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Open our eyes - Pope Francis

In the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis asks us to open our eyes and see the misery of the world. Recently, we have been confronted by the suffering of the people of Fiji who lost their lives, their homes and their livelihood. We thank God for the support of Columban benefactors.

Cyclone Winston had no mercy

On the 20th and 21st February, 2016 the Fiji Group of Islands was visited by Tropical Cyclone Winston - but it had no mercy on us whatsoever. It wreaked havoc throughout this little Island nation.

The only Columban parish to be badly hit was Ba which is 106 kilometres North West of Suva. The three schools in the parish were extensively damaged. St Teresa School, Ba lost about five classrooms including the IT room and its computers. The presbytery lost most of its windows and louvers. The Parish hall was used as an evacuation centre and sheltered a number of families. Trees were uprooted all around the compound and one of them came down and crashed onto the roof of the Lay Missionary house which is also in the church compound.

We thank Columban benefactors for their financial support and prayers during this very sad time.

Fr Donal McIlraith, Regional Director, Fiji.

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