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Over \$61,000 for Hurricane Katrina Relief Raised at Church of the Redeemer

Sarasota, FL / 20 September, 2005 – Through the receipt of generous donations, the Church of the Redeemer in downtown Sarasota has raised \$61,800 dedicated to aiding relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Since its announcement on 2 September of a \$25,000 matching funds pledge made by an anonymous parishioner, the Church of the Redeemer has received \$36,800 in donations -- nearly \$8,000 of which was raised in one night alone, during the special solemn choral mass held on Thursday, 8 September. The Rev. Canon Michael Durning, Canon to the Ordinary, of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, delivered the sermon that night to a crowd of nearly 200 people gathered at the Church of the Redeemer to pray for the health and protection of all those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The amount of \$61,800 was divided and checks were sent in equal amounts to the Episcopal Dioceses of Mississippi and Louisiana. Donations for Hurricane Katrina relief are ongoing at the church and will continue to be accepted and checks should be made payable to the Church of the Redeemer with a notation of "Hurricane Relief" and may be mailed to or dropped off at the Church of the Redeemer at 222 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236. For more information call the Parish office at 955.4263 or visit www.redeemersarasota.org.

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