



CLERGY RESOURCE

**“This is the Lord’s
most powerful
message: mercy.”**

—Pope Francis

Jubilee Year of Mercy

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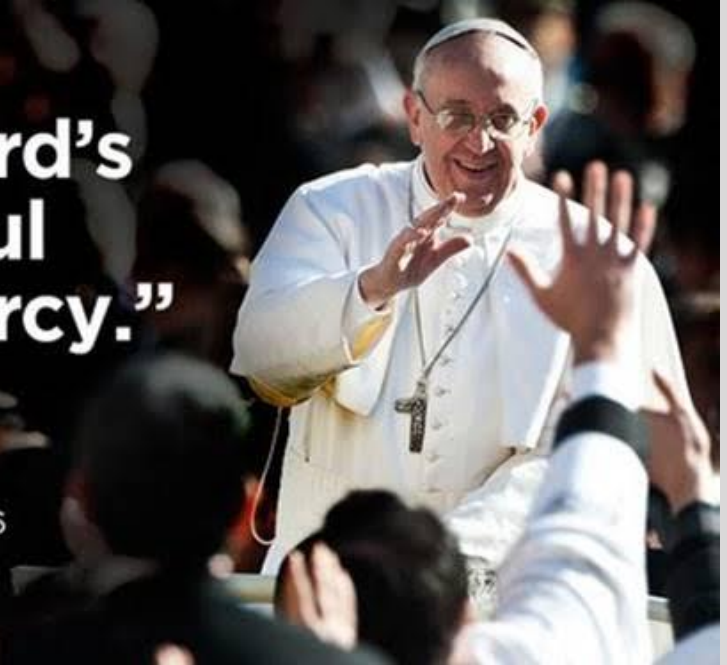


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In November, the Church begins the last month of the Liturgical Year and the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Though the *official* Doors of Mercy will close, the Church’s mission of embodying God’s mercy continues steadily on. In recent weeks, especially, the Church in the southeastern U.S. and the Caribbean has poured out mercy to people affected by Hurricane Matthew. The end of the Year of Mercy also reminds us that a new Liturgical Year is starting, and Advent is around the corner.



Ministry Resources

Check out our resources to [help parishes reflect during the Season of Advent.](#)



CRS on the Ground

Catholic Relief Services is in Haiti responding to Hurricane Matthew, which has taken as many as

- Invite families to reflect together on the readings for each Sunday of Advent by sharing these weekly reflections with parents of children in catechetical programs or by printing them in your parish bulletin.
- Host the [Gift of Hope Tree activity](#), which encourages children and families to reflect on what gifts the Holy Family might have needed and how those gifts compare to what people who live in poverty today might need. Participants will assemble Gift of Hope Tree ornaments, which feature gifts that donations to Catholic Relief Services provide to people around the world.
- Use one of our [Advent or Christmas prayers](#) to begin a parish meeting.

900 lives and tens of thousands of homes. Along with partners, we are working in some of the most affected areas in southern Haiti, distributing emergency supplies, repairing shelter and monitoring potential outbreaks of cholera and other diseases.

We are also responding in other areas of the Caribbean, where families and homes have been destroyed, but the greatest needs are in Haiti. We have made an initial commitment of \$5 million to help in Haiti and other countries devastated by Matthew.

TAKE ACTION

Invite parishioners to [pray](#), [learn](#), [act](#) and [give](#) in support of the Church's response to Hurricane Matthew in the hardest hit areas in Haiti. We have prayers, general intercessions, a bulletin insert and handouts that can be used to help parishioners pray for and support this work.



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