



August 31, 2005 - Archbishop Calls For Help For The Victims Of Hurricane Katrina

(Brighton, MA) August 31, 2005 ... Archbishop Sean O' Malley announced today that a 2nd collection will be taken up at weekend masses of the parishes to assist those in need as a result of the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. The Archbishop also said that Catholic Charities USA is prepared to direct people who want to help.

Archbishop Sean said, " We are witnessing a dramatic and heart wrenching human tragedy in those areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Having personally experienced the devastation caused by Hurricane Hugo in 1989 while I was Bishop of the Virgin Islands I am well aware of the plight of those who have lost their homes and personal possessions and now lack shelter, clean water, food, electricity and communications. We are called to join together at this difficult time to assist our fellow citizens in any way we can. We ask God ' s blessing on them and on the relief workers who are performing heroic acts of rescue and in delivering much needed supplies throughout the affected regions. We pray that as one community of people, we can help to ease their suffering. "

This weekend, the Archdiocese of Boston and dioceses across the United States will be taking up a second collection to aid in relief efforts. In addition, individuals may also consider donating to relief efforts coordinated by Catholic Charities USA. To learn more about how you can help please go to one of the following web sites: Catholic Charities USA (<http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>) and the US Conference of Bishops (<http://www.usccb.org/>).

Media

Media looking for commentary on relief efforts and how they can help should call Cullen Buckland at 617-451-7966 or Virginia Reynolds at 617-451-7939. Fr. Bryan Hehir, President of Catholic Charities in Boston and former head of Catholic Charities USA is available for comment.

Copyright © 2004-2006 Archdiocese of Boston; all rights reserved