



Office of the Bishop

Message of Bishop Alvaro Corrada, S.J. to the victims of
Hurricane Katrina present among us in the Diocese of Tyler

Your sufferings are many, your sorrows are deep. You have lost members of your families and dear friends in this terrible catastrophe caused by Hurricane Katrina.

The Sacrifice of the Holy Mass and many prayers are being offered by the priests, deacons, religious and the faithful of the Diocese of Tyler for you and your dear ones. May Jesus give you courage and peace.

You are most welcome to the Diocese of Tyler and East Texas. The Catholics and all the people of East Texas are willing to be of help to you in every way possible.

The greatest treasure we have is our prayer and we promise to sustain you by praying for all of you during these times of pain and troubles. We are helping you in charity as best we can with our limited resources and we will continue to do so.

As Catholics, when you were baptized, confirmed and received Holy Communion for the first time you established a covenant of love with Jesus and with every one of us. We are here for you and Jesus is here for you. You have been called to holiness from baptism let us help you carry your cross.

The terrible natural disaster that you have suffered through in the city of New Orleans and other cities in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida has inflicted great damage to your life and your property. Remember that God does not wish evil on you. On the contrary, when bad happens God comes to you with new graces and His love to console you and open new doors to you. No good comes out of evil but God always comes, where there is evil, to bring His grace and love.

My dear friends open your hearts to Jesus in prayer and love as we open our hearts to you.

Let us pray and work together for your well being and recovery.

Bishop of Tyler
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