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**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU**

***RESPONSE TO THE EARTHQUAKES IN CHRISTCHURCH***

**An open letter to my fellow Catholics & all concerned for Christchurch**

The events of the past few months in and around Christchurch have been numbing. Several major earthquakes have occurred here which have literally shaken our city to the core and caused unimaginable damage, immense suffering, and great loss of life (at time of writing 160 deaths). There has been immeasurable additional suffering caused by job losses and relocations due to the widespread damage to buildings and housing, much of which has been condemned, this includes numerous Catholic churches around the city, and most regrettably, to our beautiful Cathedral which is now, most probably, beyond repair.

Undoubtedly these events test our faith, 'as that tested in a fire' yet the Lord uses these events to warn and caution His people. He did not **will** the resultant loss of life, injury but he may well **use** it as a means for our purification and bring good from this great evil which has struck our city. Ultimately these events too are signs of His everlasting mercy to us for they cause us to turn again to Him to seek His protection and consoling grace. We are reminded by the Lord Jesus, "**Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy**" (Diary 300).

This is the peace which the people of Christchurch now seek both now and for any future events which threaten our city. But how to attain this peace?

Pray, fast, receive the sacraments, and place the Image of Divine Mercy in your homes.

Prayer and fasting with a contrite and humble heart, full of trust in the Lord through the intercession of Mother Mary has, and will work miracles in our lives and in our world.

I call on you now to intensify your daily prayer, the Rosary and Chaplet especially, in your homes and parishes to bring peace and drive this evil from our city so that we are united in faith and committed to the Merciful love of God in which all fear is cast out.

**As well as your own efforts I remind you of the prayerful vigils conducted under the Divine Mercy apostolate at Christ the King Parish each first Friday at 7-8pm and each third Friday at 3-4pm.**

**Please join us in a crusade of prayer for our city.**

Yours in the Merciful Jesus,

*Pat Barrett.*

Director/Trustee

**[NEXT VIGILS: March 18 3-4pm & April 1 7-8pm](#)**

***"Divine Mercy is the limit to evil in the world. Face evil doing good"***

Pope John Paul II

***"...so just do what is within your power, but you must never withdraw your efforts."*** (Diary1374)