



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

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Dear Brothers in Christ,

A short time ago the hurricane “Harvey” obliged me to write to you to ask our communities to respond with loving solidarity for our brothers and sisters in need. I am not fond of making such appeals.

However, Cardinal DiNardo, the President of the USCCB, has asked all of the dioceses in the country to sacrifice for those afflicted by the ravages of Hurricane Irma. To the extent that you are able, I ask you to make a designated offering destined to support humanitarian aid, assistance with long-term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction, and for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in US and the Caribbean.

As you have been able to see, our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean, especially the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and the southern US need our help. Remember that the Diocese of St. Thomas has three priests on active duty and a fourth in the National Guard.

The Cardinal reminded us that: “the Church is a channel for grace and solidarity in the wake of natural disasters as it offers solace and support in their aftermath. However, as is so often the case, the Church itself in these regions is both a long-standing provider of aid and now is in need of tremendous assistance itself. So many of the Church’s structures have been damaged and their resources depleted which makes it even more challenging to provide assistance and pastoral outreach to those in need.”

The eventual donations can be sent to the AMS, but clearly indicate that they are for ***Hurricane Irma Relief***. The offerings will be transmitted to the Church in the afflicted areas for appropriate distribution.

Grateful in advance for your attention to this letter and for the generosity of the communities we are privileged to serve, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

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