

Sunday, July 31, 2016A

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RICHARD GARCIA

THE SOBERANES FIRE

As of 7/27/16, twenty-two structures have been lost, many families evacuated, as the Soberanes Fire continues to grow in excess of 23,568 acres with only 10% containment. Parishioners, individuals, businesses, corporations and foundations willing to make donations can do so to the following non-profit agencies:

COAST PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (Contact John Handy, Co-Chair) at handyjc@mindspring.com. An account has been set up to receive and distribute charitable donations for those who have lost their homes. Coast Property Owners Association, P.O. Box 59, Big Sur, CA 93920 - donate online at www.cpoabigsur.org. CPOA is a 501c3 organization.

The MID COAST FIRE BRIGADE - a 501c3 organization (Contact Chief Cheryl Goetz) To make a donation go to www.midcoastfirebrigade.org - press donate to complete instructions via Pay Pal or mail a check to Mid Coast Fire Brigade, Palo Colorado Road, Carmel, CA 93923.

THE BIG SUR VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE - a 501c3 organization (Contact Chief Martha Karstens) To make a donation go to www.bigsurfire.org or mail check to Big Cur Fire Brigade, P.O. Box 520, Big Sur, CA 93920.

THE SPCA FOR MONTEREY COUNTY - (Contact Rosanna Leighton, Assistant Director at rleighton@spcamc.org 831-264-5455) Go to www.spcamc.org to make a donation or mail to SPCA for Monterey County. P.O. Box 3058, Monterey, CA 93942. Designate Soberanes Fire Relief in the memo.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, CARMEL CHAPTER - donations can be made at www.redcross.org - follow instructions for Soberanes Fire Relief. Checks can be sent to American Red Cross, Dolores Street, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921.

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MONTEREY COUNTY - Donate online at www.cfmco.org and follow instructions to donate or mail a check to The Community Foundation, 2354 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940 and designate Soberanes Fire Fund in memo line.