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Memo

To: All Clergy
From: Bishop Jaime Soto
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Subject: Hurricane Irma Relief

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the USCCB has asked the bishops in the United States to take an extraordinary collection the weekend of September 23-24th on behalf of those devastated in parts of the Caribbean and southeastern United States by Hurricane Irma.

These funds will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and other church partners as they reach out to provide humanitarian aid in the form of water, food, shelter, and medical care. Funds will also contribute to long-term efforts to restore communities who have suffered widespread destruction. Another portion of the funds will allow the USCCB to assist the affected local Churches with pastoral and reconstruction aid in the Caribbean and the United States.

Remittance Instructions: Send proceeds to the diocesan finance office. We will then send one cumulative donation from the Diocese of Sacramento. Those who wish may make an online contribution to the relief efforts by visiting <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org> or calling 1-800-919-9338.

Intercessory payers:

- That those affected by Hurricanes Irma and Harvey may experience the presence of Christ through the charity and goodness of those who seek to alleviate the devastation in their lives. **Let us pray.**
- Por nuestros hermanos y hermanas que han sufrido las dolorosas calamidades naturales de los huracanes, Harvey y Irma. Para que nuestro apoyo solidario los ayude a recomponer sus vidas, **Roguemos al Señor.**
- For those ravaged by our severe weather, that they may know God's peace through our compassionate assistance. **Let us pray.**
- For our first responders, rescuers and work crews in storm-hit areas, that they may be kept safe as they work to restore calm and assist those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. **Let us pray.**

May our Blessed Mother Mary, intercede for all those devastated by this natural disaster and make fruitful our efforts to assist them.