

4th December 2014

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Dear Deacon Rick,

Cordial greetings to you from Goa.

I just received your e-mail, sent yesterday, to Fr. Valeriano Vaz, our Financial Administrator, informing him about the donation of \$5,000.00 (five thousand U.S. dollars), which you are intending to send for the children in the various hostels cared for by our Fathers in the Mission of Daman.

I have taken note that this donation is meant to help the children of our Mission of Daman to have “a good Christmas meal/celebration”. These few lines come to convey to you and to all the benefactors, friends and well-wishers of the Catholic World Mission our sentiments of profound gratitude for your generous donation in favour of our needy children in the Mission of Daman. Be assured of our prayers for you and for all your intentions. May God bless all your good work abundantly.

Yesterday, we had the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. Cardinal Oswald Gracias of Bombay was the main Celebrant and six other Bishops, including myself, concelebrated the Feast Mass. It was a very prayerful and spiritually moving celebration. The Exposition of the Sacred Relics of St. Francis Xavier continues till 4th January 2015. I shall pray for you and your family very specially during the days of the Exposition.

With my renewed thanks and prayerful best wishes to you,

Yours sincerely in JESUS,

+ Filipe Neri Ferrão

Archbishop of Goa and Daman