

## MEMO

Date: August 6, 2021

To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, Parish Stewards, School Administrators and Parish Finance Council Members

From: Thomas J. McNamara, Chief Financial Officer

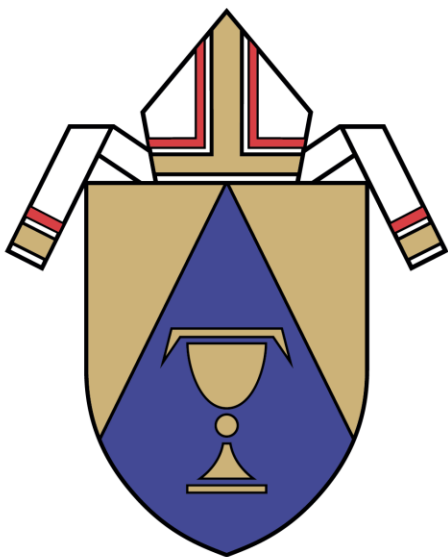
**RE: PowerPoint Presented at the Video-conference on Wildfire Preparedness**

The video-conference on California Wildfire Preparedness was held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

As a follow-up, Bishop Soto has requested that we share with everyone the PowerPoint presentation from the virtual gathering.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 916-733-0277.

Thank you and be safe.



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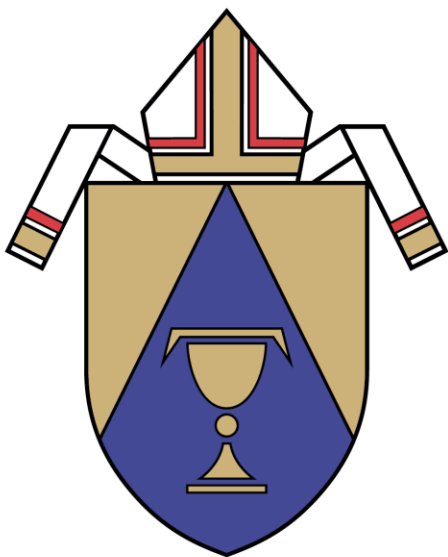
“BEING PREPARED”

AUGUST 3, 2021

# AGENDA

- **Welcome, Prayer, Opening Remarks – Bishop Jaime Soto**  
(2:30 – 2:35)
- **Fire Safety and Preparedness – Deacon Dan Haverty, Metro Fire Chief - Retired**  
(2:35 – 2:55)
- **Canonical Responsibilities – Rev. Mark Richards, Judicial Vicar**  
(2:55 – 3:05)
- **Social Service Response – Cathy Wyatt, Exec. Director, NVCSS**  
(3:05 – 3:25) **Ryan Crowe, Emergency Mgmt. Coord., NVCSS**
- **Insurance Considerations – Mary Ann Markarian, Catholic Mutual Group**  
(3:25 – 3:45)
- **Q & A Session**  
(3:45 – 3:55)
- **Adjournment – Bishop Jaime Soto**  
(3:55 – 4:00)





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DEACON DAN HAVERTY,  
METRO FIRE CHIEF, RETIRED

“FIRE SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS”

# OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S FIRE SEASON

- We seem to be well ahead of a typical fire season for large-scale, active wildland fires.
  - The threat to neighborhoods and communities where wildland fire encroaches upon populated areas is real, documented and already happening this fire season.
  - When multiple complex fires are active in our State, resources are limited.
    - When resources are limited, priorities go to protecting life, then property, then environment.
    - Protecting life means moving the population out of harm's way; EVACUATION TO SAFE LOCATIONS.
    - So, our main emphasis is how to prepare you and your parishioners to evacuate safely.
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kPMgogirMs&t=331s>



# CAL FIRE RESOURCES:

[HTTPS://INCIDENTS.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG](https://incidents.readyforwildfire.org)

## What you can do

### SIGN UP FOR TEXT MESSAGES

Phone Number

+15555555555

Zip Code

55555

SIGN UP

Sign up to get incident information even if your internet goes down. Enter your phone number and zip code.



BE READY

### VIEW EVACUATION GUIDE

Be ready to evacuate by knowing what to take and where to go.



### SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Help others in your area stay up to date on wildfire information!



# RESOURCES FOR HELPING YOUR PARISHIONERS PREPARE...

- Web resources sent out last Monday from the Diocese.
  - The best one: “Wildfire is coming. Are you set?”
    - Use this for yourself.
    - Use this for your parishioners.
      - Bulletin insert.
      - Social media publication.
      - Available hard-copy resource in parish office and narthex.
      - A more thorough edition: “READY, SET, GO! A PERSONAL WILDFIRE ACTION PLAN”.  
[https://www.readyforwildfire.org/wp-content/uploads/Ready-Set-Go-Plan-09\\_CALFIRE\\_sm.pdf](https://www.readyforwildfire.org/wp-content/uploads/Ready-Set-Go-Plan-09_CALFIRE_sm.pdf)
  - The next best: “Prepare your family”:
    - Disaster Preparedness for Seniors by Seniors (American Red Cross).
      - Use this one for targeted populations as a web resource.



# WILDFIRE IS COMING. ARE YOU SET?

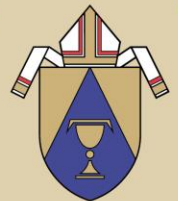
- CREATE A WILDFIRE ACTION PLAN
  - An Evacuation Plan:
    - Designated emergency meeting location.
    - Different escape routes.
    - Evacuation plan for pets and large animals.
    - A Family Communication Plan.
  - Be Prepared
    - Have fire extinguishers on hand and know how to use them.
      - PASS = Point Aim Squeeze and Sweep.
    - Know where the utility shut off controls are and how to safely shut them off.
    - Emergency Supply Kit.
    - Emergency Contact Numbers.
    - Portable Radio.

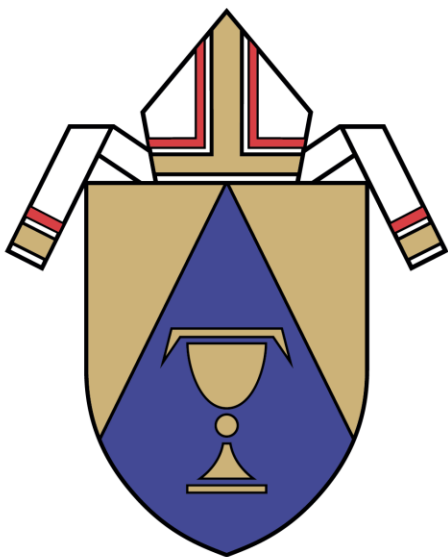




# IDEAS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION...

- Identify a Parishioner (retired or active Law Enforcement or Firefighter) to lead a parish wildland fire awareness effort focused on preparedness, using Cal Fire videos, publications and interactive apps.
- Get the “ready for publication” preparedness information into your bulletin, narthex and social media outlets.
- Get yourself ready. Be the example and talk about it.
- Consider “Neighborhood Wildfire Preparedness” *helpers* for parishioners with age or disability limitations.





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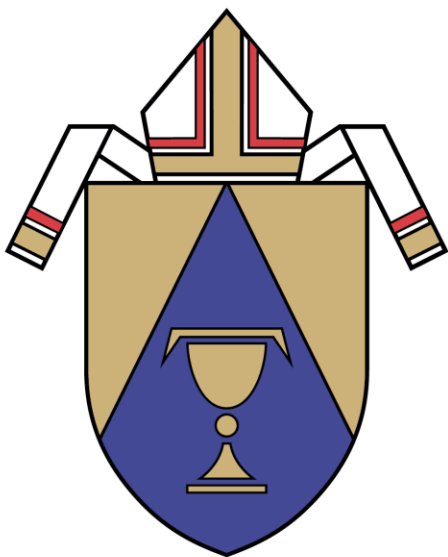
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“CANONICAL CONSIDERATIONS”

# “CANONICAL” CONSIDERATIONS

- *Assuming you can do so safely, and have a plan:*
- *Remove and secure:*
- THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FROM THE TABERNACLE;
- THE PARISH REGISTERS; (*be sure you are using and keeping closed “fire-proof” safes as required by diocesan policy.*)
- *And, if it is possible:*
- ITEMS OF HISTORICAL OR ARTISTIC VALUE.





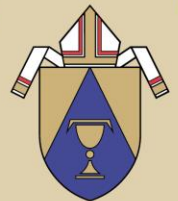
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CATHY WYATT, EXEC DIR NVCSS &  
RYAN CROWE, EMERGENCY MGMT. COORD.

“SOCIAL SERVICES RESPONSE”

# DISASTER SERVICES

- With an increase in wildfire activity in recent years, Northern Valley Catholic Social Services has been at the forefront of providing a wide variety of supportive services to individuals, populations, families, and communities that have been emotionally, mentally, physically, and financially impacted.
- From 2014-2021 NVCSS has continued to find new ways to Inspire Hope and Transform Lives by providing disaster relief services to over 6 nationally declared wildfire disasters and providing aid to countless communities across the region.



# DISASTER SERVICES

- NVCSS will efficiently address the many needs our communities may have before, during, and after a disaster has occurred through community involvement, direct and indirect service, and by being a leader as a non-profit organization within emergency and disaster management.
- Ryan Crowe, our Emergency Management Coordinator, is currently working on our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan that will provide the framework to deploy a timely, efficient, and effective response during a crisis or disaster.
- The length of our disaster-related programs is determined by contracts secured from various funding sources.
- Time after time, data has proven that at-risk populations are impacted the most, and because of this reason, services are often provided to populations that would not be able to financially, mentally, or emotionally recover without our aid.



# DISASTER SERVICES

- NVCSS will continue to collaborate with Long Term Recovery groups and partners to support and address the short and long-term community needs that may still exist following a disaster.

- Community Partners include, but are not limited to:

American Red Cross

Salvation Army

Volunteer Organizations Active During a Disaster

United Way

Long Term Recovery Groups

Catholic Charities

Diocese of Sacramento

- Ryan Crowe, the Emergency Management Coordinator Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, would love the opportunity to collaborate with Diocese, Parishes and answer any additional questions, comments, or concerns you may have regarding Emergency and Disaster Management.



# DISASTER SERVICES RESPONSE & RECOVERY

Response times of disaster relief services are deployed based on the community needs and following consultation with the Shasta-Tehama- Butte-Glenn VOADS, and other community partners.

Services Include:

-NVCSS Talk-Line: Provides non-crisis peer to peer telephone service

-Crisis Outreach: Emotional support and connection to resources for those affected by wildfires

-Cal Hope Butte: Through outreach and education, California HOPE empowers and restores stability to fire survivors and fire-affected communities of Butte County.

-Disaster Case Management: The Disaster Case Management Program provides direct case management services to disaster survivors and their families through advocacy, information and referral, crisis intervention services, and recovery services.

-Emergency Preparedness: Emergency Preparedness concentrates on providing communities with the tools and steps necessary to ensure they are safe before, during, and after an Emergency or Natural Disaster.

-Disaster Services & Immigration: Our Immigration team helps Disaster Service bridge social barrier gaps, resulting in families getting the assistance that is desperately needed regardless of their backgrounds.



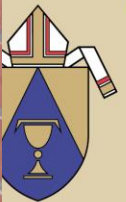


# Sisters' Outreach: Wildfire Response Story

- The sisters have started support groups at St. Thomas More Parish in Paradise and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Oroville. Attendees include some of the women and children impacted by the Camp Fire, in addition to other members of the community. The topics of discussion include access to health care, mental health services, child care, resiliency, life skills and nutrition.
- Dispersed to towns such as Chico, Oroville and Gridley, the Latino survivors of the Camp Fire, in addition to other community members, are now receiving emotional support and vital information about locally available social services, thanks in part to the work of three religious sisters from Mexico.



Sisters Zuly Carreon, Sister Ana Luisa Vazquez Lopez, and Sister Sanchez Nunez Providing Emotional Support at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church located in Paradise, Ca





# POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE IN ACTION





# CRISIS OUTREACH ASSISTING WILDFIRE SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES IN NEED



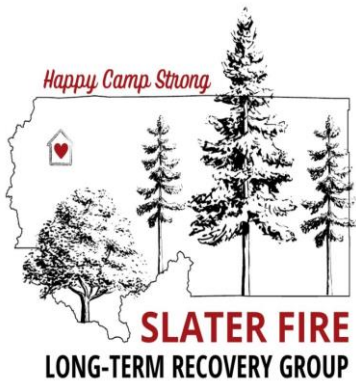
# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS HELPING DELIVER ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES TO COMMUNITIES IN NEED





# WHOLE COMMUNITY APPROACH

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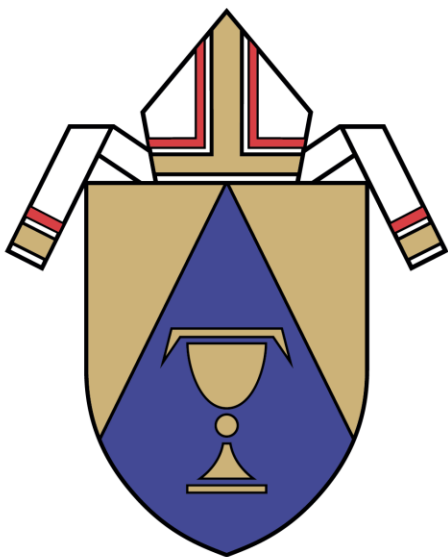


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“INSURANCE CONSIDERATIONS”

# PREPARATION FROM AN INSURANCE PERSPECTIVE

## Key Facts of the Wildfire Season

- ☐ Season has increased by 75 days across region (June-September)
- ☐ Cause: Warmer spring/summer temperatures and reduced snowpack
- ☐ Diocese properties are at high risk, both rural and metro locations

## Catholic Mutual Group Role

- ☐ Supports Diocese of Sacramento in the event of loss or damage from wildfires
- ☐ Provides comprehensive property coverage and claims services

## Insurance Considerations for Wildfire Preparedness

- ☐ Coverages
- ☐ Restoration/Recovery
- ☐ Preparation





# WILDFIRE RELATED LOSS COVERAGE

## Coverages – A Basic Overview

- ☐ Property Coverage for Building and Contents
- ☐ Combined Additional Protection
- ☐ Loss of Income/Extra Expense
- ☐ Property in the Open
- ☐ Religious Additional Expense and Personal Property



# RESTORATION AND RECOVERY

## Steps for Claim Reporting and Emergency Response:

### 1. Report loss to Catholic Mutual Group

- ☐ Mary Ann Markarian, Claims/Risk Manager
- ☐ C: (602) 361-0150 O: (916) 733-0281 [mmarkarian@catholicmutual.org](mailto:mmarkarian@catholicmutual.org)

### 2. Restoration

- ☐ Restoration/mitigation response and other emergency services as needed
- ☐ CMG works with your contractor and with you to determine the cost to repair your buildings and value of your contents

### 3. Processes claim to completion

- ☐ Reviews and determines coverage and payment
- ☐ Cover cost of additional professionals and resources to restore buildings and continue normal operations if needed and depending on the extent of loss

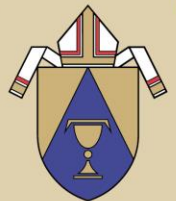
### 4. Pursuit of recovery

- ☐ Identifying and pursuing subrogation against responsible parties



## PREPARATION FOR A LOSS

- ☐ Enlist a Disaster Relief Coordinator to lead/support a wildfire action plan and any disaster situation
- ☐ Calling Tree
  - ☐ Notification process for clergy, staff and volunteers
- ☐ Document Your Contents: *Save, save, save!*
  - ☐ Inventory Lists, Photos and Video
- ☐ Safeguard your location's critical data and inventory
  - ☐ Cloud-based and off-site storage
- ☐ Proper maintenance of vegetation at building perimeter
  - ☐ Clearing debris on and around structures - zones
- ☐ Claim Form and Helpful Link: [Property Incident Report Form](#)  
[CARES Wildland Fire Safety](#)



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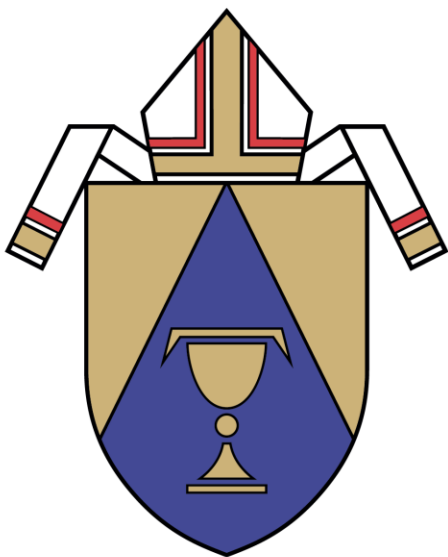
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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SESSION

THANK YOU!

