



Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia (CBCM) Pastoral Letter on Migrant Sunday 2026 Call to Solidarity with Indonesia and Nepal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ and friends of goodwill,
Peace be with you. On Weekend of 26-27 September 2026, Catholics celebrate the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

POPE LEO XIV: "Even Just One of These Children" (cf. Mt 18:10)

Our Pope asks us to care for "*even just one child*". Every person has a face, a family and a story, and that no human life should ever become merely a statistic. Each life matters.

In Malaysia, many migrants work in security and construction, in our shops, factories and plantations, to support their families back home. Recent earthquake in Flores (15 Aug) and Nepal floods (26 Aug) have brought unimaginable deep pain to them. On Migrant Sunday, we are called not only to remember them, but to stand with our migrant brothers and sisters in solidarity and compassion.

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDONESIA AND NEPAL

Both **Caritas Indonesia** & **Caritas Nepal** have mobilised quickly, providing immediate humanitarian assistance, essential items, relief and shelter to families. Many of their sons and daughters live and work as migrants among us in Malaysia. When such disasters struck their homelands, their grief becomes ours too. On Migrant Sunday, we stand in solidarity with our migrant brothers and sister with the assurance:

**Your families are not forgotten.
Your communities are not forgotten.
Your suffering is not forgotten.**

RESPONSE FROM CATHOLIC CARITAS MALAYSIA:

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia (CBCM), through **Caritas Malaysia**, utilising our **KASIH Fund**, immediately donated to both disaster-hit communities.

- **Flores: USD 50,000 (RM 204,527)** – 50% has been sent to **Caritas Indonesia**, with another USD 25,000 to follow after recovery review.
- **Nepal: USD 50,000 (RM 204,527)** has been sent to **Caritas Nepal** last month.

CALLING FOR A NATIONWIDE APPEAL

Catholic Bishops exhort all Catholics and people of goodwill to contribute personally through prayer and especially generous donation.



1. A Special 2nd Collection on Migrant Sunday Weekend 26-27 September 2026

Second Collection will be taken up at all Masses throughout Malaysia. All parish collections should be remitted to the respective Diocesan Finance Office, which will then consolidate and transfer the funds to Caritas Malaysia for the national response. This will be sent by Caritas Malaysia to be shared equally between Flores and Nepal.

2. E-Donation Appeal until 12 October 2026

Additional donations are to be collected through your parish church office or directly to Caritas Malaysia via:

DuitNow or on-line bank transfer:

Account Name : Caritas Malaysia
Bank : RHB Bank
Account Number: 20708200054188
SWIFT Code : RHBBMYKL
Reference : Indon Nepal Appeal

Notification: You may email transfer slip to admin@caritas.org.my



Donation Closing Date: Monday, 12 October 2026

All donations will be remitted by Caritas Malaysia to Caritas Indonesia & Caritas Nepal. The geographical distance between Malaysia, Flores and Nepal may be great. But it is easily bridged when our hearts are joined in prayer for those who have lost loved ones, homes, livelihoods; for those displaced and the relief workers in difficult conditions.

LET US ACCOMPANY OUR PRAYER WITH GENEROUS GIVING.

- May Migrant Sunday become a Sunday of solidarity.
- May our donations become a concrete expression of care and communion with our migrant brothers and sisters.
- May it bring hope to Flores and Nepal as they begin the recovery process.
- May migrants working in Malaysia know that they are not alone. We care.
- Eternal rest grant unto all the departed. May they rest in peace. Amen.

With heartfelt gratitude and blessing,

✠ Archbishop Dato Dr. Simon Poh

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14 September 2026 on Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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