

## COMMUNIQUE

### **The Prelate Sent a Solidarity Letter To the State Governor of Louisiana**

**On Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005, His Eminence Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, the Prelate of Western USA, sent a solidarity letter to the Louisiana state Governor Ms. Kathlyn Babineaux Blanco, on the unprecedented disastrous event caused by the hurricane “Katrina” which devastated the whole region.**

**It is well known that hurricane “Katrina” struck heavily the state of Louisiana and the surrounding regions causing heavy damages of human and material losses, upon which the whole state was declared “disaster area” by Federal Government.**

**In his letter the Prelate expressed his condolence for the human losses, at the same time, His Eminence mentioned that he had urged and appealed to the faithful of the churches and parishes to pray for the rest of the souls of the victims, and participate by contributing abundantly to the American Red Cross and the Armenian Relief Society, in order to assist the national efforts and help the devastated and most unfortunate families.**

**On Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> of September, 2005 the Prelate’s appeal and directives will be circulated to all pastors, churches and communities of the Western Prelacy inviting, calling and urging them all to contribute generously and assist the relief efforts to reach out to the millions of the affected by this disaster.**

**Secretariat of the Western Prelacy**