Justice and Peace Commission of the Jaffna Diocese

Bishop's House, Jaffna 2006-08-28

To: His Excellency Mahinda Rajapakse, President of Sri Lanka, Colombo

Your Excellency,

Second appeal about the disappearance of Rev. Fr. Jimbrown and his helper

On our initiative, a few hundreds of priests, religious and lay people, after engaging in a special worship, walked to the Jaffna secretariat on 24th inst and handed over an appeal to you about this disappearance at Allaipiddy. We are disappointed that no communication has been received from you yet.

We therefore reiterate our appeal and have started a continuous hunger strike from yesterday at St Mary's Cathedral premises, Jaffna. There, hundreds of priests and people gather daily and are engaged in a continuous hunger strike and praying for a favourable action and reply from you.

Today is the ninth day since the disappearance, 5^{th} since our earlier appeal and the 2^{nd} of our fasting prayer.

We end this 2^{nd} appeal to you with 2 demands:

- 1. The release of the priest and his companion or producing them before the courts if they have been arrested by the security forces and/or are being charged for any offence or
- 2. An impartial and independent inquiry be instituted very early to ascertain the truth behind their disappearance

Awaiting a very early favourable reply, Yours faithfully,

President

Secretary

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