

Dear Monsignor/Father,

I write today to provide you with updates and will continue to share with you information as needed.

Natural Disaster Special Collection Reminder

Hurricane season this year has already seen more substantial damage than we've seen in many years with Fiona hitting Puerto Rico and other islands, and now Hurricane Ian striking Florida and tracking to make landfall along the southeast coast. We can also expect significant rainfall in our area in the coming days. Federal assistance will provide some material relief in the affected areas, but it can be delayed and does not cover everything.

Please know that the special collection for this weekend, October 1 and 2, for those of the faithful who wish to give, will be used to assist the recovery efforts from these and other natural disasters, especially for the affected areas in Florida and southeast U.S. in addition to Puerto Rico

Funds collected by the parish should be processed in the normal fashion for second collections and sent to the Archdiocese of Washington Lock Box with a deposit slip marked Disaster Relief. Parishioners can also give online by visiting the archdiocesan portal at <u>adw.org/relief</u>, or directly to the relief agency Catholic Charities USA in support of natural disaster relief for Puerto Rico at <u>lp.catholiccharities.us/HurrFiona</u>, and/or for the mainland at <u>lp.catholiccharities.us/Hurr Ian</u>.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for prayers for those who are impacted.

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan websites, adw.org and adw.org/es, are updated regularly with current information for you to share with your community. Please see <u>adw.org/coronavirus</u> for information related to Covid-19. Daily news and information about our parishes, schools, and ministries are also available at <u>cathstan.org</u> and <u>elpreg.org</u> for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.

As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office, please know that you can email me at <u>FarrellT@adw.org</u> or call my office line at 301-853-4507 or my cell at 202-531-4550.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am Sincerely in Christ, **Terence J. Farrell** *Chancellor and Executive Secretary of the Curia*

