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From: Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito 
To: All Pastors and School Administrators
Re: Prayer to Avert Hurricanes

Date: May 18, 2011

It's hard to believe, but the 2011 hurricane season is almost here. We have been blessed the past few years with no major hurricanes in our area. For this we are grateful, while fully aware of the fact that we cannot become complacent.

Once again, I am writing to ask you to join me in a united prayer effort on the part of all parishes and schools in the Diocese in thanksgiving for the past several calm hurricane seasons and for our protection from devastating storms in the upcoming 2011 season. Once again, I request that our united prayer effort at the parish level take three forms. Prayers of the Faithful, a short prayer for private and communal parish use, and weekly reminders in the parish bulletin with a prayer families can pray at home. I also recommend using the *Mass to Avert Storms* in the Sacramentary at appropriate times during the season.

For our schools and in student life I am encouraging prayer each day led by staff and a printed prayer that students can take home to their families for prayer at home.

SUGGESTED PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

In thanksgiving for protecting us from devastating storms during the past several years and in supplication for His protection again this year.

That God would bring order out of chaos in His created elements and protect us from all hurricanes and storms this season, we pray to the Lord.

That God would dispel all fear and anxiety that threatens our confidence and trust in Him, and protect us from all hurricanes and storms this season, we pray to the Lord.

That we would receive the grace of physical protection from all storms, disaster and calamity this hurricane season, we pray to the Lord.

That in the midst of storms, we your people would be a source of solace in service to our brothers and sisters in need and that we be protected from all hurricanes and storms this season, we pray to the Lord.

That we would recognize that it is in God alone that we receive our protection and security as we ask for safety from all hurricanes and storms this season, we pray to the Lord.

SUGGESTED PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM STORMS

God our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety of storms and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us.

Oración para pedir protección contra las tormentas

Dios Padre nuestro, Creador del Universo y Señor de toda la creación, humildemente nos presentamos a ti, como hijos tuyos, en acción de gracias por tu amoroso cuidado y protección. Te pedimos que nos guardes de los huracanes que nos puedan amenazar en la próxima temporada. Protégenos de todo temor y de la ansiedad que nos causan las tormentas y danos confianza ardiente en Tu amor y misericordia. Solo Tú tienes el poder de mandar al mar, al viento y a la lluvia. Solo Tú traes paz, calma y seguridad. Padre, te agradecemos de antemano, pues tu eres nuestro único refugio. Te lo pedimos por Cristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.
María, Reina de los Apóstoles y Patrona de nuestra Diócesis, ruega por nosotros.

Bondye Papa nou, ou menm ki kreye syèl la ak tè'a, ou menm ki Bondye kreyasyon'an, nou kanpe devan'w tou piti, nou menm ki □oun an□, pou nou di'w mèsì pou tout renmen ak pwoteksyon ou ban nou. Nou mande ou pou ou pwoteje □oun an sezon siklon k'ap vini'an. Ban nou pwoteksyon ou kont tout sa ki vle fè nou pè, kont tout angwas e ban nou plis lafwa ak lesperans nan renmen ak mizerikod ou'a. Se ou menm sèl ki gen pouvwa pou komande lanmè'a, van ak lapli. Se ou menm sèl ki kapab bay lapè ak pwoteksyon. Papa, nou di'w mèsì davans, paske se ou menm ki refij nou. Nou lapriyè ou konsa nan non Jezi-Kri pitit ou, li menm ki vivan e ki ap komande ansanm avèk ou, ansanm ak Lespri Sen'an, yon sèl Bondye, kounye'a e pou toutan. Amen. Mari, rènn Apot yo, ou menm ki patron Dyosèz nou'an, lapriyè pou nou.

Thank you for your support of our prayer effort to ask God to keep us safe from hurricanes in this upcoming season.