



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 4, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the recent devastating impact of Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is calling upon all Dioceses to support those impacted by Hurricane Florence and any forthcoming disaster/storm that affects us throughout the remainder of this calendar year.

Torrential rainfall and catastrophic flooding due to Florence severely damaged and destroyed homes, schools, hospitals, businesses, and churches. Lives have been lost and communities are struggling. Immediate and long-term recovery needs of those affected continue to be apparent. Unfortunately, it is reasonable to expect more of these types of disasters this year.

Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will take up an emergency collection the weekend of October 13 & 14, 2018. Through the Catholic Charities Network your donations will be used to support those who are the most vulnerable, providing humanitarian aid (water, food, shelter and medical care), as well as long-term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction. Thank you for your generosity in these difficult times and please continue to pray for victims of all-natural disasters!

This opportunity is taken to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Frank J. Dewane', with a small cross to the left of the first name.

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida