



**MOST REVEREND JOSEPH R. KOPACZ, D.D., PH.D.**  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE *of* JACKSON

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Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III  
Bishop of Biloxi  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Biloxi  
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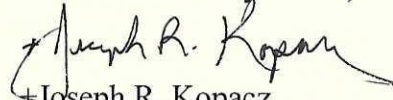
Dear Bishop Kihneman,

Please extend my heartfelt gratitude for the generous response of the faithful of the Diocese of Biloxi toward tornado relief in Rolling Fork and the surrounding Delta communities in the Diocese of Jackson. The amount raised through your diocesan network, including Catholic Charities, was just under \$40,000. This is a remarkable outpouring of solidarity between our two dioceses, the Catholic Church in Mississippi.

The work of rebuilding continues in the impacted communities, and those on the ground in the relief and rebuilding efforts will be there well into the future. Time, talent, and treasure have been pouring in from all over the nation providing practical help and inspiring hope for the residents who lost so much. The faithful of the Biloxi diocese understand all too well that natural disasters can destroy communities overnight, but the rebuilding happens over years.

May the Lord Jesus continue to inspire our diocesan families to be beacons of hope for all Mississippians, in ordinary and extraordinary times.

In the Lord's Holy Name,

  
+Joseph R. Kopacz  
Bishop of Jackson