

As members of the JustFaith community of Des Moines, we'd like to reach out to each parish of the Des Moines Diocese of South West Iowa and invite our fellow Catholic brother and sisters to participate in rebuilding opportunities in Iowa and New Orleans.

**TIME \* TREASURE \* TALENT**

The Gulf Coast--- and New Orleans, specifically--- is far from recovered after being ravaged in 2005 by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Catholic Charities of New Orleans continues to organize volunteers from across the country to help people come home to New Orleans. The Catholic archdiocese of New Orleans has committed \$89 million for long term recovery.

**Report as of June 2009 Catholic Charities Operation Helping Hands:**

<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>20,864</b>
<b>Volunteer hours</b>	<b>598,963</b>
<b>Gutted homes</b>	<b>1, 983</b>
<b>Under construction</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Homes completed</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Landscaped homes</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>Painted homes</b>	<b>234</b>

Des Moines Area JustFaith just returned from a weekend rebuilding trip in Cedar Rapids where also the recovery is slow and huge. We will continue with trips throughout the winter in Iowa.

**Opportunity!**

This September 5-12 Des Moines Area JustFaith will be headed to New Orleans. Our group is looking for people to help with drywall, painting, installing insulation, carpentry, electricity, plumbing, flooring and landscaping. If you are interested in joining on our 7<sup>th</sup> trip to support the rebuilding efforts please contact Celeste Egger @ 274-6483 or [eggerj@mchsi.com](mailto:eggerj@mchsi.com).