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CONCERNS

To: Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Administrators, Deacons and Parish Staff
From: John Watkins
Re: Fire Assistance Fund 2020
Date: October 2, 2020

Dear Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Administrator, Deacons and Parish Staff,

In light of the fires burning in counties throughout the Diocese, Bishop Jaime Soto has asked the faithful of the Diocese of Sacramento to pray for all those affected, especially the residents who have been displaced, lost their residences or evacuated. Ask for God's protection upon the firefighters and emergency personnel. Pray for those who have died and all those suffering loss during this catastrophic time.

"The scenes of suffering experienced by our brothers and sisters who have lost their homes and livelihood move us all to grieve with those affected. We join our prayers to theirs asking God's tender mercy to bolster our faith and sustain our hope in His loving providence.

We also pray for the brave men and women who are responding to these disasters, battling the fires and helping people to safety. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary bring our supplications for relief to the throne of our heavenly Father. May her Son, Jesus, our Good Shepherd, guide us and protect us."

Northern Valley Catholic Social Service (NVCSS) Catholic Charities of Yolo Solano, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society are working together with local community partners to help those in need.

Parishioners wishing to donate money to assist those in need may do so in the following ways:

- **Donate by mail:** Send checks to Diocese of Sacramento Fire Assistance Fund, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818
- **Donate by phone:** Call The Catholic Foundation at (916) 733-0266
- **Donate online:** <https://www.scd.org/catholic-foundation/fire-assistance-fund-2020>

Intercessory prayers:

- For those who lost their homes and livelihood in the recent wild fires ravaging Northern California. May those who have died receive God's mercy. May all those fighting the fires be protected from harm. **We pray to the Lord.**
- *Por todos que han perdido sus casas y sus trabajos en los recientes incendios destrozando muchas partes del norte de California, que reciban los auxilios necesarios. Por todos que han muerto, que Dios les otorgue Su divina misericordia. Por todos los bomberos y los que están luchando para apagar los incendios, que sean protegidos. **Roguemos al Señor.***

Respectfully,

John Watkins
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