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Reverend John-Nhan Tran
Mary Queen of Peace Parish
1501 W. Causeway Approach
Mandeville, LA 70471

Dear Fr. Tran and Parishioners of Mary Queen of Peace:

I extend my gratitude and the gratitude of the people of Texas who have been recently affected by Hurricane Harvey. As we know from the news, the floodwaters and wind were terribly devastating. It will take a very long time for the people to rebuild their homes and their lives.

It is my privilege to express gratitude on their behalf for your prayers and generous gift of \$43,384.00 that was given as a result of the collection from your parish. Your gift will touch the lives of many of God's people and will be a sign of his care and consolation in a very challenging time.

Please join me in continuing to pray for those who have lost loved ones in the hurricane and for their families. Likewise, we pray for those who are rebuilding their homes and their lives. In our archdiocese, we know the feeling of the loss of family, property and possessions from other hurricanes. You have reached out to Texans with solidarity in faith. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will make a difference in the lives of many of God's people.

The people of God in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have responded with great love and care. Your parish is counted among those who are very generous. Thank you.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Gratefully in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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*Thanks too for your
delivery to Port Aucho.
Bishop Guillou is very
grateful.
Your great generosity is
a blessing.*

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October 2, 2017

Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church
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Dear Father Tran and Parishioners of Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church,

On behalf of the faithful of the Diocese of Beaumont as well as my own, I want to thank you for being in solidarity with us in prayer, helping to muck out homes of our Parishioners, as well as the generous check of \$ 40,000.00. I deeply appreciate your presence and hard work in helping in our recovery.

As the rain stopped and the floodwaters began to recede we saw that Harvey left behind not only great devastation but psychological and physical suffering as well. Tens of thousands of our family members and friends throughout Southeast Texas were affected. They lost their homes, their possessions, their businesses. Nineteen of our parishes and three schools were affected by the rains and floodwater. Three of our parishes were severely damaged. Their parishioners may not be able to attend Mass in their church for months. Nine of our priests are out of their homes as well as five of our deacons and their families. The most severe flooding was at our Holy Family Retreat Center where the floodwaters nearly reached the tops of the buildings.

But, all through the storm and during the days since, we are experiencing the Light of Christ shining through the darkness. We have seen that Light in our families who are offering beds to those who have none. We see that Light in friends who are bringing meals to those who have lost their kitchens. We see that Light in strangers as crews move through neighborhoods helping to clean out houses so overwhelmed homeowners can breathe more easily. We have seen that Light in our own Catholic Charities and the hundreds of volunteers who are and will continue to provide help to those in need.

The journey to recovery will be long and costly. But, as we help each other and pray together, our long journey will continue to be filled with hope.

You are in my every prayer. I ask that you continue to pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Rev. Curtis Guillory, SVD, DD
Bishop of Beaumont