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TO: **CEAP SCHOOL HEADS AND SUPERINTENDENTS**

FROM: 
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RE: **TRANSFEREES FROM TYPHOON "YOLANDA" – AFFECTED AREAS**

Warm Greetings of Peace my fellow Catholic Educators!

Today, more than ever, we find ourselves falling on our knees and in deep anguish for the havoc that fell on our sisters and brothers in the Central Philippines has deeply wounded our nation's soul. Yet, we are not about to lose hope. We will keep our sight on the God who promised us not to "be afraid" (cf. Jn. 6:20).

As we stand on the rubbles after typhoon Yolanda's wrath, I am deeply consoled at the sight of our Member Schools, fellow citizens and friends from abroad who have contributed time and energy to prepare, provide and sustain relief efforts. CEAP has been in constant communication with the Regional Trustees and Catholic School Superintendents affected by the typhoon and has set up a Solidarity Fund for the rehabilitation of our schools and their respective communities in the region.

Another concern that is of great urgency is the exodus of families from ground zero. We would like to invite our Member Schools to show greater compassion to students affected by the typhoon by opening the doors of their schools to these emergency transferees despite insufficient transfer credentials. Section 129 of the Manual of Regulations for Private Schools in Basic Education should be a legal base that shall allow provisional enrolment for students with insufficient transfer credentials.

In fact, DepEd Order 52 Series of 2013 released last 15 November 2013 is of the same spirit. Private schools are enjoined to exercise leniency in accepting "emergency transferees."

This is indeed a very trying time for all of us. But we will rise again. We will rise together. We will take courage for the Lord is with us.

Thank you for your attention.