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THE FAR CORNERS OF THE EARTH**

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CROSSOVER is the quarterly news bulletin of the Camillian Disaster Service International. The name **CROSSOVER** was inspired by the gospel of Mark (Mk. 4,35-41) when Jesus invited his disciples to cross over to the other side of the lake, and then a massive storm battered their boat that it almost sank. Fear had overshadowed them; Jesus rose from sleep and calmed the sea. St. Camillus himself had crossed over the confines of the hospitals when he learned about the plague-stricken people, and the victims of floods, war, and pestilence. The enormous strength and enduring compassion of the Camillians are displayed during these difficult historical moments.

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STANDING ON SHIFTING GROUND, GROUNDED IN HOPE

As we pull together the stories and reports for this issue, we find ourselves reflecting deeply on what it means to be a community bound by solidarity, faith, and shared responsibility in a fragile world.

In these pages, we bring you urgent field updates from the aftermath of devastating earthquake emergencies in both the Philippines and Venezuela. Though geographically far apart, the communities in these regions are bound by a shared reality: the sudden, catastrophic disruption of lives, homes, and livelihoods as well as the socio-political crisis. These conditions hindered the survivors' recovery efforts.

In the wake of shifting tectonic plates, we see not only destruction, but also the extraordinary resilience of local faith communities, aid workers, and everyday citizens reaching out across the rubble to lift one another up. Their courage compels us to remember that our response to crisis cannot be passive—it requires immediate relief, sustained solidarity, and a willingness to walk alongside those whose foundations have been shaken.

This stark reminder of Earth's vulnerability and human suffering leads us directly into another major feature of this issue: the upcoming celebration of the Season of Creation 2026.

Beginning on September 1st, Christians and communities around the globe will gather under this year's ecumenical theme, "Living Water" (drawn from Ezekiel 47:1–12). The vision of Ezekiel is one of life-giving waters flowing from God's sanctuary into barren, damaged places—bringing healing, renewal, and ecological restoration.

At first glance, earthquake response and environmental stewardship might feel like separate imperatives. Yet, they stem from the exact same call: to honor our interconnectedness, protect the vulnerable, and actively participate in the healing of our common home. When creation groans—whether through natural disasters or ecological degradation—our response must be an intentional immersion into action, prayer, and systemic care.

As you read through this issue of *CROSSOVER*, our hope is that you are moved not just to sympathy, but to meaningful engagement. A shining testimony is CADIS Brazil's new engagement outside of their country to bring relief and hope to the survivors of the Venezuela earthquake in collaboration with local and international institutions. Its intention is to share in solidarity with the people and to learn from this experience to strengthen their capacity.

May the stories of resilience in the Philippines and Venezuela ignite our practical compassion, and may the Season of Creation inspire us to step deeper into the waters of renewal, justice, and hope. Thank you for walking this path with us.

Aris Miranda, MI
CADIS Director



THE WORLD IS SHAKING AND THE CRISIS CONTINUES: THE PHILIPPINES AND VENEZUELA HIT BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Philippines - CADIS International mobilized a relief operation for the survivors of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Southern Mindanao, in the Philippines, on June 8, 2026. The epicenter of the Sarangani earthquake is at Maasim, Sarangani, which generated destructive ground shaking, triggering tsunami waves and causing widespread devastation across the SOCCSKSARGEN, Davao, Zamboanga, and BARMM regions. The disaster has disproportionately affected vulnerable Indigenous Peoples, Moro communities, fisherfolk, and rural farming households.

CADIS International's response is led by CTF Philippines in collaboration with other local response agencies like Consortium for People's Development Disaster Response (CPDDR) and Sisters Association of Mindanao (SAMIN).

The human cost

At least 94 people died, over 1,300 were injured and 18 were reported missing in Mindanao. Across Mindanao, over 121,300 homes were damaged or destroyed, along with numerous buildings and facilities. A total of 75,324 families, or 346,449 individuals, were affected, of which 16,349 people or 3,515 families were staying in evacuation centers, while 29,260 people or 7,279 families were sheltering in other locations.

Preliminary estimates cite over 666.5 million Pesos in infrastructure damage. Critical facilities are compromised:

- **Hospitals and Schools:** Significant damage to health institutions and educational facilities.
- **Lifelines:** Severe damage to roads, bridges, communication networks, and power lines.
- **Access:** Ongoing communication disruptions and impassable roads mean several coastal and upland barangays remain isolated, delaying essential aid delivery and full damage assessments.

Our rapid assessments indicate an urgent need for the following essentials:

- **Food Security:** Rice, food packs, and clean drinking water.
- **Emergency Shelter:** Tarpaulins, plastic sheets, building materials, blankets, and sleeping mats.
- **Health and Sanitation:** First-aid supplies, essential medicines, and hygiene kits.

- **Protection:** Psychosocial support, especially for children and displaced families.

Local community organizations have already initiated relief operations, despite severely limited resources. For example, initial efforts in Malapatan reached 51 families with rice. However, this assistance is far below the overwhelming scale of the need. Thousands of families continue to await assistance.



Venezuela - Just two weeks later, on the other side of the world, on 24 June 2026, two large strike-slip earthquakes affected northwestern and central Venezuela. The epicenters of both earthquakes were in Veroes Municipality, west of San Felipe, the capital city of Yaracuy.

The two earthquakes caused widespread damage across the country, particularly in the capital Caracas and especially the state of La Guaira, where 80% of buildings collapsed.

The human cost

According to official government figures, at least 4,829 people died and 16,740 were injured by the earthquakes. Tens of thousands were displaced; more than 16,300 people lost their homes, and another 28,300 whose homes were uninhabitable. Tens of thousands remained missing.

CADIS International is coordinating the emergency response for Venezuela alongside the Camillians in the Province of Brazil and CADIS Brazil.

At the same time, CADIS has begun discussions with potential partners in Venezuela to facilitate the delivery of aid collected through donations and to explore the possibilities for post-emergency reconstruction. In this context, the sisters of the Misioneras Hijas de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret (MHSFN) are launching a bold initiative to bring hope back to the classroom.

The disaster, which compounded Venezuela's ongoing socio-economic crisis, completely destroyed over 400 school buildings nationwide. In the absence of coordinated government relief, survivor families have been left stranded in makeshift tents without basic access to clean water, food, or medicine. While local citizens and religious congregations have mobilized to distribute immediate aid, the disruption of education remains a critical threat to the country's youth.

Determined to prevent a prolonged educational emergency, the MHSFN sisters are preparing to reopen their partially damaged school in Caracas this September, even as repairs to the building continue.

To accommodate children whose own schools were reduced to rubble, the sisters plan to implement a double-shift system:

- **Morning Shift:** For the school's 400 to 600 regularly enrolled students.
- **Afternoon Shift:** For displaced students from neighboring communities.

Logistics remain a hurdle. Essential supplies must be trucked in from supermarkets near Valencia's Arturo Michelena International Airport (now acting as the region's main international entry point, as Caracas's airport has been converted into a relief hub).

For the MHSFN, the main challenge ahead is securing the funds to sustain this double-shift program. However, as September approaches, the sisters remain resolute in their mission to ring the school bell on time, offering Venezuelan children a vital sanctuary of safety, routine, and hope.



For both emergencies – in the Philippines and in Venezuela – the Emergency Fund has opened to help us support our mission in the affected areas.

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Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Dear All,

Warm greetings.

As we enter the Season of Creation 2026, we are invited to contemplate the gift of *Living Water*, a symbol of God's grace which regenerates, purifies and sustains every form of life. Water is the first sign of Creation, the cradle of life, the most precious gift that our Common Home receives and which we are called to safeguard.

Care is not an isolated act, but a way of life. Care extends to a wounded Creation, which groans under the weight of pollution, waste and indifference. Every action we take – whether personal, communal or institutional – has an impact on the world that God has entrusted to us. The water we consume, the energy we use, the waste we produce: all speak to our responsibility as stewards, not as masters.

Living Water reminds us that Creation is not a resource to be exploited, but a gift to be protected. As Camillians, called to serve life where it is most fragile, we are invited to recognise that the fragility of the planet is intimately linked to the fragility of the sick, the poor and the excluded. When water is scarce, when it is contaminated, when it is privatised, it is always the most vulnerable who suffer first.

For this reason, during the Season of Creation, I encourage you to:

- Recognise the value of water as a sacrament of life.
- Review our daily habits to reduce waste and pollution.
- Promote community initiatives that protect Creation.
- Foster a culture of care in our ministries, communities and missions.

Water flows, purifies and transforms. So too must our commitment be: fluid, constant and life-giving. May this Season of Creation help us to become sources of Living Water for the world: capable of bringing life where there is aridity, hope where there is desolation, and care where there is wound.

May the Lord, the source of Living Water, bless our journey. May the Spirit make us faithful custodians of our Common Home. May Saint Camillus accompany us in our service to life, in all its forms.

With fraternal love,

Fr Pedro Tramontin

Superior General of the Order of the Minister of the Infirm

Rome, Season of Creation 2026

CADIS CONTINUES TO GROW BETWEEN NEWCOMERS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Healing hands, resilient communities: CADIS Brasil is here

SAO PAULO - The Camillian Disaster Service International (CADIS) has officially expanded its global humanitarian footprint with the formal launch of its newest arm, CADIS Brasil. The move marks a critical turning point in the modernization of the centuries-old Camillian Mission, bridging an ancient legacy of frontline medical mercy with modern, metric-driven emergency response and green energy initiatives.

Following a major restructuring of the Brazilian Camillian Mission between 2021 and 2024, the newly minted organization is aggressively pursuing full operational and financial autonomy to tackle the modern crises of poverty, isolation, and climate change.

Frontline medicine on the Amazon

CADIS Brasil is not waiting for disasters to strike. The organization has already established deep-rooted, permanent programs serving some of the country's most isolated populations.

Chief among these is the Amazon River Outreach (Foz do Amazonas). Operating in the states of Amapá and northern Pará, this life-promoting initiative serves vulnerable riverside (ribeirinhas) communities. Mobile teams deliver comprehensive healthcare services—including medical consultations, oral healthcare, Pap smear screenings—alongside vital spiritual care. Intensive outreach waves are also conducted in January and July with the active involvement of volunteer students.

Further south, the organization hosts its biannual Solidarity Outreach at the Saint Camillus Seminary in Fortaleza, Ceará. The event transforms the seminary into a bustling hub of community care, offering vulnerable families everything from dental checkups and aid to basic necessities like food, non-food items, and personal hygiene like haircuts.

The Laudato Si' Project (Integral Ecology)

Rooted in the call to protect our "Common Home," this program bridges Camillian spirituality with environmental action. The Camillian Province of Brazil is currently executing a massive structural shift toward 100% clean energy across all of its educational and healthcare institutions—a clear bid to secure formal environmental, social, and governance (ESG) certifications.

A call for international alliances

As CADIS Brasil enters this new era of institutionalization, leadership is opening its doors wide to international collaboration through Corporate and Philanthropic Partnerships, Academic and Voluntourism Alliances and Ecological and Network Collaborations.

By bridging a centuries-old charism of health and mercy with professionalized management and an unyielding commitment to vulnerable populations, CADIS Brasil stands ready to work hand-in-hand with global stakeholders. Together, we can build a healthier, more resilient world.



Continuity in mission: CADIS International reconfirms leadership for global disaster relief

ROME — In a spirit of gratitude and shared vision, CADIS International reconfirms most of the incumbent members of the Board of Directors (CdA) for another triennium, 2026-2029. The decision was finalized during the latest Board meeting held on July 7, marking a significant moment of continuity for the organization's global humanitarian mission.

By renewing the mandates of the incumbent members of the Board, CADIS International secures a stable, highly experienced leadership team dedicated to navigating the complex challenges of disaster relief, community-led resilience, and ecological conversion around the world.

Continuing a legacy of "Faith in Action"

Since its inception, CADIS has worked at the intersection of emergency response and long-term rehabilitation, guided by the fourth vow of the Camillians—to serve the sick and vulnerable even at the risk of one's own life. The new Board brings together a diverse, international group of religious and lay professionals, combining extensive theological, medical, administrative, and psychosocial expertise.

"With this renewed mandate, CADIS remains firmly anchored to its core mission: to bring hope, healing, and holistic recovery to communities devastated by natural and man-made disasters."

The reconfirmed Board of Directors

The leadership team will continue to steer CADIS International

under the following structure:

President & Legal Representative: Fr. Ignacio Santaolalla Saez, MI (Spain)

Vice President: P. Médard Aboue, MI (Togo)

Board Members:

Fr. Pedro Celso Tramontin, MI (Superior General of the Order of the Ministers of the Sick / Camillians)

Fr. Paul Kaboré, MI (Consultant, Burkina Faso)

P. Rodolfo Vicente Cancino, MI (Director of CTF Philippines)

P. Francis Munene, MI (Chief Coordinator of CADIS Kenya)

Sr. Liberty Jaraula Elarmo, SMI (Vicar General of the Sisters Ministers of the Sick of St. Camillus)

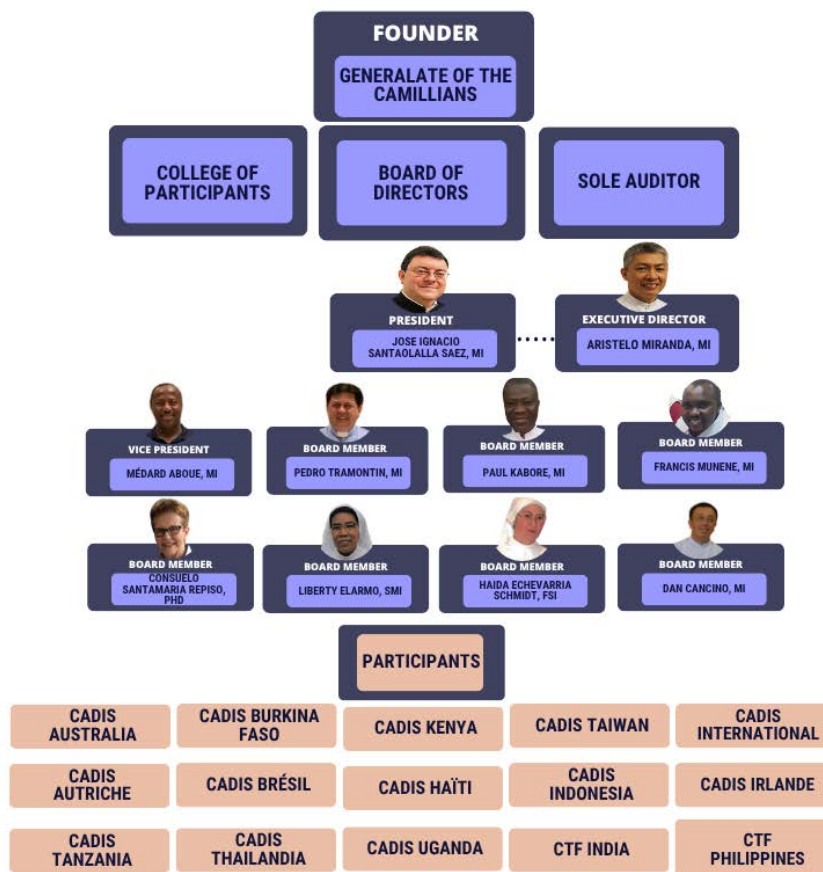
Sr. Haida Echevarria Schmidt, FSI (Provincial Superior of the Daughters of St. Camillus - Peru)

Dr. Consuelo Santamaria Repiso (Pedagogue and Grief Support Specialist, Spain)

Looking ahead: building eco-resilient communities

The Board's immediate focus remains on addressing pressing global emergencies while scaling up long-term resilience projects. Under this reconfirmed leadership, CADIS will continue to champion an integral ecology of healing, empowering local populations, fostering strategic international partnerships (including collaborations with the Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation and the Italian Episcopal Conference), and implementing community-based psychosocial support programs.

The entire CADIS family extends its prayers and warmest wishes to the Board of Directors as they continue their vital service to the poorest and most vulnerable.



ONLINE AND IN-PERSON GATHERINGS: SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER - Celebrating the Season of Creation together: Faith-Rooted Action for Our Common Home

As ecological challenges intensify worldwide, the call to care for our planet has never been more urgent. This year, as part of the Season of Creation 2026, CADIS (Camillian Disaster Service International) invites you to join an inspiring and reflective online conversation centered on faith, stewardship, and ecological justice.

We will gather on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 1:30 PM (CEST).

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89360871992?pwd=LKFqANOSLd6doRRQrAgagbtPUhRCIE.1&jst=2>

Meeting ID: 893 6087 1992; Passcode: 698740

Faith in Action: Addressing the Global Water Crisis

Under the theme "Immersion in Living Water" (Ezekiel 47:9, 12), this special event serves as a call to repentance and a commitment to action. We will delve into pressing environmental issues, and explore how faith-rooted initiatives can drive meaningful, sustainable change.

We are honored to host a diverse panel of global advocates, community leaders, and frontline project representatives who will share their expert insights and real-world experiences:

- **Ms. Athena Peralta** (World Council of Churches): Framing the global vision on the urgent need to advocate and fight for climate justice through faith communities.
- **Mr. Kleberson Massaro Rodrigues** (CADIS Brasil): Presenting Laudato Si' activities on the ground, highlighting the dedicated efforts of the Camillians in protecting and caring for the Amazon rainforest.
- **Mr. Tubag Jugatan** (LAKAS - Lubos ng Alyansa ng mga Katutubong Aeta ng Sambales): Bringing a vital indigenous perspective from the Aeta community in the Philippines on the deep connection between preserving tribal roots and defending our Common Home.
- **Mr. Brian Parkolwa**: A local farmer from Baringo, Kenya, sharing firsthand insights into the daily struggles and faith-rooted solutions for food security and access to clean water.

What to Expect

- **Direct Testimonies:** Hear powerful stories and insights directly from CADIS project leaders working on the frontlines to safeguard local communities and ecosystems.
- **Reflective Dialogue:** Connect with a global community committed to ecological stewardship and caring for our common home.
- **Practical Inspiration:** Discover actionable steps you can take within your own community to support environmental justice and water conservation.

Together, let us answer the call to heal and restore our planet.

Celebrating the Season of Creation

A call to repentance and a commitment to address ecological crises, such as the current global water crisis, through faith-rooted action.

A conversation with testimonies from CADIS projects for the care of our common home



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Online
www.cadisinternational.org

OCTOBER - Save the Date: Presentation of "Faith in Action" in Bucchianico

Mark your calendars for October 4! CADIS International warmly invites you to join us in Bucchianico for the special presentation of our new book, "Faith in Action: A Decade of Compassion and Resilience with CADIS".

This gathering takes place on a doubly significant occasion: the closing of the Season of Creation and the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. It is a moment to gather as a community, reflect on our shared commitment to caring for creation, and celebrate a decade of faith-rooted humanitarian work and disaster response around the globe.

About the Book: Faith in Action

Faith in Action documents CADIS's ten-year journey of accompanying vulnerable communities facing natural disasters, health crises, and ecological degradation. Through real-life testimonies, field insights, and reflections on Christian compassion, the book highlights how faith translates into practical resilience, community support, and environmental stewardship across the world.

Time & Venue: Sunday, October 4th, in Bucchianico (Chieti).

The book: Available at Amazon in English (<https://amzn.eu/d/03x3afUA>) and Italian (<https://amzn.eu/d/03IKyi1W>).

Order your copy! Copies of the book will also be available during the event.

Whether you are passionate about ecological justice, disaster relief, or simply looking to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with meaningful dialogue, we look forward to welcoming you to Bucchianico!

Stay tuned for updates!



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NOVEMBER - CADIS Leaders to Gather in Bangkok for 11th Annual Capacity-Building Conference

This November 2026, CADIS leaders will gather in Bangkok, Thailand for the 11th Capacity-Building Conference. As CADIS's most significant annual event, this meeting offers a crucial opportunity for leaders to unite, evaluate ongoing activities, and chart the future direction of the foundation.

Funded by the CEI (Italian Bishop's Conference), the 2026 conference centers on a vital theme: "Strengthening the Roots: Integrated Approaches to Climate, Resilience, and Psychospiritual Well-being"

Three Core Focus Areas

As post-disaster dynamics evolve rapidly across developing countries, the conference will equip CADIS leaders through three essential pillars:

- **Climate Action & Food Security:** Engaging local communities in sustainable initiatives to safeguard livelihoods and food production amidst changing climate realities.
- **Measuring Resilience with CBDRRM:** Applying the Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction Management approach to effectively measure, evaluate, and strengthen local resilience.
- **Psychosocial & Mental Health Support:** Building community capacity to address the psychological, emotional, and spiritual trauma caused by disasters.

By uniting global perspectives and frontline experiences, the 11th conference reaffirms CADIS's commitment to building safer, more resilient, and healthier communities worldwide.





STRENGTHENING THE ROOTS: INTEGRATED APPROACHES TO CLIMATE, RESILIENCE, AND PSYCHOSPIRITUAL WELL-BEING

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