



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
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August 28, 2026

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland
ATTN: Most Reverend Michael Charles Barber
2121 Harrison St Ste 100
Oakland, CA 94612-3788

Dear Brother Bishop,

Peace be with you!

In 2023, when devastating wildfires swept through Maui, you and the faithful of your diocese responded to the people of Hawai'i with extraordinary generosity and compassion. Your support brought hope and much-needed assistance to families and communities facing unimaginable loss. On behalf of the Church in Hawai'i, I am deeply grateful for the kindness you extended to our 'ohana.

Today, I write to ask once again for your prayers and, if possible, your assistance.

Hurricane Lala recently brought destructive winds, torrential rain, and severe flooding to our entire State. The islands of Hawai'i and Maui sustained the most significant devastation. Families and communities have suffered damage and displacement, and for many, the work of recovery and rebuilding will continue long after the storm has passed.

In response, the Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation has established the **Hawai'i Storm Relief and Recovery Fund** to support relief and recovery efforts following hurricanes, tropical storms, and other catastrophic events impacting our island communities. Currently, the fund is supporting the needs arising from Hurricane Lala as affected communities begin the difficult work of recovery and rebuilding.

If your diocese is able to assist us once again, whether through a contribution or by inviting the faithful to support these efforts, we would be profoundly grateful. Your generosity will help provide relief and recovery assistance where it is most needed as our communities recover from the effects of Hurricane Lala.

Contributions may be made online at hawaiicatholiccommunityfoundation.org or mailed to:

Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation
Storm Relief and Recovery
1184 Bishop St.
Honolulu, HI 96813



Help Our Island Communities Recover

Hurricane Lala has caused significant damage and disruption for families and communities across Hawai'i. As recovery efforts continue, many of our neighbors are facing immediate needs and a long road toward rebuilding.

The **Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF)** has established the **Hawai'i Storm Relief and Recovery Fund** to provide assistance to communities impacted by hurricanes, tropical storms, and other severe storm events. **At this time, gifts to the fund will support relief and recovery efforts for those affected by Hurricane Lala**, helping provide assistance where it is most needed as communities recover and rebuild.

To make a donation, please scan the QR code below.

Your generosity will help bring hope, comfort, and practical assistance to those impacted by the storm.

Mahalo for standing with our island communities during this difficult time.

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