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### **Diocese of Charleston Plans Special Collection for Victims of Hurricane Irma**

**CHARLESTON, S.C.** – In light of the recent destruction caused by Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean and southeastern United States, Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone has asked that parishes take up an emergency collection during the next several weeks. The money will be sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for distribution to Catholic Charities USA.

“People are suffering and need assistance as soon as possible to rebuild their lives. Additionally, many churches were also destroyed or severely damaged. We must do what we can to help with the long recovery that lies ahead,” said Bishop Guglielmone. “Please keep those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in your prayers as well as the first responders and volunteers who are working tirelessly to assist those in need,” he added.

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