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From the Rector's Desk

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Aloha!

The blazing fire that hit Lahaina, Maui, left many of our brothers and sisters homeless, and are in need of any assistance, either financially or materially. There is an outpouring of love and concern to help from all sectors of our society, national and local government, concerned businesses and individuals, faith-based communities, and other agencies. Amid this tragedy, we know that through our concerted efforts, we will all rise from the rubles of this tragedy. We, who belong to the rest of the Islands of our beloved State of Hawaii, have not been impacted physically but living the spirit of Ohana, we are all affected because they are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

John Fielding and Ron Gochenour, members of our Knights of Columbus, Council 5000, and through the leadership of Kevin Saito, posted on social media how to help. In whatever capacity we can help, I am reaching out to anyone who can assist. Please abide by the guidelines they requested.

We entrust everything to the grace and mercy of our Lord and learn His message to all of us during this tragic time. May our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Peace, hover us with her mantle of love and protection.

St. Damien and St. Marriane, pray for us!

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual

Here's a list of items I would appreciate if I ran from my home as the flames approached:

- Personal hygiene items: bath soap, shampoo, combs, hairbrushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, deodorant, sanitizer wipes, small packets of facial tissue, small bottles of dish soap, personal first aid kits, etc.
- Baby care items: diapers, baby wipes, baby formula, baby blankets, small pillows, towels, baby shampoo, Desitin (ointment for diaper rash), etc.
- Footwear: slippers, socks, etc.
- Clothing: jackets, hoodie pullovers, shorts, T-shirts, new underwear in packages, ball caps, etc.
- Towels: beach towels, bath towels, etc.
- Cleaning: buckets with lids, shop rags, disinfecting wipes, etc.
- Writing supplies: composition books, pens, permanent markers, highlighter pens, etc.
- Backpack bags, carabiner clips.
- ZIPLOCK bags! All sizes. Even the small snack bags are useful to store medications.
- Reusable drinking containers (doesn't have to be Hydroflask bottles but more along the line of Nalgene bottles so water can be stored securely).

Give what you can...our neighbors are truly in need!

You can drop off goods from 8 am to 2 pm Thursday 8/10 at Pier 1 Honolulu Harbor, Maui Relief Vessel "Kahana 2". Or John Fielding's office located at 967 Kapiolani Blvd.

This is being directly coordinated with Maui Mayors office and my client PNR Water Taxi. Goods will be offloaded in Kahului Harbor Friday morning and taken to emergency shelters directed by Maui Mayor.