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To the Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As many of you are aware, these past few days have been very challenging for the church in particular because of decisions made regarding the leadership of Second Harvest Food Bank.

Please find here a link to a video that offers further explanation of this situation:

[https://youtu.be/Rmu13c2Qj\\_M?si=AnuDHbzNsLFnB6wP](https://youtu.be/Rmu13c2Qj_M?si=AnuDHbzNsLFnB6wP)

In short, donor dollars will continue to fund the mission of Second Harvest and at no time was there a demand for \$16 million to fund the archdiocese's bankruptcy settlement. The mission of Second Harvest, to help those facing food insecurity in South Louisiana, will continue uninterrupted with no effects on the programs and services Second Harvest provides to the communities it serves.

I hope this video provides some insight into the decisions by sharing further information and clarification regarding the ongoing issues and misunderstandings surrounding the leadership transition at Second Harvest Food Bank.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
Archbishop of New Orleans