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## **DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD**

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## PRESS RELEASE

## Catholic Parishes Asked to Take Up Second Collection for Storm Victims, Relief

ROCKFORD, ILL — In order to assist those affected in our Northern Illinois Diocese by the severe storms and devastating tornadoes like those on April 9, Bishop David J. Malloy is asking all parishes in the Rockford Diocese to take up a second collection at all Masses this weekend, April 11 and 12.

Bishop Malloy has asked all parishes to send their second collection financial contributions directly to the Diocesan Administration Center Disaster Relief, 555 Colman Center Drive, Rockford, Illinois, 61108, as soon as possible, "so funds can be disbursed immediately to provide direct assistance for the material needs of all those people who experienced extreme damage and/or displacement."

Bishop Malloy said in his request that "Your generosity combined with your prayers of compassion and solidarity as we enter the 2015 storm season, are greatly appreciated."

The Diocese of Rockford serves Catholics through 105 parishes located in the 11 counties of Northern Illinois which include Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, JoDaviess, Kane, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago.

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