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*Together **We** Prepare*







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## Diocesan Response

Task Force recommendations:

1. Each parish establish its own Disaster Planning Committee and have at least one parish representative who will serve on a deanery Disaster Planning Committee (coordinated by Catholic Charities).
2. Catholic Charities will arrange deanery meetings with the volunteer parish coordinators to tailor preparedness and response efforts to the parish and the local community.



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## Diocesan Response

Manual Priorities:

1. Protect the precious lives of parish staffs and parishioners, as well as the physical property and sacramental records.
2. Respond to the physical, emotional and spiritual pain of families and individuals affected by a disaster.
3. Coordinate response efforts with the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and FEMA



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## Diocesan Response

Manual Priorities:

4. Coordinate response and recovery efforts with Diocesan and Catholic Charities.
5. Collaboration is essential to maximize resources, minimize duplication of services, avoid gaps in service delivery, and to ensure that those persons most in need receive assistance.



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## Issues

1. Interagency communication is non-existent.
2. Effective check-in procedure for priests, deacons and their families needs to be developed.
3. Damage Assessment needs to occur immediately after danger passes.



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## Issues

4. Better parish coordination of volunteers and resources. (Training)
5. Archdiocesan response and coordination should be improved with regards to the specific needs of the affected area and the resources non-affected parishes are willing to provide. (Who is willing to do what?)



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## Issues

6. Neither Catholic Charities nor Saint Vincent DePaul view their mission as immediate disaster relief but rather long-term relief and recovery. No Diocese-coordinated first response.
7. No Diocese Incident command center
8. No liaison with Red Cross, Salvation Army, city, county or FEMA
9. Better visibility of volunteer efforts.



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## Principles of Disaster Preparedness

**Prepare and plan** for disaster at the individual, family, parish facility, parish member and community outreach level.

**Protect and preserve** the safety, health of people and essential services and property during disaster.

**Respond** by providing food, clothing, shelter immediately following the emergency or disaster.



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## Principles of Disaster Preparedness

**Relief** begins within the first week following the event.

**Long-term Recovery** usually lasts about 10 times as long as the relief stage (or in catastrophic disasters – years).



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## Preparedness-Key to Success

**Do you know what to do in the event of an emergency?**



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## Preparedness

**Do you know what to do in the event of an emergency?**

## TOGETHER WE PREPARE



**Make a Plan**



**Build a Kit**



**Get Trained**



**Volunteer**



**Give Blood**



Make a plan. Build a kit. Get trained. Volunteer. Give blood.

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Together, we can save a life.



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## RECOMMENDED PLAN OF ACTION

1. Develop an archdiocese-wide Parish talent and resources survey and subsequent database.
2. Establish parish-based disaster planning committees with points-of-contact that are trained in check-in procedures and damage assessment. (TRAINING)
3. Review and update Diocese Preparedness and Response Manual.



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### RECOMMENDED PLAN OF ACTION

4. Distribute manual through a series of Disaster Preparedness Workshops.
5. Develop trained liaison officers for diocese interagency communication and Red Cross.
6. Train volunteers in safe disaster recovery procedures.
7. Establish parish-based Red Cross shelters and training.



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### RECOMMENDED PLAN OF ACTION

8. Conduct workshops to “train the trainer” at the Deanery and Diocesan level to train instructors in family and parish disaster preparedness.
9. Distribute through bulletins and other parish based communication networks disaster preparedness information.
9. Plot on a series of maps the parish locations and resource distribution.
10. Develop maps of each Parish boundary for use in damage assessment



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### RECOMMENDED PLAN OF ACTION

10. Plot on a series of maps the parish locations and resource distribution.
11. Develop maps of each Parish boundary for use in damage assessment.
12. Design and purchase personal and vehicle identification tools.



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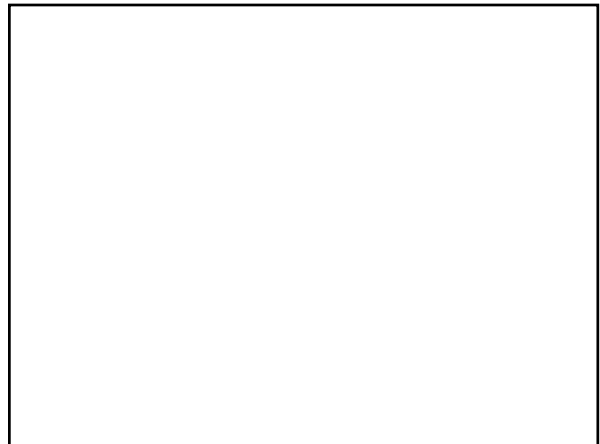
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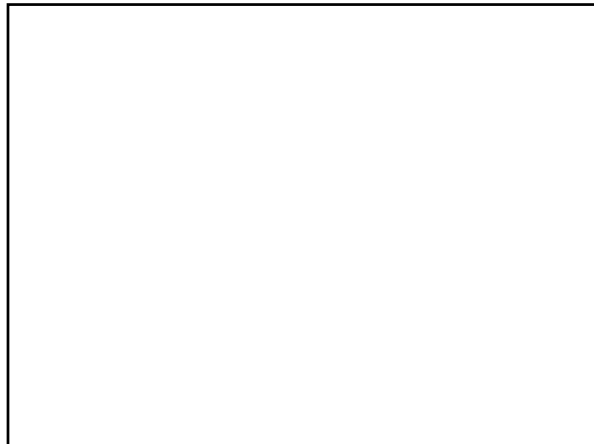
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**WE**

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**THANK YOU!**






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*MAKE A PLAN*  
*BUILD A KIT*  
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MAKE A PLAN

TALK

*Talk*  
Plan  
Learn  
Check Supplies  
Tell

Talk with your family about disasters that can happen where you live.

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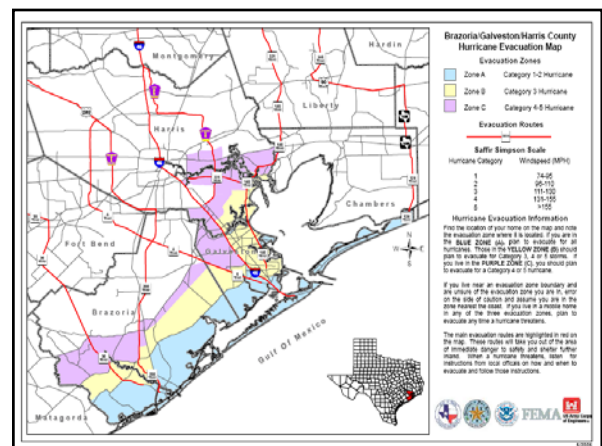
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PLAN


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Plan where to meet after a disaster. Choose 2 meeting places: right outside the home and at a place outside the neighborhood  
After determining your meeting places, also  
Determine best escape routes  
Determine an 'out-of-town' contact  
Know how to care for your pets  
If ordered to evacuate, leave early




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<b>MAKE A PLAN</b>	<b>PLAN</b>
Talk	15 Minute Rule
<i>Plan</i>	Protect your past
Learn	Protect your present
Check Supplies	Protect your future
Tell	


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**PLAN**  
**Before a Hurricane**


Make plans to secure your property.

Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection for windows or board up windows with 5/8" marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.

Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed.

Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.

Consider building a safe room.


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**PLAN**  
**During a Hurricane**


Listen to the radio or TV for information. Emergency Alert System (EAS) KTRH 740 AM

Secure your home and outdoor objects.

Turn off utilities if instructed to do so. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.

Turn off propane tanks.

Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purposes.


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**PLAN**  
**During a Hurricane**


If you are unable to evacuate, go to your safe room. If you do not have one, follow these guidelines:

Stay indoors during the hurricane and away from windows and glass doors.

Close all interior doors—secure and brace external doors.

Keep curtains and blinds closed. Do not be fooled if there is a lull; it could be the eye of the storm - winds will pick up again.

Take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway on the lowest level.



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**PLAN**  
**After a Hurricane**  
**General Tips**

Returning home can be both physically and mentally challenging. Above all, use caution.

Keep a battery-powered radio with you so you can listen for emergency updates and news reports.

Use a battery-powered flash light to inspect a damaged home.  
Note: The flashlight should be turned on outside before entering - the battery may produce a spark that could ignite leaking gas, if present.


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**PLAN**  
**After a Hurricane**

Watch out for animals, especially poisonous snakes. Use a stick to poke through debris.

Stay off the streets. If you must go out, watch for fallen objects; downed electrical wires; and weakened walls, bridges, roads, and sidewalks.





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### PLAN After a Hurricane

**Before You Enter Your Home** walk carefully around the outside and check for loose power lines, gas leaks, and structural damage.

**Do not enter if:**

- You smell gas.
- Floodwaters remain around the building.
- Your home was damaged by fire and the authorities have not declared it safe.



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### PLAN After a Hurricane

#### Going Inside Your Home

The following items are other things to check inside your home:

#### Natural gas.

Do not smoke or use oil, gas lanterns, candles, or torches for lighting inside a damaged home until you are sure there is no leaking gas or other flammable materials present.

#### Sparks, broken or frayed wires.

#### Roof, foundation, and chimney cracks.

#### Water and sewage systems.

#### Food and other supplies.

#### Open cabinets.

#### Clean up household chemical spills.

**Call your insurance agent.** Take pictures of damages. Keep good records of repair and cleaning costs.



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### PLAN During a Flood

Listen to the radio or television for information.

Secure your home. If you have time, bring in outdoor furniture.

Move essential items to an upper floor.

Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves if instructed to do so.

Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.



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### PLAN During a Flood

If you have to leave your home, remember these evacuation tips:

**Do not walk through moving water.** Six inches of moving water can make you fall.

**If you have to walk in water,** walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.

**Do not drive into flooded areas.** If floodwaters rise around your car, abandon the car and move to higher ground if you can do so safely. You and the vehicle can be quickly swept away.



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### PLAN During a Flood

#### *Driving Flood Facts*

The following are important points to remember when driving in flood conditions:

Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and possible stalling.

A foot of water will float many vehicles.

Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including sport utility vehicles (SUV's) and pick-ups.



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### MAKE A PLAN

### CHECK SUPPLIES

Talk

> Review your supplies and replace food and water every 6 months.

Plan

> Check batteries

Learn

> Check insurance coverage

#### *Check Supplies*

Tell



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MAKE A PLAN

TELL

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> Tell everyone where emergency contact information is kept.

> Tell children how and when to call 911.

> Complete information on an *Emergency Contact Card*.

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Call 9-1-1 to request help during an emergency. Please remember that unnecessary calls to 9-1-1 prevent others from getting the help they need.

After a disaster, it is often easier to call long distance. Ask an out-of-town friend or relative to be your designated family contact. If your family is separated during a disaster, each person should call your family contact to report their location and condition. Be sure each family member carries one of these cards.

**Out-of-town Family Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Day # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Night # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**

Spouse, Parent or Guardian Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Day Care Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Cell Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

It is important to establish family meeting places in case of disaster. Pick one place to meet right outside of your home and another meeting place outside your neighborhood.

**Family reunion site(s) during a disaster:** \_\_\_\_\_

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BUILD A KIT

Water

Food

Medications and Special Items

Tools and Supplies

Sanitation

Clothing and Bedding

Emergency Car Kit

Important Family Documents

First Aid Kit

Your family will cope best by preparing for disaster before it strikes.

Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit now.

Keep enough supplies to meet your needs for at least 3 days.

Basics should include: water, food, first aid supplies, change of clothes, blanket, emergency tools (flashlights, radios, batteries), and special items.

Keep items in an 'easy-to-carry' container.

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> Keep at least a 3-day supply per person.

> Store one gallon of water per person per day.

> Store water in plastic containers.

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Store at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food.

Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, and vegetables

Canned juices

Staples (salt, sugar, pepper, spices, etc.)

High energy foods

Vitamins

Food for infants

Comfort/stress foods

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Special Items

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**For Baby**

Formula, Diapers, Bottles, Powdered Milk, Medications

**For Adults**

Heart and High Blood Pressure Medication, Insulin, Prescription Drugs, Denture Needs, Contact Lenses and Supplies, Extra Eye Glasses

**Non-Prescription Drugs**

Aspirin or Non-aspirin Pain Reliever, Anti-Diarrhea Medication, Antacid (for Stomach Upset), Syrup of Ipecac (use to induce vomiting if advised by the Poison Control Center), Laxative, Activated Charcoal (use if advised by the Poison Control Center)

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Tools and Supplies

Mess kits, or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils

Emergency preparedness manual

Battery-operated radio and extra batteries

Flashlight and extra batteries

Cash or traveler's checks, change

Non-electric can opener, utility knife

Pliers, tape, compass, matches in waterproof container, aluminum foil, plastic storage containers, signal flare, paper, pencil, needles, thread, medicine dropper, shut-off wrench (to turn off household gas and water), whistle, plastic sheeting, map of area



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Sanitation

Toilet paper, towelettes

Soap, liquid detergent

Feminine supplies


Personal hygiene items

Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation uses)

Plastic bucket with tight lid

Disinfectant

Household chlorine bleach



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Clothing and Bedding

Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person, preferably long pants and long sleeves for additional protection after a disaster.

Sturdy shoes or work boots

Rain gear

Blankets or sleeping bags

Hat and gloves

Thermal underwear

Sunglasses



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Flashlight

Spare Batteries

Duct Tape

Oil

Jumper Cables

Paper Towels



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Insurance Papers

Contact Numbers

Title Information

Copies of Identification Papers

Sentimental Documents



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