



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**  
WITNESS TO JESUS

October 18, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace be with you!

We were all stunned when we found out the extent of the tragic wildfires in Maui on August 8. Even more stunned, however, were those who lost loved ones in the fires and who grieve the untimely passing of their relatives and friends.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, better known as All Souls Day, is celebrated every year as a reminder of our service to our beloved dead. We offer prayers for them to speed their passage through whatever purgation they may yet need to be able to fully enjoy the eternal vision of God. In a special way, we want to remember our brothers and sisters who perished in the Maui wildfires.

I will be celebrating the All Souls Day Mass with the community most effected at Sacred Hearts Church, Kapalua, Maui, on November 2, at 6:00 p.m. There, of course, I will remember those who died in the wildfires. We invite all parishes and communities celebrating Masses on November 2 to pray in a special way for these victims of the wildfires. Enclosed is a poster for each parish, which includes the names of all who have died in the wildfires. I am grateful to Father Alfred Guerrero and his team for producing this remembrance for all our parishes.

May the Lord bless you always!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu