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Dear Maria Pia Scibona,

Greetings of peace and love from Yangon.

Thank you very much for your recent visit to Myanmar and particularly thank you for your special love for our little children. Your loving supports bring many joy and blessings to many children.

For this year 2019, I would like to request you for one kindergarten school construction at Myagosu village in the Holy Family parish, Bokanbay village. This has been informed you when visited us in January 2019. Our Auxiliary Bishop Msgr. John Saw Yaw Han visited this village a few times. He finds that there are many children in this village. The village elders and parents are eager to have a small kindergarten for their children. They are much encouraged to hear the news of your favorable donations for this project. As I was also reported by the parish priest of the Holy Family parish, I am happy to give you the following information.

A Brief History of the Holy Family Parish:

The Holy Family parish was under the Assumption Catholic Church parish in Twantay town and later under the Mary Mother of God Church parish in Letkyargyi village till 2015. On 13 June 2015 the Holy Family parish was canonically established and the center is fixed at Pokanpay village. The parish church, parish priest and SFX religious Sisters station in Pokanpay village. From the center they tour and do the mission works. This parish is comprised of 4 villages: Pokanpay, Tuttamu, Myagosu and Yaykyawlay. According to the statistics of December 2018, the number of Catholics is 2,500.

Myagosu Village:

This village is 9 miles (15 km) away from the center of the parish. Being the delta area, in rainy season it can be flooded upto 2 or 3 feet in some years. It can only be reached by boat in rainy season – June to August. But in summer time, it can be reached by motorcycle and trawlagy.

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There are about 200 houses in this village, and out of it, 120 are Catholic houses. The number of Catholic population is about 700. A few of them have their own garden and paddy field. Majority of them are hired workers. Some youths go to Yangon and abroad for works and better income.

The village has an affiliated middle school starting from 2018. There are many school drop-out young people. Only a few children could continue the middle and high school. Very few are University graduates. Regarding the religious vocation, there is only one religious Sister (SFX) from this village. We have many children and young people in this village. They actively participate in the religious and social activities of the village and parish. There are summer language and culture courses in this village.

There is a great hope that opening a kindergarten school at this village will give a good foundation for these children. The parents and village elders are very eager to have one kindergarten school for their little children. They all are ready to cooperate with the parish priest for the construction and running of this kindergarten. They even have formed a committee for this purpose.

Implementation Committee for the Kindergarten School:

(This is formed during the visit of Bishop John Saw Yaw Han.)

Project Holder

: Fr. Philip Mying Than (Parish Priest)

Project Co-Holder

: Sr. Rita Khin Nwe (Holder of Certificate issued from Social

Welfare)

President

: U San Ngwe

Secretary

: U Mateo : U Justin

Co-Secretary Members

: U Ku Ku, U Tin Win, Benedict, Aung Moe Naing, May Win

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One SFX Sister from the parish center will head the running of the Kindergarten. Some girls from the village will be trained to become teachers with proper certificate. The village elders and parents will take a fully responsibility for the salaries of teachers.

They will begin the construction as soon as they receive the donation. According to them summer is the best time for the construction work. I have attached their plan and estimated expenses for the construction. The design and structure will be the same as Letkyargyi and Taikkyi kindergarten schools.

Thank you very much and I pray that God bless you, your family and all your works. May Jesus bless you abundantly in this life and eternal happiness in the life to come. Please also pray for me and for our people.

Very gratefully yours in Christ,

Charles Cardinal Bo Archbishop of Yangon

