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## LETTER FOR THE CHURCH IN GOZO

of H.L Mgr. Mario Grech  
Bishop of Gozo

### Earthquake in Italy

Dearly Beloved,

Even though we did not feel in our Diocese the tremors of the earthquake, that occurred during the night between last Tuesday and Wednesday in Central Italy, from comments I heard in our streets it was clear that our people “felt” in no small measure for those who were smitten by that natural disaster. How could we remain indifferent when due to this earthquake, not only were many houses destroyed, but there were also persons broken psychologically and spiritually?

Therefore, with a sense of solidarity with these brethren, I make an appeal for our communities to pray for them.

At the same time, I call on your own generosity to help them materially, too. While I leave it to the discretion of each Chaplain / Rector to organise a fundraising activity for the earthquake victims, whoever wishes to make a donation may deliver it to the Office of the Diocesan Caritas at our Curia, even through the Chaplain / Rector.

Above all, we offer prayers in suffrage for those who died in this earthquake.

As I said last Wednesday during the Marian vigil that was held in Ghajnsielem parish in preparation for the parochial feast, we pray to Our Lady who is “God’s kiss” for us humans, to convey a taste of God’s love for our brethren smitten by the earthquake.

Today, Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2016

+Mario Grech

Bishop of Gozo.