

15th December 2008

His Excellency

Mr R.K. Chawla

Acting High Commissioner of India

6 Victoria Avenue, Port of Spain

Your Excellency,

**Re: Mumbai terrorist attacks**

Members of the Catholic Commission for Social Justice are deeply saddened by the acts of terrorism that took place in Mumbai recently. We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families who lost their loved ones, to those who were injured, to the Government of India and her people who are still reeling in horror from such mindless violence.

Life is sacred in the eyes of God. Such indiscriminate violence against innocent people is an attack on the dignity of the human person and on the sanctity of life. We deplore violence and condemn all acts of terrorism.

We stand in solidarity with all right-thinking persons who are prepared to work diligently to rid our world of the evil of terrorism and promote justice, peace and reconciliation in our troubled world.

We are all part of one human family and although we in Trinidad and Tobago are separated by many thousands of miles from our brothers and sisters in India and in countries from which some of the victims originated, we reach out to their families across the waters in compassion in their time of grief.

Please be assured of our continuing prayers. May God give India and her citizens the courage and strength to rebuild communities and lives that have been adversely affected by the spate of attacks that have plagued India in recent times. It is our fervent hope and prayer that individuals/groups/nations will find non-violent ways to settle disputes.

Yours sincerely,

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