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To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

I know I speak for everyone in the Archdiocese of St. Louis when I say how deeply saddened I am by the deaths and the devastation that individuals in the Carolinas and surrounding states are experiencing in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. I ask the Lord to carry those who are suffering and who have lost so much.

To help provide immediate and long-term aid to those recovering from this natural disaster, I am asking our nearly 200 parishes in 11 counties to participate in a second collection at all Masses this coming weekend and the weekend after (September 29-30, 2018 and October 6-7, 2018). Catholic Charities of St. Louis will forward 100% of funds raised to Catholic Charities USA for distribution among the Catholic Charities agencies providing relief in the hurricane-impacted communities.

I will be offering a Mass for those who died in this tragedy, as well as their loved ones who are mourning. I ask you to please join your prayers to mine for our neighbors who must now rebuild their lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis