

Archdiocese of Detroit

To: All Interested Persons
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Re: Update on AOD Katrina Relief Efforts as of Tuesday, September 13, 2005

The Archdiocese of Detroit continues to extend assistance to evacuees who have been relocated to the Metro Detroit area from the Gulf Region. Here is the latest news of our efforts:

AOD Donations to Catholic Charities USA

As of Tuesday, September 13, over \$600,000 has been collected from individuals and parishes for Katrina Relief.

Follow-up on Evacuees at Local Hotels

Reports from the Ramada Inn and Howard Johnson Hotel in Southfield, and the Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights, indicate that the evacuees are being well cared for, with many agencies assisting them in fulfilling needs. AOD offered a liturgy at the Ramada Inn last Sunday with Fr. Clarence Williams, Fr. Ted Parker, and Deacon Wyatt Jones. The Concord Best Western Hotel in Rochester is expecting to receive evacuees next week; the management of the hotel has been contacted with our offer to assist when they arrive.

Housing Assistance for Evacuees

AOD has been contacted by the City of Detroit for assistance and referrals regarding the creation of a housing data base for evacuees.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Detroit, has offered the use of Camps Ozanam and Stapleton, if needed.

Student Evacuees

At least 10 AOD schools have offered free enrollment of student evacuees. Sr. Frances Nadolny, director of education, has offered a contribution of \$400 per pupil to schools to offset the costs to the school.

Nine (9) student evacuees have been accepted for enrollment in AOD schools, so far. The contact person in the Schools Office for student evacuees is Mrs. Georgene Wojciechowski, (313) 237-5826.

The Department of Development has offered to provide tuition assistance to student evacuees, primarily for K-8 students. (There are fewer funds available for high school students.) Parents or principals should contact the Development Department for details and assistance: (313) 883-8657.

We have received several offers from local families to house evacuees in their homes. Catholic Charities USA recommends that this NOT normally be done, unless the evacuees are members of the family. We suggest that those wishing to offer hospitality to evacuees contact CCUSA Family Placement Office at (703) 549-1390, ext. 162.

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Concert and other Fundraising Events

The young adult ministry group Fusion will host its fourth concert to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 8:00-10:30 PM at St. John Fisher Parish. Proceeds will be sent to Catholic Charities USA.

Various parishes and schools have contacted the AOD to offer funds raised (or to be raised); all are asked to send the funds to "Katrina Relief Fund" at AOD, and they will be sent on to Catholic Charities USA. See the website AODonline.org for details. Note: there are no phone solicitations connected with this effort.

Local/National Contacts for Donations and other Assistance:

Archdiocese of Detroit 'Points of Contact'

Parish Outreach and Contact Persons for General Information/Questions

Michael Hovey 313-237-4678

Joyce Steele 313-237-5905

School Outreach

For Enrollment of Evacuee Students:

Georgene Wojciechowski 313-237-5826

For Tuition Assistance:

Development Office 313-883-8657

Catholic Social Services

Lapeer County

Tom Reed 810-664-4557

Macomb County

Tom Reed 586-416-2300

Monroe County

Angela Venier 734-240-3850

Oakland County

Marge Huggard 248-333-3700

St. Clair County

Patrick Cogley 810-987-9100

Wayne County

Patrick Herron 313-883-2100

IMPORTANT NOTE ON FEMA ASSISTANCE!

Register to receive compensation for any services rendered. Evacuees must register within 60 days. Affected individuals can register online for disaster assistance at www.fema.gov or call FEMA's toll-free registration line at 800-621-FEMA (3362) - TTY 800-462-7585. Victims are encouraged to register on-line due to the possibility of high call volume. If registering by phone, owners of commercial properties and residents with only minor losses are urged to wait a few days before calling so those whose homes were destroyed or heavily damaged can be served first. Phone lines are open 24-hours, 7 days a week.

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has established a toll-free number (866-641-8102) for the public and its employees to get information on HUD operations.

US Coast Guard's Rescue Line for those trapped on the Gulf Coast and needing rescue. Call 800-323-7233 and immediate assistance will be sent.

Oakland County Health Division

800-848-5533

248-858-1404

American Red Cross

800-774-6066

313-833-8816

Salvation Army

248-443-5500

Oakland County Emergency Response and Preparedness

248-858-5300

Donations (clothing, furniture):

FEMA	800-440-6728
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	313-972-3100
Salvation Army	313-962-5960
Goodwill Industries	313-964-3900
Foot Solutions	734-591-3388

Donate Large Quantities of Food:

Companies, Manufacturers or Retailers (Second Harvest's Food Sourcing Dept.)	800-771-2303
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To Look for Missing Family Members:

Red Cross	877-568-3317 www.redcross.org
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To Register for Family Placement:

Catholic Charities USA Monica Castillo	703-549-1390 ext. 162
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To Volunteer to Help:

Medical Personnel	www.hospitalreliefforts.org
Salvation Army	800-SAL ARMY
Red Cross	800-HELP NOW
Feed the Children	800-525-7575

Other Hotline Numbers:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	866-641-8102
FEMA to Register for Disaster Relief Assistance	www.fema.gov 800-621-3362
United Way: Housing, Food, Medical	313-226-9453