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The Vermont Catholic Church has collected \$260,288 to date for hurricane victims since the first weekend of September when Bishop Christopher Coyne requested all 73 parishes throughout the state take up a collection and respond generously to the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Collections continued for the additional hurricanes that followed. "Along with all of the other generous people of the state of Vermont, the Catholic community is ready to stand in solidarity with our suffering brothers and sisters whose lives have been so devastated by these natural disasters. We are not just people of prayer. We are people of action." All donations will be distributed by Catholic Charities USA to areas in greatest need.

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