



*Letter to be read and/or published on the weekend of August 26-27, 2023
Second Collection Letter – Supporting the Diocese of Honolulu/Maui after Fires*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our hearts and prayers join with those who have been impacted by the relentless wildfires wreaking havoc upon the serene island of Maui. As a tightly-knit community of faith, we are called to stand together and provide unwavering support to those who have borne the pains of this devastation. It is during moments like these that the power of collective love, faith, and compassion takes center stage.

The Diocese of Honolulu has established a dedicated donation page to support the relief efforts and those who have been affected by the Maui wildfires. Every donation, no matter the amount, will help those who have been impacted by these horrific fires. You can make a tax-deductible donation online at: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic> or through our Archdiocese website at <https://dioceseoflasvegas.org/Maui> or through this special second collection.

Las Vegas is often known as Hawaii's ninth island, linking two distant places. Yet, today, as this devastating fire affects our brothers and sisters, our shared humanity implores us to unite in the spirit of "Aloha," also known as love, peace, and compassion. Let our generosity span the distance, offering solace and strength to those battling the flames.

I ask for your generosity and support of this second collection to aid the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation, and for your prayers for our sisters and brothers who have been impacted in Maui and throughout Hawaii by these fires.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.
Archbishop of Las Vegas