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To: Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Administrators, Deacons and Parish Staff
From: John Watkins
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Subject: Special Collection for Northern California Relief and Recovery Efforts

“Our hearts ache over the terrible loss and suffering experienced by those of you who have lost homes. We pray that you do not lose hope. Trust in God’s abiding presence and mercy.” – **Bishop Jaime Soto, Diocese of Sacramento**

We turn now in solidarity to the needs of our brother and sisters in Redding and Shasta/Trinity counties as they struggle to heal and rebuild their lives and their community in the wake of the recent wild fires.

Parishes from our diocese wishing to conduct a second collection to assist the fire relief and recovery effort in Northern California may do so on either the fourth Sunday in August 25-26 or the 1st Sunday in September 1-2.

These funds will be used to assist the rebuilding efforts already under way in Redding, Shasta, Trinity, Sutter and Lassen counties to assist families affected by the fire.

Remittance Instructions: Send proceeds to diocesan finance office. Individuals may send donations to the Diocese of Sacramento Fire Assistance Fund or donate online by visiting www.scd.org/donate.

Intercessory payers:

- For those who lost their homes and livelihood in the recent wild fires that ravaged Northern California especially in Redding and Shasta county, that they may find consolation in trusting that God will provide for all they need. **Let us pray.**
- For those who mourn the death of loved ones during the recent fires; for the abandoned elderly; and for the lonely, the sick, and the dying; that they may lift their eyes to the Face of the crucified and risen Christ and in him find a hope that cannot disappoint, **Let us pray.**

Respectfully,

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