



Dear Columban Friend,

'I was sick and you visited me' (Mt 25, 36)

Pope Francis urges us not to forget those isolated by illness with the Coronavirus.

At a time when the world is facing the daily challenge of managing the spread of the Coronavirus, we cannot lose sight of the importance of prayer for ourselves and for Columban Missionaries who work with those who are the most disadvantaged and vulnerable.

Your prayers and support will assist Columbans in helping the poor, the sick and those facing isolation. In most countries where Columbans work, there is little medical assistance.

Because you believe in the Gospel message of taking care of our brothers and sisters, the mission goes on.

In a recent article in *The Far East* magazine, you can read about the Columban Society Leader, Fr Tim Mulroy visiting a small village in the Philippines ravaged by fire. He is accompanied by an 82 year old Columban Priest, Fr John Keenan who cares for the community on a daily basis. What a wonderful example of status and age being no barrier to missionary activities.

I thank you for igniting hope in those whose lives would be meaningless without your support.

I ask that you support the *Mid-Year Appeal* that will provide practical assistance to communities already living in abject poverty.

You can donate to the *Mid-Year Appeal* today by clicking [here](#).

With every blessing.

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