



## Chancellor and Executive Secretary of the Curia

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### The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Dear Monsignor/Father,

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

#### **Disaster Relief for Maui**

Last week wildfires devastated the island of Maui. As of this update, the confirmed death toll is 96 and is still expected to increase. Miraculously, Maria Lanakila Catholic Church in Lahaina was spared from the flames that wiped out most of the surrounding community. Homes, schools and businesses that stood on the island a week ago simply no longer exist.

In the wake of this humanitarian tragedy, Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, wrote in a letter to the Faithful of Hawaii:

*“In our collective prayers, we ask for strength, resilience, and healing for the fire victims and their families. May we find the grace to rebuild our families, their livelihoods, and the physical structures that were lost. Let our faith guide us as we navigate the challenges ahead, knowing that with the grace of God, all things are possible. May God bless you all abundantly, and may our efforts bring comfort and hope to those in need.”*

As shepherds of this flock, you are encouraged to keep those affected by this disaster in your prayers, including the Prayers of the Faithful, and also encouraged to share with your communities ways to assist recovery efforts during announcements at Masses, in your bulletins, on your websites and social media.

Donations to assist in the recovery efforts can be made directly through Catholic Charities USA at [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org) or telephone 1-800-919-9338. Funds from the poor box may also be designated for this purpose. All funds collected at the parish level should be processed in the normal fashion for second collections and sent to the Lock Box with a

deposit slip marked Maui Disaster Relief. The funds will then be forwarded to those areas in need of assistance.

#### **Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website**

The archdiocesan website, [adw.org](http://adw.org) and [adw.org/es](http://adw.org/es), is updated regularly with current information for you to share with your community. Daily news and information about our parishes, schools, and ministries are also available at [cathstan.org](http://cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](http://elpreg.org) 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 [FarrellT@adw.org](mailto:FarrellT@adw.org) 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*



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