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To
All the Major Superiors of Religious of India

Subject: **Info for Report to PMO**

Friends,

You may have heard of the recent e-meeting of the Prime Minister with leaders of faith communities. As a follow-up, the Prime Minister's Office is inviting reports from religious groups about what services we are offering during this crisis. Caritas-India, which operates under the CBCI, has asked me for a report on what religious orders are doing to help out. I told them that many religious are helping generously—with food, provisions, medical assistance, financial support, providing buildings for shelter and isolation facilities, making masks for free distribution, etc., but that it is difficult to get a comprehensive report on this in a short time.

They want a report on Monday, April 06th!

I have told them that I will send them a summary based on what I get by Monday, and add more details during the coming week.

So, here I am with this request:

I have prepared a simple format to make your report easier and less time-consuming. No need to write another report. Can you please fill in the details asked for, and send it to me as soon as you get this letter? Our staff will work full time and overtime tomorrow and other days to see to this.

Apart from informing the government of what we, Catholic Religious of India, are doing, we can also learn from one another. There is much good will. By seeing what others are doing, how they went about it, cleared it with the government and police, etc., we can all move faster and more effectively to help those in most desperate need.

Religious are at our best in moments of greatest need and hardship. May the present crisis too be marked by generous, even heroic, service of the most affected and most helpless.

Fraternally in Jesus,

Fr Joe Mannath SDB
National Secretary, CRI