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Dear Friends,

I write to express our shared thoughts, concerns and prayers for all those affected by the destructive path of hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Along with you, I watched news coverage of the devastation first in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, then in Cuba, Florida and the Carolinas. I thought of our many alumni and friends living in Florida and in other areas touched by the hurricane's path, as well as for our students and their families living in the hurricane's track. On a personal level, I was also quite concerned about my own family who live in the Orlando area.

Already, Campus Ministries has donated last Sunday's Mass collections to Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services. In the coming weeks, members of the University community will organize additional collection efforts and support for other recovery efforts. Kindly consider donating if you can to the American Red Cross, CRS or other relief efforts. Please also keep in your prayers the victims as well as first responders and volunteers who are putting their own lives in jeopardy to save those in danger.

Lastly, please join me in offering this prayer for the victims of hurricanes Fiona and Ian inspired by Psalm 9:9-10:

Holy God, Your word says that You are a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Lord, I call upon You to be our stronghold in time of grief. We feel oppressed by the pain and the sorrow, but in You, we know we can find peace, for Your word assures us so. Dear Father, please have Your divine way within our minds so that we can find comfort in this difficult time, Amen.

Yours faithfully,

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President