



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are once again witnessing the destructive power of wildfires in our diocese. The Line Fire, Airport Fire and Bridge Fire are impacting thousands of our brothers and sisters in several communities throughout the diocese. I invite all to join me in prayer for the safety of those in the path of the fire and also for the brave men and women who are working to extinguish the flames. We ask God in His Mercy to spare homes, properties and lives during this time of peril. In a special way we pray for St. John Bosco Mission in Highland and St. Anne in the Mountains parish in Running Springs, two communities of faith that have temporarily closed operations due to the fire. I also call on those who are able to assist in relief efforts that are underway in any way that you can.

Natural disasters like this are truly frightening and they may bring us to reflect on what is the will of God in such a scenario. In this moment of fear and uncertainty let us draw ourselves closer to God, who loves and protects us. We can also continue to embrace the importance of disaster preparedness so that we can better protect ourselves and our families and be of help to victims most in need.

May God continue to bless and protect our local Church.

Bishop Alberto Rojas