



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All of you are in my prayers during this time of recovery in Southwest Florida.

The storm has passed and now we find comfort in knowing that we are people of hope, and that our faith will guide us in restoring our everyday way of life.

This may appear to some to be a time of darkness. But, as Catholics we are called to reflect the light of Christ. Let us be compassionate to our neighbor, our brothers and sisters in need who may be suffering at this time. Let us be united in prayer and with the Lord. Let us be beacons of hope to those around us. Let us magnify the light that is Christ.

May God bless you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
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