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OCP Parish Grants

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Dear OCP Parish Grants Applicant:

All of us at Oregon Catholic Press are deeply saddened by the suffering caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the Gulf Coast of the U.S. Many have asked what we are doing as a publisher.

OCP has identified at least 300 parish customers directly affected by the storms and their aftermath. It is our intention to support these communities as they struggle to heal and rebuild from this disaster. Our support will take various forms and will include, to the extent possible, the replacement of lost and destroyed worship materials. In keeping with our mission, we feel that this is the best way for us as a company to address their losses.

Toward that end, OCP will redirect the 2006 OCP Parish Grants to the hardest hit of our customers in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas.

Your parish is one of more than 500 that submitted applications for a grant this year. We appreciate your participation in the program and take great satisfaction in knowing that so many parishes are this committed to fulfilling the needs of their communities. Though each applicant presented needs deserving of assistance, it became clear that the needs of our brothers and sisters on the Gulf Coast, recovering from two of the worst natural disasters ever to hit our country, should take precedence at this time.

Your application, and all those we received by the June 30, 2005, deadline, will be held for one year and included in our selection process for the 2007 grants. Recipients will be announced in spring 2007. Because we already have an application on file for your community, it will not be necessary for you to submit a new application for the 2007 grants.

Again, thank you for your participation in the OCP Parish Grants program and for your understanding in these unusual circumstances. If you have any questions, please call us at 800-548-8749.

Sincerely,



Dave Island
Director, OCP Parish Grants Program