



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Episcopal Vicar for Administration

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Brothers,

As I write this, I am remembering a recent phone call I received from a former parishioner who lives in Fort Meyers, Florida. He called me to ask for prayers because his family lost their home and family-run business following the destruction of Hurricane Ian. I'm sure many of us know people, friends and family, whose lives and livelihoods were directly impacted by this most recent storm which effected Puerto Rico and areas along the South Carolina coast as well. Sadly, we know that hurricane season is not over yet and more communities and nations may be facing the same loss in coming months.

Bishop Checchio has authorized a voluntary second collection to be taken in our parishes for hurricane relief. This collection may be taken any time during the month of October through November at your discretion. The proceeds from this collection will be used to assist with hurricane relief efforts where and when they are needed as communities begin the recovery effort following these devastating storms.

Please send the funds generated to the Office of Finance, designated as "Hurricane Relief", no later than Monday, November 28. An online portal has been created on the diocesan website (diometuchen.org) for those who wish to give electronically for the relief effort. Please include this online portal in advertising the collection in your bulletin and social media platforms.

Let us be one in prayer with all those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods and with those who are responding to the humanitarian need created in the wake of these devastating storms.

Thank you for your faithful priestly service to the people entrusted to your care.

Servus,

Msgr. Joseph G. Celano
Vicar for Administration