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To.

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It is with deepest regret to know the news that due to the severe floods in Thailand (18/10/2011), occurring severely in the Chao Phraya but also in the Mekong River, 58 of 72 provinces of Thailand, 2.3 million people affected and 307 reported deaths.

I tried to reach you to work together with you all helping suffering people from floods and get them warm and safe. But very recently the flash floods in central Myanmar, Pakokku and some villages north of Bagan, washed away more than 2,000 homes, roads and bridges and killed more than 100 people.

Because of this sudden unexpected situation in Myanmar, I could not manage to reach you there. But I will donate \$-10000 to Thai Embassy in Myanmar for floods relief.

This month has been keeping me busy and that becomes one more reason why I could not manage to reach to you - that is that I was invited to World day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi, Rome, 25/10/2011 (Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue). I will have to leave for Assisi tomorrow.

Therefore, I very sadly inform you that I could not come and work with you all there helping people suffering from floods. I hope you would give me an understanding of not coming to you this time. That would be making me relief if you could understand me with my current situation.

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