

Date: September 9, 2005

Re: Hurricane Katrina and relocation of persons to Camp Edwards.

Catholic Social Services has been asked to assist in case management and substance abuse counseling for the victims who have been relocated at Camp Edwards.

Catholic Social Services in the process of putting together teams of people to assist in determining the needs of the individuals.

If you would please notify your parishioners that we are in need of volunteers who are licensed substance abuse counselors or counselors who have substance abuse experience.

These individuals should call Maria Perreira at 508 997 7337 to volunteer. Maria will provide them with all the necessary forms to be completed as well as arrange for a brief orientation.

Other persons who may be interested in volunteering should call Carol Hernandez at 508 674 4681. We are waiting to coordinate with the other agencies who are providing services prior to determining exactly what type of service the volunteers will be asked to provide.

Presently there is no need for clothing or other basic needs. However, this situation will be assessed on an ongoing basis and parishes will be kept apprised if various needs as they arise.