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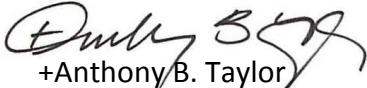
Dear Friends in Christ,

A Special Collection is being taken up in all the parishes in our diocese and across the country for the humanitarian and Church needs resulting from this year's storm season. Hurricane Florence has started the season by devastating the Carolinas, leaving in her path more than 40 tragic deaths and the destruction of homes, businesses, and churches that will require tens of billions of dollars to repair and replace.

The poor are always hit hardest and there is a tremendous unmet need. Your contributions will assist Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for the necessities of water, food, shelter, and medical care, and aid in long-term recovery and rebuilding required throughout the storm season. Further, generous donations will support the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church. Funds will be used in response to Hurricane Florence and any other natural disasters that occur this year.

It is a blessing for those in need that the Catholic community, especially from within our diocese, has a long and faithful tradition of responding with great generosity. We offer our prayers to families who have, and to those who will, suffer loss and injury.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock