

St. Rose of Lima Presents
Toonie Tuesday
To support humanitarian aid for the Philippines

We are all aware of the devastation caused by the earthquake and multiple storms that have hit the Philippines. Our hearts go out to our brothers and sisters in the Philippines, and we offer our prayers for the victims of this natural disaster and those who have been displaced.

St. Rose of Lima School and Church are encouraging all students, teachers, and staff from our school to participate in a **Toonie Tuesday on November 19th** to support relief efforts in that region.

We are coordinating our response with Pastor Freddie at St. Rose of Lima Parish and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

PLEASE NOTE: The Canadian Government has pledged to match donations made up to December 9th. That means that every Toonie we give becomes Two Toonies!!!

Typhoon Haiyan (locally known as Yolanda) hit the Philippines on November 8, with a tidal surge of more than six metres and winds approaching 275km/h, which destroyed buildings, crops and infrastructure across several islands, leaving thousands dead. Estimates suggest more than 9.5 million people are in need of aid across nine provinces and more than 600,000 have been forced from their homes.

Relief workers from the official Catholic relief agency on the ground, NASSA-Caritas Philippines, say the victims most need emergency shelter, water and sanitation, household relief items, potable water and toilets as relief operations gear up.

In this year of hope, we know that our Catholic school board family will respond to this call for help with generosity, compassion, and prayers.

God Bless!

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