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Earthquakes in Mexico and Hurricane Maria

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS RESPONDING IN YOUR NAME

EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO



On September 19, a 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck south of Mexico City, killing at least 324 people. The quake struck less than 2 weeks after an 8.1 earthquake hit Oaxaca, Mexico, killing

dozens of people and damaging thousands of homes.

Catholic Relief Services is providing relief to affected populations of both earthquakes with immediate needs, including shelter, water and food as well as long-term recovery support.

TO GIVE ONLINE, VISIT crs.org/mexicoquake

HURRICANE MARIA IN PUERTO RICO/CARIBBEAN



Catholic Charities USA

Hurricane Maria caused widespread devastation throughout the Caribbean and has left millions of people in Puerto Rico without power and water.

Catholic Charities USA continues to work with Catholic Charities, St. Thomas (Virgin Islands) and Caritas de Puerto Rico (San Juan) with immediate relief and long-term recovery, while CRS and its partners provide relief to those affected in Cuba, Dominican Republic and the Antilles.

TO GIVE ONLINE, VISIT app.mobilecause.com/vf/CCUSADISASTER

FOR DIOCESES AND PARISHES



The USCCB has set up funds for both disasters to receive any contributions that dioceses and parishes wish to make. Contributions will be used to support the reconstruction and pastoral needs of the Church as well as humanitarian and recovery assistance through Catholic Charities USA (Hurricane Maria) and Catholic Relief Services (Mexico earthquakes). For more information about how your parish can contribute to these funds, please call 202-541-3346 or visit usccb.org/nationalcollections.

“In spite of already being asked to help the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, I ask that you encourage your people to respond to these two additional calamities with generosity.”

-Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi,
Chairman, USCCB National
Collections Committee

PLEASE NOTE: CRS IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT IN-KIND DONATIONS FOR OUR RESPONSE IN MEXICO. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE USED FOR RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION AND WILL HELP US RESPOND MOST EFFECTIVELY TO THIS TRAGEDY.