

Statement of Archbishop Hughes on the Second Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

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As we observe the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, I want to express my appreciation to all those in leadership in the Archdiocese who have made it possible for us to contribute to recovery and response. We now have re-opened 117 church parishes, 89 schools and 12 community centers. [Catholic Charities](#) has served almost 1 million people in the form of food, clothing, shelter, social service, health care or counseling services.

We continue to face significant challenges ahead. We have learned that we are truly dependent on God, and interdependent on one another. We value people and their pastoral, educational, health and social needs above buildings and possessions. We are partnering with all those who want to contribute to a new New Orleans. God grant that we truly be a church and a city of faith-filled and responsible citizens.