

## HURRICANE PREPARATIONS

1. In the event of a hurricane, the Governor or Mayor will issue a state of emergency for the state of Louisiana or the city of New Orleans for agencies to plan for a potential hurricane. If a mandatory evacuation is required for the city of New Orleans, all seminarians and residents are required to leave Notre Dame Seminary. The Rector and the Director of Facilities will remain behind to secure the campus.
2. At the beginning of hurricane season, have a place of evacuation in mind to the east and west of the city, depending upon the projected path of the storm. The seminary will try to secure a safe location to evacuate as a community; however, that may not be possible so know your place of evacuation.
3. Once winds are sustained at 40 mph, airlines cancel flights out of New Orleans.
4. If an evacuation is necessary, you will be asked to complete a form so we know where you will be staying. After a storm, check your email regularly; we will communicate when it is safe to return to the seminary and other pertinent information.
5. If an evacuation order has not been issued by government officials or the Rector, everyone should expect disruption in utility services: electricity, water, and sewage.
  - Every seminarian should have flashlights and extra batteries, and perhaps a battery-operated radio. You may want to consider an external/portable charger for your cell phone. Cell towers may lose power and signals after a while following the storm.
  - You should be attentive to any food items in your refrigerator that may spoil due to a power outage. We have generators for our kitchen refrigerators and freezers and natural gas ovens to provide food.
  - Every seminarian should have two cases of bottled water stored in his room during hurricane season. Water lines may become contaminated after a storm. You should also have a stock of non-perishable food.
6. Those with cars: you should prepare in advance to fill-up your gas tanks and have bottled water in your car during an evacuation.
7. Because of the potential for flooding, please remove from your car any items that could be damaged from flooding. The seminary is NOT responsible for any damage to your car or personal belongings on seminary property due to wind or water.
8. Everyone should pack a bag when a storm enters the Gulf in preparation for a quick departure.
9. *Most importantly, let us pray that the Lord spare everyone from the potential of harm, danger, and damage. May Our Lady of Prompt Succor – Hasten to Help Us!*