



December 20, 2013

Mr. Michael Steele, President
The Steele Family Foundation
15466 Gore Road
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Dear Michael, Laura, Jennifer and Amanda Steele:

It is with gratitude that I write to thank you for your most generous contribution of \$10,000 to the relief efforts underway in the Philippines. I also extend my appreciation to The Steele Family Foundation for matching the contributions to this effort from the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist parish and St. Cornelius mission in Caledon.

I am grateful for the many people who have given of their time, talent, and treasure to assist with this effort. Across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishes have received funds and contributions of clothing and goods to be forwarded to the areas affected by Typhoon Haiyan. Our Filipino chaplaincy parish, Our Lady of the Assumption, has arranged for the shipment of containers of goods to assist families whose lives have been touched by this tragedy. As a Catholic community, we come together at times like these to support our brothers and sisters in Christ, demonstrating our commitment to "love one another as I have loved you."

Be assured that your contribution will be forwarded through Development & Peace to Caritas Nassa, who is working in the Philippines both with the immediate and long-term needs of the communities in mind. To date, they have addressed the need for food, water, shelter, hygiene and essential household items, while planning long-term reconstruction efforts. Your contribution will help to make this possible. Once again, I thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Thomas Card. Collins

Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto