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## Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Urges Parishes to Participate in Weekend Mass Collections for Hurricane Dorian Relief Efforts

100 percent of proceeds will go to Catholic Relief Services to support hurricane-impacted communities

**ST. LOUIS** – Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, today distributed a letter to the nearly 180 parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, calling on the local Catholic community to participate in an additional collection of funds at all Masses this weekend dedicated to those impacted by Hurricane Dorian. <u>Catholic Charities of St. Louis</u> will forward 100 percent of funds raised to <u>Catholic Relief Services</u> in support of their disaster relief efforts.

Additionally, Archbishop Carlson will be offering a Mass for those who lost their lives in Hurricane Dorian, as well as for their loved ones.

"I know I speak for many when I say how deeply saddened I am by the deaths and devastation that our brothers and sisters in impacted communities are experiencing in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. I ask you to please consider contributing financially to relief collections at Mass this weekend, and to please join your prayers with mine for those who are grieving and must rebuild their lives after this tragedy."

 Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson Archbishop of St Louis

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