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As you all are aware, our brother Orthodox people of Serbia have suffered a natural calamity of great magnitude. Disastrous floods have claimed the lives of many victims and the great loss of homes.

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Our Christian conscience summons us to help the flood victims as much as we are able, channeling donations through the safe agency of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

In the coming Sunday the Rectors of all our churches are to arrange for a plate collection for the benefit of the victims of flooding in Serbia. The collected donations are to be sent promptly to our Diocesan Office for transfer to the proper agency.

+ Metropolitan Hilarion

Archbishop of Sydney Australia and New Zealand