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**The Catholic Foundation Gives \$200,000 for Disaster Relief**

*Emergency grant will help those affected by local severe storms and tornadoes on Dec. 26*

**DALLAS** – (Jan. 7, 2016) – The Catholic Foundation, a Dallas-based, lay-led community foundation, has provided a \$200,000 grant to the Catholic Diocese of Dallas for disaster relief. The funds will help those affected by at least nine tornadoes and severe weather that occurred in North Texas on Dec. 26.

The storms resulted in 11 deaths, and damages are expected to cost more than \$1 billion. Trustees of The Catholic Foundation gathered following the disaster to approve the emergency grant.

“It is indeed the role of a community foundation to step in when devastating events hit the communities we serve,” said Matt Kramer, president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “Our prayers are with those who suffered tremendous losses, and we are confident that the Diocese will utilize these funds to provide help where it’s needed most.”

All parishes in the Diocese of Dallas took up a Second Collection at all Masses on Jan. 2-3 for disaster relief. The Catholic Foundation’s grant, as well as money collected during these Masses, will be distributed to Catholic Charities of Dallas and The Society of St. Vincent Diocesan Council of Dallas to reach those in need.

**About The Catholic Foundation**

The Catholic Foundation is a trusted giving vehicle for the Catholic community. Chartered in 1955, the Foundation was created by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen with a vision that extended far beyond the charitable needs of the moment. The Foundation has spent decades building a strong community, helping donors fulfill their charitable goals, and preserving the founders’ vision and philanthropic legacy. Over the past 30 years, the Foundation has provided more than \$100 million in grants to religious, charitable and educational organizations. Today, it manages more than \$200 million in assets and houses more than 370 charitable funds and trusts.

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