



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA
The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio

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Dear Father,

Over the past several days, all of us have been following the historic flooding in southeast Texas. Tropical storm Harvey has created an unprecedented and catastrophic weather event of immense proportions. The storm may now, quite possibly, also strike Louisiana.

Twelve million people were under a flash flood warning over the weekend. Rivers will be rising and will be at historic flood stages for some time.

To respond to this catastrophe, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a special collection which will be entrusted to Catholic Charities to meet the immediate needs of the victims.

To the extent that you are able, I would ask you to take up a designated offering as soon as possible (perhaps over the weekend of 9-10 or 16-17 September) and remit the funds to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. Make sure that either the check or the transfer order clearly indicates that the donation is for ***Hurricane Harvey Flood Relief***.

The Archdiocese will then transfer the funds to the USCCB as I have been directed.

I know how generous AMS faithful are in the face of the needs of others. Consequently, I ask you to thank them in advance for their kind, abundant response.

Reiterating the expression of my gratitude and with every good wish for your ministry, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio
Archbishop for the Military Services