Catholic Diocese of Cleveland to have special collection to aid hurricane victims

Hurricane Harvey has created an unprecedented and catastrophic weather event of immense proportions. Consequently, the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is responding to the call of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to take part in an emergency monetary collection to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey. This emergency collection will be taken up at all parishes throughout the diocese during the weekend of Sept. 9-10.

“As we witness the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flooding, the people in Texas and beyond need our support in the days, weeks and months to come,” said Bishop Daniel Thomas, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Cleveland.

“This is a time when Catholics, and all people of faith, need to come together in prayer and action for those whose lives, families and homes are being affected,” Bishop Thomas said. “I encourage all people to join the larger community to help those whose essential needs are compromised. By working through reputable charitable organizations, we can fulfill the mission of all human persons to help one another in times of need.”

The funds collected will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland was founded on April 23, 1847. Under the leadership of the Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Apostolic Administrator, the Diocese of Cleveland is the 23rd largest diocese in the United States. The diocese encompasses the counties of Cuyahoga, Summit, Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Medina, Wayne and Ashland. There are more than 692,000 Catholics in the diocese, and Catholic Charities-Diocese of Cleveland is one of the largest diocesan systems of social services in the world. There are 185 parishes and 114 Catholic schools in the diocese.