



Episcopal Diocese

— OF CENTRAL FLORIDA —

2024 Honduras Thanksgiving Offering

November 25, 2024

Dear Diocesan Family,

The Diocese of Central Florida exists “for the churches, for the gospel.” This is equally true of the Diocese of Honduras, our Companion Diocese for over 50 years. That shared purpose drives the prayers we pray for Honduras, the kingdom work we do together, and the resources we contribute to our Central American partner—financial support as well as a curriculum for children and youth.

This year, Bishop Lloyd Allen is moving forward in faith with a project that shapes both our prayers and our 2024 Thanksgiving Offering: building a foundation for Iglesia San Antonio in the rural community of San Antonio de Masaguara.

The Rev. Canon Connie Sanchez, Bishop Allen’s canon to the ordinary, serves as priest-in-charge of this house church, which celebrates the Eucharist in different homes every Sunday. A deacon also travels to the community to support the work with the help of lay readers and other volunteers.

The parish of Iglesia San Antonio recently purchased land after setting money aside for more than ten years, and the start of a church building will mean a great deal to our extended diocesan family there. As in the U.S., having a dedicated space for the church will enhance their ability to share the gospel and broaden their reach in service. Once the foundation is laid, Bishop Allen plans to invite mission teams to help with church construction.

We have the joyful opportunity to assist our Honduran brothers and sisters and celebrate their service to the church, for the gospel. I encourage each church and individual in our diocese to give generously to this cause with thanksgiving for all that our heavenly Father has provided.

Checks payable to the Diocese of Central Florida with “2024 Thanksgiving Offering” in the memo may be mailed to the diocesan office at the following address:

Diocese of Central Florida
1017 E. Robinson St.
Orlando, FL 32801

You may also donate through our website with the following steps:

- Go to CFDiocese.org and click “Donations” (far right in top menu).
- Click the “Select a fund” dropdown menu.
- Select “Thanksgiving Offering.”
- Fill in the amount and your email address.
- Then click the “Continue” button and follow the prompts.

Honduras Emergency Relief

Even as they continue their gospel ministry, Bishop Allen and his diocese are dealing with the impact of Tropical Storm Sara, which hit the northern coast of Honduras on November 14. It damaged the roof of an Episcopal school and flooded many homes. The storm also caused great devastation to Honduran infrastructure, having enormous impact on people with homes on riverbanks and coastal zones. A diocesan deacon, “Deacon Jorge,” was initially hospitalized due to the trauma he experienced surrounding the storm. Bishop Allen asks us to pray for him and all other storm victims.

Just as our diocese did in the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, the Diocese of Honduras is working to gather food, clothing, and other supplies to distribute to those in greatest need, with St. John’s Church in Puerto Cortes serving as a collection point. To that end, we also have the opportunity to provide emergency relief for the people of Honduras.

I encourage you to pray for Bishop Allen and Honduras. May God guide your prayers and giving over and above our Thanksgiving Offering.

Checks payable to the Diocese of Central Florida with the memo “Honduras Emergency Relief” can be mailed to the address above. If you prefer to donate online, select “Diocese of Honduras” from the “Select a fund” dropdown menu when you follow the steps above.

This Thanksgiving, I’m especially grateful for our shared ministry and your consistent generosity.

In Christ,
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida

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