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To: All Regional Supervisors

All State Supervisors

All Shepherds & All Parishioners.

Memorandum #11 - 2019 Hurricane Dorian

Beloved faithful in the Lord,

Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the perfect love of the Holy Father continue to abide with you all. May your service of love and charity continue to remain a memorial for God's reciprocal goodness, blessing and uncommon favor.

We are aware that times are hard and pressures are unrelenting financially from every quarter but to remain insensitive to the agony and painful groaning within our internal, external and strategic environments would render our Christianity a mockery and our great commission an unprofitable one.

Bahamas and some coastal areas of Florida and Carolina have been plunged into a major disaster zone by Hurricane Dorian which has dumped about 10 trillion gallons of water (24 – 48 inches of downpour) upon Bahamas. Dorian has continued to batter Carolina, with life-threatening floods surging through the East Coast of USA.

Many homes have been flooded and thousands of people have sought emergency shelter from the wind and rains. <u>Officials estimate</u> that 70,000 residents are likely to need shelter. At least 43 people are reported to have been killed in the storm, including four electrocuted in Florida and Carolina.

An unknown number of people remain stranded in their homes awaiting rescue. Police, military, Coast guard, and American Red Cross along with volunteer teams, have taken to boats to try to reach those trapped, with some working through the night.

Properties damaged are estimated to run into about 7 billion US dollars.

This is evidently a situation calling urgent humanitarian gestures into action. As a religious organization deeply rooted in charity, love and mercy, it is incumbent on us, once again, to stretch out our hands of mercy to our brethren affected by this major catastrophe.

Every parish in the entire diocese is, therefore, kindly requested to collect monetary donations from parishioners during the next 2-4 Sabbath- day Services for urgent onward transmission to their Regional Secretaries, who in turn, should forward the collections with the schedules of parishes and donations made, to the office of the Diocesan Treasurer, on or before September 30, 2019.

Please mail the check to: SE Pius Adebowale, 9983 Goodluck Rd., Lanham. MD.20706. Tel. # 240 602 1968

Our consolidated donations as a diocese shall be forwarded to the American Red Cross Society. Donations of each Parish/Region and the Receipts from the Red Cross shall be made publicly available to all parishes.

Perhaps we should also request all parishes to please remember all the victims of this great disaster in their weekly end-of-service congregational prayers for God's mercy and quick restitution. May the Souls of the 47 lost ones receive grace and mercy for acceptance into the bosom of father Abraham.

Please read to all parishioners. Thanks and God bless.

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