

DIOCESAN RECOVERY UPDATE No. 5

Much progress was made during the month of October 2022 in the ongoing recovery of the Diocese of Lake Charles, as the long-awaited Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) ramped up considerably for the first time since Hurricane Laura made landfall in 2020.

While damage inspections of several of the 500-plus structures are “tabletop” versions — basically an inspection completed via extensive photos, reports, and written descriptions — two to three sites were inspected onsite during each week in October with the process slated to continue until all inspections are complete.

In addition to FEMA inspectors assessing the level of damages to determine a potential repair cost, representatives from FEMA’s Environmental and Historic Preservation Teams are also participating. Their role is to determine compromises to the environment or to documented historical sites, as well as assessing new properties that are slated to house permanent replacement structures. In addition to diocesan representatives, including FEMA consultants, a representative of the architect assigned to the project is also present to respond to site specific and project specific questions.

As design work and repair work continue, the FEMA site visits are a welcome step toward determining the actual level of funding that will be reimbursed to the Diocese of Lake Charles.

The current monthly snapshots highlighting the ongoing recovery in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

DIOCESAN EXPENDITURES	through Sep 2022	October 2022	through Oct 2022
Emergency Work (Category B)	\$8,011,775.88		\$8,011,775.88
Emergency Work (Insurance Contractors)	\$13,829,967.75		\$13,829,967.75
Permanent Work Repairs	\$9,882,792.04		\$9,882,792.04
Temporary Facilities (See below)	\$9,063,826.99		\$9,063,826.99
Restoration Design (Architects) and PM	\$4,839,176.88		\$4,839,176.88
Insurance Consultants	\$440,459.15		\$440,459.15
FEMA Consultants	\$1,318,013.61		\$1,318,013.61
TOTAL Expenditures to date (31 July 2022)	\$47,386,012.30	\$0.00	\$47,386,012.30

TEMPORARY SITES (Expenditures to date)

Our Lady's School Temp Facility	\$2,644,540.05		\$2,644,540.05
St. Louis High School Temp Facility	\$3,571,221.24		\$3,571,221.24
St. Margaret School Temp Facility	\$2,712,584.94		\$2,712,584.94
Christ the King Church	\$95,122.90		\$95,122.90
DOLC Storage	\$40,357.86		\$40,357.86
	\$9,063,826.99	\$0.00	\$9,063,826.99

PROJECTS COMPLETED / PROJECTS IN DESIGN

A total of 72 DOLC project sites impacted by Hurricane Laura.
A total of 32 DOLC project sites are under active design or specifications development for repairs / restoration.
A total of 25 DOLC project sites have a combination of active work and/or active design for repairs / restoration.
A total of 15 DOLC project sites, restoration is complete.

TOTAL INSURANCE PROCEEDS	\$30,000,000.00
FEMA OBLIGATIONS TO DATE	\$20,045,961.94
FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS TO DATE	\$7,372,973.69

Data as of 31 Oct 2022