August 31, 2020

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Through the media we have seen the incredible devastation in the Diocese of Lake Charles. Our prayers and hearts go out to the people affected by Hurricane Laura.

We have a sense of their loss from our experience fifteen years ago with Hurricane Katrina. In the spirit of Christ, we reach out to our sisters and brothers in this time of tragedy. We recall Jesus’ words, “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, naked and you clothed me... I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did it for me.” Mt. 25:36,40

Thank you to individuals and parishes who have already given generously. If others wish to send a gift you may give through your parish or send to me and we will forward it to the Bishop of Lake Charles.

Archdiocese of New Orleans
Hurricane Laura
7887 Walmsley Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70125

May the people who must rebuild their lives continue to be in our prayers as we extend compassion to them. I have been in regular contact with Bishop Provost and he is overwhelmed by the destruction and the personal needs of his people.

Wishing you God’s blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans