



To our Parish and School Community, the Greater Community of Kenner, and all people of Goodwill:

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I spoke at the Masses this past weekend about our desire to help our neighbors in Lake Charles, LA who were devastated by Hurricane Laura. In conjunction with a special Second Collection scheduled for this upcoming weekend (September 5th and 6th) for financial assistance and our desire to adopt a Catholic Parish/School for future needs, I am making an appeal on behalf of Sister Miriam MacLean, the Director for Catholic Charities of Lake Charles, for the following items that are needed for immediate cleanup and support.

- Rakes
- Brooms
- Trash bags
- Cleaning Supplies
- Paper Towels and Toilet paper
- Water
- Gatorade/Powerade
- Nonperishable food items
- Easy to open canned food - pop tops
- Dry Food or Cereal

We are not collecting clothing, books, or toys at this time. The initial focus is on clean-up and providing basic necessities for survival.

On Thursday, September 3rd and Friday, September 4th, you will be able to drive by and drop off any donations by the Parish Community Center (next to Dive Mercy Catholic Church: 4337 Sal Lentini Parkway, Kenner) at the following times:

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| ○ Thursday, September 3 rd | 9am to Noon or 4pm to 7pm |
| ○ Friday, September 4 th | 9am to Noon or 4pm to 7pm |

We will have volunteers waiting to take your donations. No need to get out of your vehicle. Just drive up to the designated area, pop your trunk, and we will help. Our plan is to collect, consolidate, and bring the items to Lake Charles early next week.

We entrust all our brothers and sisters who have been affected by the devastation of Hurricane Laura to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Blessed Mother, and we ask her intercession to ease the sufferings of all those whose lives have been impacted. Thank you for your consideration of this special request, and I ask that you do as you so often have done and give generously. God bless you always for all your kindness and faithfulness to the Lord and His people.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Robert T. Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Father Robert. T. Cooper
Pastor
Divine Mercy Parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School