

Diocese of St. Petersburg

Pastoral Center's

Plans for Hurricane Season 2009

As the Hurricane season approaches, the Pastoral Center has taken steps to better prepare in the event such a storm would strike our diocese. Recognizing that preparation for potential disasters must be flexible pending the direction, intensity, and nature of the storm, below is an outline of the Pastoral Center Plan for this season.

When it is determined that a hurricane strike in the Diocesan area is probable, the following steps will be taken by the Pastoral Center:

1. Communicating to the parishes that the Pastoral Center will be closed
2. The Bishop and designated Pastoral Center Staff will have designated satellite emergency phone lines for the parishes to call and contact the Pastoral Center staff. *The following special emergency phone numbers will be activated in the event of a hurricane:*
 - a. (863) 833-4271
 - b. (863) 833-4274
 - c. (863) 833-4279
3. Depending upon the path of the storm, its intensity and nature, the Bishop and designated support staff from the Pastoral Center will be prepared to relocate to a safe location
4. Only a few designated functions of the Pastoral Center may be operating after the storm
5. These designated functions include the following: basic and necessary accounting and finance activity, Office of Insurance and Risk Management, Construction Office, Human Resources, Parish Ministry Support Office, and possibly others
6. Finance will take steps to secure cash for vital services in case the electricity is down and banks are not accessible
7. Know that diocesan celebrations such as Confirmations and other special diocesan events will be cancelled
8. Following the storm, the *pastors are asked to call into the Diocesan emergency phone lines* and provide the following information: location of the call, overall health and safety status, assessment of supplies available, condition of the parish campus (or current location), and plans for next steps

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