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## News Release

### **Archdiocese of Santa Fe and Catholic Charities Raise Over \$200,000 for Disaster Relief**

ALBUQUERQUE – Thursday, December 14, 2017–IMMEDIATE RELEASE— The Archdiocese of Santa Fe in partnership with Catholic Charities raised over \$200,000 this fall to assist the communities devastated by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, as well as the earthquakes in Mexico. One hundred percent of the funds collected through this partnership were forwarded to organizations directly providing disaster relief to the affected communities.

Catholic Charities performed an assessment within the Catholic Charities USA network to determine where aid could be most impactful. The two organizations thank all the donors who gave through their respective organizations to make a difference for those struggling to recover from the natural disasters.

*I extend my deep gratitude to our parishes who generously responded to the archdiocesan special collections. On behalf of the clergy, religious and faithful of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, I extend our prayers and deepest condolences to those who suffered and continue to suffer from this year's disasters.*

Archbishop John C. Wester

*We are amazed at the generosity of our donors, the parishes and the archdiocesan community. Our community saw the need and responded without hesitation to make a difference. We are honored by their confidence in knowing that we would ensure their donations would reach locations where there is the greatest need.*

Jim Gannon, Executive Director of Catholic Charities

The distribution of donations is listed on Atch 1. Both Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services are members of Caritas International, the worldwide charitable association of the Roman Catholic Church.

During this Season of Advent and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and Catholic Charities urge you to look at how you might be the difference for a neighbor in need.

In the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Catholic Charities is engaged in working to reduce and eliminate poverty in our community and address the needs of the most vulnerable among us. Its six Centers of Program Excellence assist individuals and families with Childcare, Immigration Legal Assistance, Advancement of Self-Sufficiency, Adult Education, Citizenship Preparation, Transportation Coordination for Seniors, and Newcomer Integration, as well as Parish Social Ministries Engagement. Catholic Charities' vision for our community is "Honor Human Dignity". Catholic Charities has been assisting thousands of New Mexicans since its founding in 1945.

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