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PRESS RELEASE

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Catholic Charities Offering Several Types of Assistance for Residents Affected by the Oil Spill

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is offering assistance for residents affected by the oil spill. Case managers are reaching out to the community and offering assistance to prevent utility disconnects and evictions and to keep prescriptions filled for those who qualify. They are also providing grocery store vouchers for those who have seen a loss in income because of the disaster. Anyone in need of assistance can call the Catholic Charities Oil Spill Hotline at (985) 696-1934 or (985) 696-1943.

“We recognized that BP has a good working relationship with Catholic Charities, so we wanted to get the ball rolling in Lafourche Parish,” said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. “The Houma-Thibodaux diocese will now provide a local effort to not only provide assistance to residents, but also to provide a local outlet for those looking to donate time or money to the relief efforts.”

Many residents want to volunteer for oil spill relief efforts. Though volunteers will not be helping directly with the oil cleanup, those who are interested in joining a Matthew 25 volunteer team can contact their church parish or Catholic Charities at (985) 876-0490. Efforts will be organized locally to help citizens in need as our community recovers.

Catholic Charities is also accepting donations to help provide these types of assistance. If you would like to donate to the disaster relief fund, please send donations to:

**Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux
Oil Spill Disaster Relief
P.O. Box 505
Schriever, LA 70395**

Please make checks payable to “**Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux**,” and write “**Oil Spill Relief Fund**” in the memo line. You can also donate online through PayPal at <http://www.htdiocese.org>. (Click on the box labeled “Oil Spill Disaster Relief” in the upper right-hand corner.)

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