



February 14, 2023

RE: TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Dear School Principals,

The Missionary Childhood Association invites all schools to join the Archdiocesan efforts to collect funds that will aid those who have been affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Your economic support will go towards not only assisting in family burials but also to rebuild their communities.

On Wednesday, February 8th, Pope Francis issued an appeal for help for all those affected as the death toll soars. *“With emotion I pray for them, and express my closeness to these peoples, the families of the victims and to all those who are suffering from this devastating calamity”*. He urges everyone to show solidarity with these territories.

Our appeal to the catholic school students is to pray for all those children affected by the earthquake, as well as to reach out to them with financial aid. We are asking all catholic schools to gather funds between February 18-26, 2023. Attached is a flyer that schools can distribute and post.

Please make checks payable to THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION – memo: TURKEY/SYRIA NATURAL DISASTER. Donations may be mailed to **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION, 3424 Wilshire Boulevard – 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90010**. If anyone wishes to make an online donation, they may do so at: <https://missionsla.org/product/donate> or by scanning the QR code and specify Turkey/Syria Natural Disaster in the memo box. 100% of the collection will go towards those affected by this horrible natural disaster.



Earthquake Donations

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Missionary Childhood Association at (213) 637-7416 or mca@la-archdiocese.org.

Thank you for your support and prayers,

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