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TO THE SISTERS OF THE HOUSES DEPENDENT ON THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE PROVINCES/DELEGATION OUTSIDE OF SPAIN

“We belong to the family of Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne.”

- Const. 63-

“We feel solidarity with and responsible for the hopes, achievements and difficulties of each one of the Sisters.”

-Cfr. Const. 69-

Dearest Sisters:

With this letter, I make myself present again among you all in order to share some Family information regarding the situation caused by the DANA (Isolated Depression at High Levels - Cold Drop – Heavy rains) in our communities and centres in the Valencia zone in Spain, from the communication that Sr. Ana Feli Pablo, Provincial Superior of the Province of Our Lady of Pillar (Spain), has sent to all the Communities of her Province and also to me:

The first thing, and the most important one, is that each and every one of our Sisters are well. Another reality is how our houses and centres are affected and how the Sisters are living the pain of those people close to them who have lost everything. The feeling of sadness and helplessness is great in the face of everything they see, touch or listen to.

Community by Community the situation is as follows:

- **Santa Ana School in ALGEMESÍ.**

The school has been the most affected building of all our houses: the patios, the gymnasium, the whole lower area has been flooded and covered with mud. All the material is unusable. The Sisters spent almost a week without electricity, water, internet or telephone line. At that time, they couldn't do anything because the street and the entrance to the school were blocked by mud and cars.

Now, thanks to God and the intervention of water pumps from the Town Hall, the parish and, above all, the entry of the Military Emergency Unit (UME), they have managed to drain everything. Sisters, teachers, family members, and a lot of volunteers are already cleaning up the spaces from mud and water. We only can be grateful and join in a trusted prayer... everybody is taken out of themselves the best of each one.

The School is being used as a food collection centre for the victims and the Sisters are working day and night. Food and cleaning and hygiene materials are constantly arriving to be shared.

In Algemesí, the Province of Our Lady of Pillar has a rented premises, which is a bakery, in a very affected area; the tenant has lost everything, machinery, equipment... everything he had. He has been offered an apartment that the Province has empty and that was pending sale; and, in addition, a family from Vera de Moncayo (Zaragoza) has made a donation of furniture to fit out a house and they are going to take them to him.

- **Santa Ana School in UTIEL**

Our School has not been affected at all, as it is located in the upper part of Utiel, but our teachers have been affected and several of them have been left with nothing. The Sisters have been helping to collect and distribute food and our house has been offered to anyone who needs it. A group of National Police from the Guadalajara area is waiting to go, who, on their holidays, want to go and help clean the streets.

- **Santa Ana School Park in VALENCIA**

The School has not suffered any damage, it is being used as a food and provisions collection centre, and everyone is working hard to distribute what is needed to families in need. Many of them are very close to the school: teachers, families, students...

- **La Salud Hospital and Santa Ana Professional Formation Centre in VALENCIA**

They have not suffered any damage, although there are significant casualties among the workers and their families.

- **LA CAÑADA Community in VALENCIA**

The Centre has not suffered any damage, but the staff has been greatly affected and cannot go to the centre (because they have lost their car or because they cannot get around the streets) and the Sisters are taking over the care of the children on all shifts. Now, with the cleaning of the streets, some workers have already begun to be able to go.

- **Nazaret Community in VALENCIA**

The structure of the flat has not been affected either, it is further away from the flood zone, but the families of the children they care for have been affected, so the Sisters are stepping in and helping all those in need.

- **Santa Ana School in LLIRIA**

The DANA has not reached this area, the Community and the School continue at the same pace as they have always had.

The Provincial Government of Spain is trying to cope with this situation, welcoming the availability of Sisters and Laity of Saint Anne Family (SAF) and the Missionary Volunteers of Saint Anne (VMSA), who have offered themselves to go and

help, asking them how and when they could go and help (until a few days ago, they did not allow people who did not live there to enter the affected towns).

Since access to the towns was opened, several groups of volunteers (Sisters and Laity of SAF) have been organized and have already arrived and/or are arriving in the area, especially where there is greater need. It is planned to relieve these volunteers.

Some Sisters of the General Government are also planning to travel to Valencia to help.


In addition, material is being sent from different places where the Sisters are present.

And, as you know, John Bonal Foundation has set up an account and Bizum number to make donations that will be given to our Communities of Sisters in the Valencia area so that they can buy what the affected people need, especially those most in need. In fact, many Provinces, communities and Sisters are collaborating financially through this channel opened by John Bonal Foundation. Thank you very much!

We will inform you in more detail about the destination of the aid in due time.

We all remain involved with our prayers for all those affected, especially for the many who have lost their lives or are still missing and for their families. We pray to the Patroness of Valencia, the Virgin of the Forsaken, who protects the poorest and most needy, to intercede for all of them, and to support and strengthen them.

A big embrace, full of love, to which the Sisters of the Council join,



Sr. Carmen Mora