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Earthquake damage in Ecuador. www.thehindu.com

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Dear Friends,

The 7.8-magnitude quake, which struck Saturday night, has killed at least 413 people, officials said Monday. More than 2,500 more were injured.

The hardest-hit area of the South American nation was the coastal Manabi Province, where about 200 people died, said Ricardo Peñaherrera of Ecuador's national emergency management office.

Sr. Clare Theresa Crockett, 33, who died in the earthquake, was based at a school in Playa Prieta with the Home of the Mother order. Sr. Clare was from Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Fr Roland Colhoun, who knew Sr. Clare, described her as "a joyful girl. I've known her since a teenager. A beautiful person."



Sr Clare Crockett, pictured singing with her students. www.rte.ie

Take Action

1) All religious institutes, dioceses, parishes, and campus ministries that have a friendship with the people of Ecuador – today or in the past – please let us know how you are doing. You can help us give a human face to this catastrophe. Send your information directly to me – dmccrabb@uscatholicmission.org.

2) Encourage your faith communities to pray for the people of Ecuador. Over 400 people died. The survivors are taking the first, fragile steps toward recovery. Hundreds of first responders – from all across the region – are searching for survivors and helping restore basic services.

3) The [Catholic Relief Service](#) launched its emergency response. They are accepting donations. Water, food and emergency shelter are immediate needs. They already have "boots on the ground."

Together in Mission,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald D. McCrabb".

Dr. Donald McCrabb
Executive Director

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