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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

#### **Ref: Updating and refining the directives of the HomeFront Command**

Dear Reverend Fathers, Sisters, Brothers, and Esteemed Members of the Catholic Congregations, Institutions, and Communities,

May the peace and grace of our Lord be with you!

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to bring to your attention important information in accordance with the directives issued by the Home Front Command this evening. It is crucial that we all remain prepared and informed for emergencies that may arise.

In some emergency situations, we may have to stay secluded in the house for a long period of time or evacuate from it. For this reason, it is important to prepare in advance, important items that will be within reach, and will allow us and the family to survive for 24 to 72 hours, until help arrives.

In most emergencies, the available preparation and alert time will not be sufficient to pack a designated emergency bag. Therefore, it is important to prepare certain items in advance, so that they would be within reach and enable you and your family to cope on your own for a period of 24 to 72 hours, until help arrives.

#### **List of Emergency Supplies**

To be prepared in advance for any scenario, prepare a designated emergency kit and place it in an accessible location, for example, the protected space.

Following is a list of supplies for emergencies:

- Water supply (at least 3 liters per person) and dry food items. Make sure to replace expired items as needed.
- A battery-operated flashlight or other lighting means.
- Means for receiving alerts and updates – a battery-operated radio, mobile chargers and extra cell phone batteries.
- Medications.
- A first-aid kit.
- Important documents and cash money – a photocopy or digital copy of medical, identification, personal, and financial documents, and an extra copy of these documents should also be kept outside your home, as backup.
- Personal care items, health and hygiene supplies (such as: hand sanitizer, prescription medication, alcohol, contact lenses, eyeglasses, bandages, ...)

In faith and solidarity,

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