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### Statement Following Hurricane Irma

**ST. LOUIS** – Archbishop Robert J. Carlson issued the following statement in response to the devastation in Florida and elsewhere due to Hurricane Irma:

It is upsetting to see images of destruction from yet another violent hurricane on our shores and beyond. As I said after Hurricane Harvey, I know I speak for every person in the Archdiocese of St. Louis when I say how deeply saddened I am by the death and massive devastation experienced by our brothers and sisters in the South and throughout the Caribbean. It is difficult to comprehend how something so terrible can happen on such a scale. Now, more than ever, we must look to our faith and ask the Lord to carry those who are suffering and who have lost so much.

The nearly 200 parishes in 11 counties of the Archdiocese of St. Louis held a second collection for hurricane relief the first two weekends of September. I have again requested our parishes take up another collection for new relief efforts. One-hundred percent of the funds raised go directly to relief efforts via Catholic Charities of St. Louis.

After Hurricane Harvey, I celebrated Mass for those who have suffered due to the storm, and will do so again for the victims of Hurricane Irma. I ask you to please join your prayer to mine for our brothers and sisters who must now rebuild their lives. After your prayer, please consider how you might be able to provide assistance.

Donations can be made to Catholic Charities of St. Louis and mailed to:

P.O. Box 952393, St. Louis, MO 63195-2393 (be sure to note Hurricane Harvey 2017 or Hurricane Irma 2017).

Donations can also be made through the Catholic Charities website: [ccstl.org](http://ccstl.org) (be sure to select either the Hurricane Harvey 2017 fund or Hurricane Irma 2017 fund).

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