



# THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA THIBODAUX

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## **Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Responds to Flood Victims**

(Houma) – **Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of the Catholic Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux invited citizens in the Tri-Parish area to respond to those affected by the historic floods of this past weekend.**

Bishop Fabre said: “We are all affected by the devastation. Whether we were personally affected or not, we are all Louisianians. We have all been here. We all know what it is like to have to put our life back together. It is at times like this that people come together and support each other. In the past others have come to our assistance. We need to respond to our brothers and sisters in need.”

Robert Gorman, executive director of Catholic Charities Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, said that our diocese has joined Catholic Charities Diocese of Baton Rouge, Catholic Social Services Diocese of Lafayette, Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, and Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans in assisting in their disaster operations.

Bishop Fabre said: “Many people have asked me, ‘How can I help?’ One of the most important things you can do is to be hospitable to evacuees who have moved into your community to escape their flooded homes. Some of these families were flooded in March. They may be staying with friends or relatives. Reach out to them. Just letting people know that you care can be a huge blessing for them. Work with families one-on-one. Ask them what they need. This is a good place to start.”

### **Donations to Flood Victims can be made in two forms in the following manners:**

**1) The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has the following locations accepting donations of household paper products, cleaning supplies, toiletries, disposable diapers, sheets, pillowcases and blankets (no clothes or other items, please). Please place all donations in small boxes that can be lifted by volunteers of all ages.**

- Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2779 Highway 311, Schriever between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. through Friday, August 19.
- Catholic Charities, 1220 Aycock Street, Houma between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. through Friday, August 19.
- Catholic Community Center, 9018 E. Avenue A, Galliano, on Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. until Noon.
- Thibodaux Good Samaritan Food Bank, 100 Birch Street, Thibodaux on Thursday between 8 a.m. and Noon and Saturday, August 20 from 10 a.m. until Noon.
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 415 Union Street, Morgan City between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. through Thursday, August 18 and between 8 a.m. and Noon on Friday August 19.

**2) Financial donations are also being accepted.** There will be a special collection at all Masses in Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux this weekend, Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21, 2016. All donations will go directly to Catholic relief efforts directly serving flood victims. You may also donate online at [www.htdiocese.org](http://www.htdiocese.org).

**Individual Catholic Churches are also collecting relief supplies:**

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, located on the campus of Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, is collecting boxed donations of non-perishable food, household paper products, cleaning supplies, disposable diapers, bottled water, pet supplies and blankets. Supplies will be brought to the shelter at St. George Catholic Church in Baton Rouge. Boxed donations may be dropped off through Friday, August 19 from 8 a.m. through 3 p.m.

St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 721 Canal Blvd. Thibodaux, is collecting bottled water and individually packaged snacks. Items can be dropped off from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. through Friday August 19, on Saturday between 3 and 5 p.m. and Sunday from 6 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Other churches will be listed on our website as information becomes available.

Stay up with the latest ways you can help at: [www.htdiocese.org/catholic-charities](http://www.htdiocese.org/catholic-charities)

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