



Katrina: A watershed moment in N.O. Catholic history



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Death and resurrection

For those who experienced Hurricane Katrina on Aug. 29, 2005, life was changed forever. But even in the darkest moments, God's presence was manifest through those who came to our rescue. The top four photos speak of destruction and the power of nature: a shard of glass embedded in the corpus at Immaculate Conception Church, Marrero; the collapsed roof at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Slidell; the crucifix from St. Mark Church in Chalmette,

resting in sun-baked mud; the statue of St. Dominic standing defiantly amidst the waves. The bottom three photos speak of hope and gratitude: Msgr. Doug Doussan, holding a gold wedding ring placed in a collection envelope by a woman from Watts, California, who came to church with no money, when the pastor announced a post-Katrina collection; and the before and after of St. Ann Church in Empire. "Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us."

