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### **Memo**

To: All  
From: Miriam Sammartino  
Date: August 18, 2023  
Subject: *Prayers and Donations: Maui Wildfire*

Our prayers are with those suffering from the tragedy and destruction caused by the wildfire in Maui. We ask that you pray for their recovery, for every person who is missing, for those who lost their life and their families who mourn them.

### **Prayer for Disaster Relief** (Catholic Charities USA)

God of hope and mercy, we lift up to you all victims of natural disasters and those responding with assistance and aid. Protect all who are in any form of danger; provide practical help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering; and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Help all people of good will respond with compassion and generous hearts. Amen

### **Financial Support**

The Diocese of Honolulu has asked that financial support be made directly to the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation. Bishop Larry Silva's letter is attached.

To donate, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>

Respectfully,

Miriam Sammartino,  
Director



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### **Memo**

To: Todos  
From: Miriam Sammartino  
Date: August 18, 2023  
Subject: ***Donaciones: Incendios en Maui***

Nuestras oraciones están con aquellos que sufren la tragedia y la destrucción causada por el incendio forestal en Maui. Les pedimos que oren por su recuperación, por cada persona que está desaparecida, por aquellos que perdieron la vida y por sus familias que están de luto.

### **Oración por el Socorro en Casos de Desastre (Caridades Católicas USA)**

Dios de esperanza y misericordia, elevamos a todas las víctimas de desastres naturales y a quienes responden con asistencia y ayuda. Protege a todos los que están en cualquier forma de peligro; proporcionales ayudas prácticas a los necesitados; fortalece a los cansados, consola a los afligidos, sana los que sufren; y bendice a quienes participan en los esfuerzos de socorro en casos de desastre con seguridad y valentía. Ayuda a todas las personas de buena voluntad a responder con compasión y corazones generosos. Amén

### **Apoyo financiero**

La Diócesis de Honolulu ha pedido que apoyo financiero se haga directamente a la Fundación de la Comunidad Católica de Hawái. Se adjunta la carta del obispo Larry Silva.

Para donar, por favor de visitar esta página: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>

Atentamente,

Miriam Sammartino,  
Directora



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**  
WITNESS TO JESUS

August 11, 2023

To our Catholic Faithful in Hawaii and Beyond:

Peace be with you!

Today our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui. As a community of faith, we are called to come together and provide unwavering support to those who are suffering. It is in times like these that our collective love, faith, and compassion can make a tremendous difference.

In 2008, the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation to support our parish and school communities. We have set up a dedicated webpage for donations to go directly to HCCF to support the relief efforts for our fellow community members affected by the Maui wildfires. This is an opportunity for us to show our solidarity as a Catholic faith community and lend a helping hand to those who have lost so much.

You can make a tax-deductible contribution by visiting the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>. Every donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping to rebuild lives and restore hope.

Let us also remember the power of prayer. In our collective prayers, we ask for strength, resilience, and healing for the fire victims and their families. May we find the grace to rebuild our families, their livelihoods, and the physical structures that were lost. Let our faith guide us as we navigate the challenges ahead, knowing that with the grace of God, all things are possible.

May God bless you all abundantly, and may our efforts bring comfort and hope to those in need. Maria Lanakila (Our Lady of Victory), pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu

Rev. Msgr. Terrence Watanabe  
Vicar Forane of Maui-Lanai