August 31, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Hurricane Ida continues to cause devastation in its path from the Tennessee and Ohio valleys up through the mid-Atlantic states, we are now seeing how catastrophic this storm was – especially in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The destruction there has claimed lives and left families homeless and in despair.

The generosity of so many people when Hurricane Michael made landfall in our diocese in 2018, and Hurricane Sally in 2020, was humbling and much appreciated. Now it is our turn to help another community that has been affected by a hurricane.

I ask that you consider donating to Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida in support of these efforts. One hundred percent of all contributions go directly to support the victims of Hurricane Ida. Visit https://ptdiocese.org/hurricaneida for a list of ways to help.

May the Lord, who calmed the sea and reassured his disciples of his constant presence, bless us all.

In Christ’s Peace,

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