

## **The Department of Charity and Social Service of the Philippine-Vietnamese Diocese helps victims of volcanic eruption in the Philippines**



On January 30, the rector of the Parish of Christ the Savior in Tagaytay, Priest David Grubbs, after the Divine Liturgy, performed the blessing of the water on Lake Taal.

Then parishioners and employees of the Charity and Social Ministry Department of the Philippine-Vietnamese Diocese visited the refugees affected by the eruption of the Taal volcano 2 years ago, brought them humanitarian aid and gifts.

On January 12th, 2020, the Taal volcano erupted in the Philippines, which is located 65 km from the state capital Manila on the island of Luzon. The height of the ash column reached 1 km. Seismologists rated the level of danger in the region at four points on a five-point scale. The authorities of the province of Batangas, in whose

territory the volcano is located, declared a state of emergency. In the first days, the evacuation of three settlements located in the immediate vicinity of the volcano,

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