



December 30, 2004 - Archdiocese of Boston Will Hold Special Collection This Weekend for Tsunamis Victims

(Boston, Ma)... December 30, 2004. The Archdiocese of Boston today announced that Archbishop Sean O'Malley has asked all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston to hold a second collection during this weekend's Masses for the relief and support of the victims of this week's tragedy in Southeast Asia. All proceeds will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to assist their programs and efforts in the countries impacted by the massive tsunamis. Catholic Relief Services handles the international disaster relief efforts on behalf of the US Catholic community.

Anyone interested in donating directly to the Catholic Relief Services can contact the organization through the following information:

Phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS (435-7277)

Website: www.catholicrelief.org

Mail: Catholic Relief Services

P.O. Box 17090

Baltimore, MD 21203-7090

Memo line: Tsunami Emergency

In addition to taking up collections, parishes are asked to pray for all who were affected by this tragedy; the thousands who lost their lives, their surviving families and friends, and the communities that have been so seriously impacted.

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