


Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Auxiliary Bishop

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Priests

FROM: Most Reverend George A. Sheltz 
Chancellor

DATE: August 31, 2017

RE: Post Hurricane Harvey Update

On behalf of Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, I would like to express our sincerest gratitude to you for your perseverance over the last several days as we have experienced the devastating impact of Harvey and now begin the recovery period. Also, thank you for reporting any damage to your facilities resulting from the storm. This information provides our staff, along with Catholic Mutual and their adjusters, with a single clearing house to prioritize and process your claims as efficiently as possible. Any locations that have not yet reported damage sustained from Harvey, please contact the Crawford Call Center at 888.872.5680 as soon as possible.

There are so many suffering and in need. I would like to share with you the attached Hurricane Harvey Update regarding the direct impact on our Archdiocese, our relief efforts, and an upcoming national special collection to support the victims of Hurricane Harvey (*the weekend of September 2-3 or 9-10, 2017*). It is within the sole discretion of the Pastor to determine whether it is appropriate for their community to participate in the special collection and which weekend to choose.

In addition, the Bishops of the Diocese of Dallas and the Diocese of Fort Worth have announced plans for a Night of Adoration scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 7, 2017. Please join us as we continue to pray for the victims of this humanitarian crisis. We ask you to refer to the Archdiocesan website for the most current information regarding our relief efforts. Also, there is a link on the website for individuals to give donations to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund www.archgh.org/harveyrelief. We encourage you to share this link with anyone interested in assisting the Archdiocese with the recovery and rebuilding of our community. Please let us know how we may be of assistance to you in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.