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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Once again, we, as well as Catholics throughout the country, are being asked to come to the aid of our brothers and sisters in need in the Southeastern states recently experiencing great loss of life and unimaginable devastation due to tornados and floods.

The bishops of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have committed to assisting Catholic Charities USA in disaster relief in the affected states. Funds from the Tornado Recovery Collection will be used to support the efforts of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities USA, the national office for local Catholic Charities agencies and affiliates nationwide, as they respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care, as well as to the long term need to rebuild after widespread destruction, and to the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in the areas affected by the tornados.

As a diocesan family familiar with the havoc of hurricanes, we join in a special bond of prayer and solidarity with the people of those states who have endured the devastation of these recent events. I ask that you give generously to this special collection in your parish.

Please continue to pray for these victims, and all those affected by natural disasters of any kind. I thank you for your compassion and selfless contribution to this appeal.

With gratitude and every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach

Contributions outside of the parish collections may be sent directly to the Diocese of Palm Beach clearly marked for "Tornado Recovery Collection" and mailed to:

Finance Office
Diocese of Palm Beach
Post Office Box 109650
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-9650

Or checks can be sent directly to the USCCB:

USCCB Office of National Collections
Tornado Recovery
3211 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017

www.usccb.org/nationalcollections