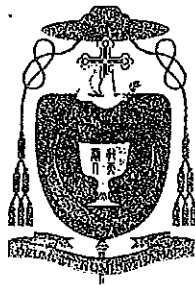


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His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI
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Your Holiness,

It is with deep gratitude that we: Most Reverend Thomas Chung, Bishop of Chiayi, the clergy and the sisters of the Diocese, as well as all the co-workers assisting in the relief as well as the victims of the terrible consequences of typhoon Morakot, thank Your Holiness for His participation in our sorrow.

The highest mountains of Taiwan are located in the diocese of Chiayi. These mountains received in two days time the unbelievable amount of 300 centimeters of rain. The destruction of roads and numerous bridges resulted of this deluge.

Besides these, a great number of the family homes of our mountain people just don't exist anymore. The sorrow of the loss of their possessions is indeed a terrible cross for them. We thank however the Almighty Lord that as a miracle in our mountains there were no loss of lives.

Dear Holy Father we all together express to Your Holiness our sincerest thanks and appreciation for Your Holiness' sharing in our sorrow and for the financial aid you sent to alleviate our burdens.

Very sincerely thanking Your Holiness once more in the name of all people of our diocese I remain very sincerely Yours in the Sacred Heart.

Most Rev. Thomas Chung
Bishop of Chiayi (Kiayi)

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