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Dear Rev. Pastor / Administrator:

Cardinal Seán has authorized a special collection, to be taken the weekend of May 2-3 or May 9-10 (at your discretion, based on your parish schedule) in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, in support of relief efforts to those areas devastated by the powerful earthquake that struck Nepal this past Saturday.

All monies collected will be distributed by the USCCB to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other Catholic agencies working in partnership with the local church to meet the most urgent relief efforts in that area. CRS emergency personnel have landed in Kathmandu, Nepal's capital, to begin helping the tens of thousands of people affected by the destructive earthquake. The initial targets will be the thousands in need of shelter. Many buildings were destroyed or damaged in the 7.8 magnitude earthquake, and continuing aftershocks are causing widespread fear of sleeping inside of even intact buildings.

To process this collection, **please ask parishioners to address their checks to your parish**, with "Nepal Collection 2015" in the memo. **One check** should then be sent from the parish, payable to the Archdiocese of Boston, with "Nepal Collection 2015" in the memo. Please send checks to:

Attn: Cashier, c/o Nepal Collection 2015
Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center
66 Brooks Drive
Braintree, MA 02184-3839

On behalf of Cardinal Seán, thank you for your attentiveness to this important collection and expression of our solidarity with those who are suffering.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Bryan K. Parrish

Very Rev. Bryan K. Parrish

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