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### Statement from Archbishop Carlson Regarding Severe Weather in Perry County

**ST. LOUIS** – Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, released the following statement regarding the severe weather in Perry County and the on-going response of the Archdiocese of St. Louis:

I have been praying for those suffering due to severe weather near Perryville last night. We mourn for those who lost their lives and the families now grieving a lost loved one. We know that many homes full of memories, photos, and heirlooms have been lost and destroyed. The livelihood of many people will be dramatically impacted for the foreseeable future.

The people of Perry County and the surrounding area need our help and support. Catholic Charities of St. Louis and our parishes in the area are currently assessing damage and coordinating a disaster relief assistance effort. We will work closely with all agencies and authorities in the coming days, weeks, and months to help restore lives and livelihoods.

Those most impacted by the weather will be recovering for days, weeks, and months. It is my pledge that the Catholic Church will continue serving those in the impacted areas until the needs are met. This is our responsibility as Catholics.

Information for anyone seeking disaster relief assistance, or wishing to volunteer or donate, can be found at [ccstl.org](http://ccstl.org) or by calling 314.367.5500.

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