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EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Fathers,

Fr Martin Cordero has been keeping me informed about the fire that broke out in the mountains in Ruidoso yesterday evening, not far from St. Eleanor's Parish. Some 150 homes were lost in the fire and about 3,000 acres were burned. People have been displaced from their homes and provided shelter at the local Convention Center and other places that could receive them. Fr Cordero helped coordinate efforts with the parish Knights of Columbus, local firefighters and rescue workers to assist victims of the fire who lost all their belongings to the fire overnight.

I encourage people of good will wanting to make their contribution to this worthy cause to use today's Second Collection in support of the **Ruidoso Fire Victims Emergency Fund** that the diocese is establishing for this purpose. Our solidarity with the victims in this moment can make a difference.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,

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