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Bishop Robert Baker Announces Collection for Relief of Victims of Hurricane Katrina

Diocese of Charleston to Take Part in National Catholic Relief Effort

CHARLESTON – The Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, Bishop of Charleston announced today that a collection for hurricane relief will be taken up in all parishes in the Diocese of Charleston.

“The plight of the people in Katrina’s path, especially those in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida, is a call to solidarity with our brothers and sisters,” said Bishop Baker. “We cannot but turn to them and offer our prayers, our financial support and even our physical efforts to help relieve the suffering they are undergoing at this time and for months to come,” he continued.

Bishop Baker has asked all of the parishes in the Diocese of Charleston to take up a collection this weekend, September 3 and 4, to aid in the relief effort. This is being done in concert with national donations collected for hurricane relief and will be coordinated through Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Charleston and Catholic Charities USA. “Catholic Charities has a great record of being one of the first organizations into a devastated area,” said Bishop Baker. “Catholic Charities is a member of the communities struck by the storm. It will be there now and whenever help is needed.”

Bishop Baker said he was greatly edified by the number of calls he received from parishes wanting to contribute to relief efforts even before the storm left the Gulf Coast.

Donations may be made to:

Catholic Charities
Hurricane Katrina Fund
1662 Ingram Road
Charleston, SC 29407

Further donation information is available at www.catholic-doc.org.

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