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Office of the Bishop

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Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the end of August, Hurricane Ida made landfall on the Gulf Coast and continued inland, killing dozens, damaging churches, homes, and businesses, and leaving communities without power along the Gulf Coast, the Ohio Valley, and the Northeast.

My fellow bishops and I decided to call upon dioceses and eparchies across the country to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund (BEDF) for the humanitarian and Church needs in the wake of this disaster and others that might follow.

Donations to the BEDF will support the emergency responses of our partners at Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as well as the pastoral and reconstruction efforts of the United States bishops.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the civic and faith communities affected by natural disasters. If you miss your parish collection, or wish to give outside of it, you may send your donation to:

USCCB Office of National Collections
Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund
PO Box 96278
Washington, DC 20090-6278
Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund: Haiti Earthquake

In response to this disaster, and in anticipation of similar humanitarian crises arising from this and future disasters, USCCB President Archbishop José H. Gomez has requested dioceses around the country to participate in a volunteer special emergency collection as soon as possible. This collection for the Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund will support USCCB efforts for pastoral and reconstruction efforts, as well as the humanitarian relief efforts of Catholic Relief Services and/or Catholic Charities USA, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church. Your generosity at this time of great need is deeply appreciated.

Fraternally yours in Christ-God,

(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean, D.D.
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