Press Release Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington 55 Joy Drive So. Burlington, VT 05403

Contact: Ellen Kane, ekane@vermontcatholic.org; 802-846-5837

In the wake of another natural disaster, Hurricane Harvey, Bishop Christopher Coyne has requested that a special collection be held at all 73 Vermont Catholic parishes throughout the state for those affected by the Hurricane, the weekend of September 2-3 or September 9-10, to assist in the relief efforts. Funds given to the collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"God works through us to serve the greater community, especially in times of great need. We are called to be generous to the victims of Hurricane Harvey just as so many responded to our needs in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene. Our prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses," says Bishop Coyne.

###