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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are all aware of the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui. Our prayers go out to all of the people who have been affected by this unbelievable tragedy. We also pray for all who are physically trying to help those who have survived, as well as to recover those who may have died. As Bishop Silva said in his letter to the Catholic Faithful in Hawaii: ***“In our collective prayers, we ask for strength, resilience, and healing for the fire victims and their families. May we find the grace to rebuild our families, their livelihoods, and the physical structures that were lost. Let your faith guide us as we navigate the challenges ahead, knowing that with the grace of God, all things are possible.”***

Many people have asked, *“How can we help?”* In communication with Bishop Larry Silva (Bishop of Honolulu), here are two ways in which you can assist:

Donations can be given by visiting the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic> or checks can be sent to Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation, 1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.

You can also give by going directly to Catholic Charities Hawaii

<https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief>.

Let us continue to pray for our sisters and brothers who are in need of our prayers, comfort and assurances that they are not alone.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia

Bishop of Monterey

