



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH
THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



September 18, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

It seems to me that during these recent and difficult times, I am writing to you too frequently asking you to assist other people in urgent and dire need because of a disaster. I do so again this week because of my confidence in your generosity and charitable character that exemplifies the People of God in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Over two years ago, we welcomed Bishop Shelton Fabre as the speaker and homilist for our annual Mass for Peace and Justice for our national commemoration Martin Luther King Junior Day. Bishop Fabre is the Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux in Louisiana. The people of that that local church have recently suffered immense devastation caused by Hurricane Ida to their property and lives. Bishop Fabre informs me that of their 39 parishes, 36 have suffered damage to their church buildings. They are in urgent need of assistance.

I am asking that a second collection be taken next weekend, September 25-26, 2021, for immediate assistance for those affected by Hurricane Ida in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. Your gifts will go directly to bring relief to the parishioners of this diocese. On behalf of Bishop Fabre and the priests, religious, and lay leadership of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, I thank you for your charitable generosity and expression of solidarity among God's people. Asking your prayers for me and pledging you mine for you, I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Michael F. Olson

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