HURRICANE IVAN Diocese of PensacolaTallahassee

On September 16, 2004, Hurricane Ivan came ashore as a strong Category 3 hurricane, wreaking havoc on the western half of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Winds in excess of 130 m.p.h., more than 15 inches of rain, a storm surge that in places exceeded 20 ft., and numerous tornadoes ripped into churches, schools, rectories and convents. In some parishes, estimates are that more than 40% of parishioners lost their homes.

The photos shown here appear in chronological order of the date on which they were taken.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, downtown Pensacola, 9/19/04



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Our Lady of Angels Chapel at St. Joseph, downtown Pensacola, 9/19/04



Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Gulf Beach Highway, across from Grande Lagoon subdivision. 9/19/04



Gulf Beach Highway area, Holy Spirit Catholic Church parish neighborhood, 9/19/04



Gulf Beach Highway area, near Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 9/19/04



St. Michael's/Mercy Convent fire, 9/19/04.



St. Michael's/Mercy Convent fire, 9/19/04. Restoration of power to the convent's old wiring is thought to have been the cause of the fire.

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Bishop Ricard at Mercy Convent fire, 9/19/04



Pensacola Fireman Brock Jester recovers crucifix and Tiffany sconces from Mercy Convent after fire.



Catholic Charities staffers work to stock St. Anthony Recovery Center, 9/20/04



Third grader Christian Mendez helps to clean up St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Warrington. 9/21/04



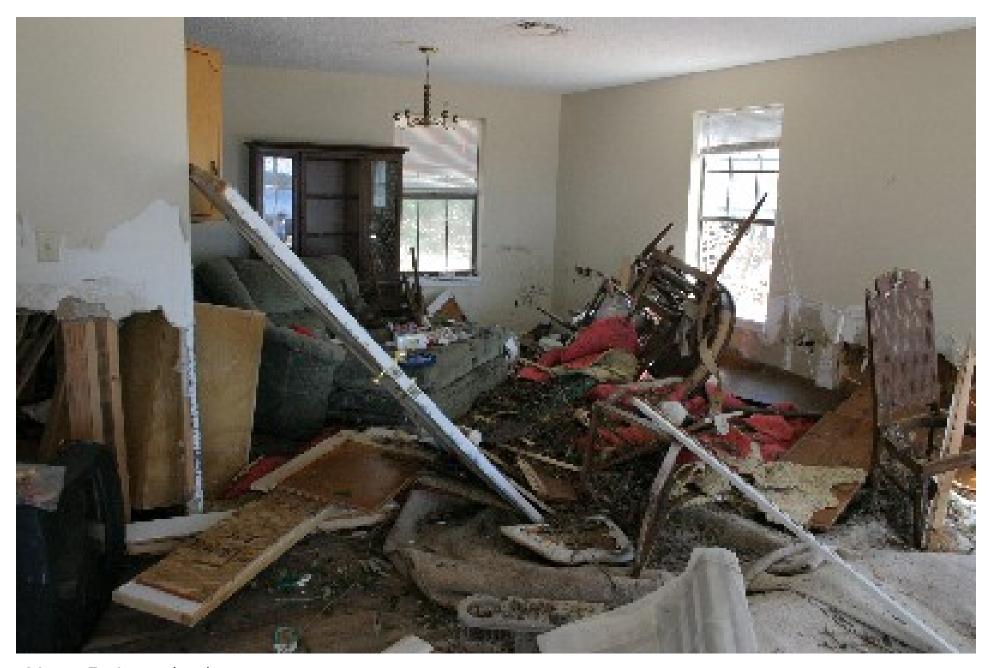
Pre-K4 classroom at St. John the Evangelist, 9/21/04



Parishioner at St. John the Evangelist, Warrington, helping clean up grounds around school with baby on hip. 9/21/04



Navy Point home, Warrington, St. John the Evangelist parish. 9/21/04



Navy Point, 9/21/04.



Navy Point resident displays a bible that washed into her home from an unknown owner during Hurricane Ivan, 9/21/04.

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Catholic Charities' Mark Dufva and Dr. Richard Turcotte arrange to shuttle water and ice to Perdido Key comfort station, 9/21/04.



Mark Dufva and Richard Turcotte, Catholic Charities, and Fr. Mark Franklin of Bossier City, La., unload water at Perdido Key comfort station, 9/21/04.



Perdido Key home debris, 9/21/04



Debris field from Ivan storm surge, Perdido Key, 9/21/04.



Gulf Beach Highway, Holy Spirit parish, 9/21/04



Our Lady of the Assumption, Pensacola Beach, 9/22/04



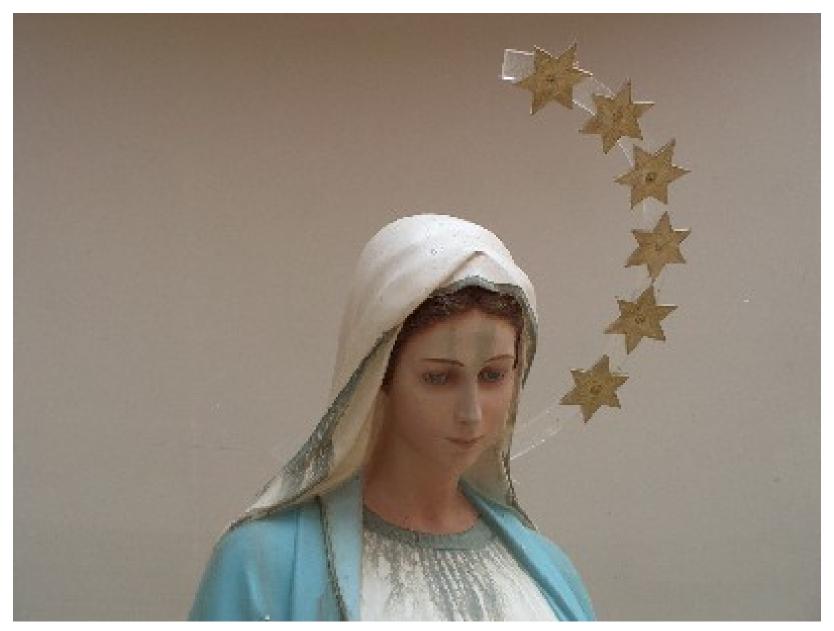
"Roofless" Our Lady of the Assumption, Pensacola Beach, 9/22/04



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Statue of the Blessed Mother showing storm damage from Ivan. Our Lady of the Assumption, Pensacola Beach, 9/22/04



Our Lady of the Assumption, Pensacola Beach, exterior, 9/22/04



Sister Patricia Ann Pepitone with St. John the Evangelist parishioner Dave Roberts whose home was destroyed by Hurricane Ivan, 9/25/04.



Home of St. John the Evangelist parishioner, destroyed by Hurricane Ivan, 9/25/04



St. John the Evangelist parishioner Dave Roberts holds family photos recovered three blocks from his home that was destroyed by Ivan, 9/25/04.



Home destroyed by Ivan, St. John the Evangelist parish neighborhood. 9/25/04



Remains/debris from home in Grande Lagoon subdivision, Holy Spirit parish neighborhood. 9/29/04



Grande Lagoon resident shows the nativity set he recovered from the rubble of his home in the Holy Spirit parish neighborhood. 9/29/04



Grande Lagoon home in the Holy Spirit parish destroyed by Hurricane Ivan. 9/29/04