bless you all.

Yours truly in Christ the Savior,

✠ **Bishop Broderick S. Pabillo, DD**
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