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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that as we were in the midst of reaching out to help victims of Hurricane Dorian we were faced again with catastrophic flooding in our own diocese. The counties of Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton and Orange were all affected by the torrential rains from Tropical Storm Imelda. This natural disaster created new flood victims and re-affected many of our people who were victims of Harvey.

Please know, my prayers are with all of those affected by the storm and with all of you who are coming to their aid in so many ways.

Each year at this time, our diocese holds a special second collection to support the many programs of Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas. **This year, that collection will be designated specifically for Catholic Charities' disaster relief and recovery work in response to Imelda.**

Our sisters and brothers in Christ are enduring great emotional, mental and physical stress over their losses and need our help. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to this collection, which will be held on the weekend of **October 5-6** in all our parishes.

The amazing generosity, kindness, and compassion of the faithful of our diocese has always been a source of inspiration for me. I offer my continued prayers and gratitude for your steadfast care of the poor and vulnerable among us.

May God bless you abundantly now and always.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Guillory".

Most Rev. Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., D.D.  
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