



Bishop Fisher Asks for Support of Special Emergency Collection for Californians Impacted by Wildfires

Buffalo, NY, Jan. 15, 2025 – Bishop Michael Fisher has directed parishes in the Diocese of Buffalo to take up a special emergency collection in response to the devastation caused by the ongoing wildfires in Southern California.

Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), the official domestic relief agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S., has launched a dedicated disaster relief donation campaign. **All funds raised in the diocese will assist those displaced or suffering because of the fires.** One hundred percent of all donations will be allocated to Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, which will provide critical humanitarian relief to those most in need.

In addition of the upcoming special collection in parishes, gifts also may be made online through www.catholiccharitiesusa.org and by accessing the LA Wildfires Disaster Relief “Give Now” button, or by texting FIRES to 20406.

In his request to diocesan priests requesting the special collection, Bishop Fisher said, “I know the generosity of our people and their deep care for those in need. I trust that you will find the best way of making these needs known to the faithful of your parish community. Please include an intercession for all those affected by the fires in the Universal Prayer at Masses.”