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New Orleans clergy in DC to speak about ongoing failure to protect families

National Press Club

Monday, September 12 at 9:30am

Clergy and civic leaders from New Orleans, Baton Rouge and other Louisiana Parishes will lead a delegation of churches from the PICO National Network to demand a comprehensive federal response to protect displaced families, support communities bearing the burden of sheltering victims, prevent similar catastrophes and rebuild New Orleans for all its citizens.

"Like the 911 families, our churches will return to DC as many times as necessary to make sure Congress and the President do right by those who perished and those who lost everything in the aftermath of Katrina," said Father Michael Jacques, pastor of Pastor of St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church in New Orleans.

Louisiana pastors will participate in a previously scheduled press event on the impact of proposed Medicaid cuts on children and then provide a first-hand update on the federal response and share details of a comprehensive plan for rebuilding families and communities. Later in the day PICO will meet with members of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

PICO is a national network of faith-based community organizations working since 1972 to revitalize neighborhoods and strengthen families in 150 cities and 18 states.

Participating clergy and leaders from PICO include: Father Michael Jacques, Pastor of St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church, one of the largest African-American Catholic churches in the country, Rev. Don Robinson, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in the 9th Ward of New Orleans, Father Joe Champion, St. David's Catholic Church, New Orleans 9th Ward, Deacon Allen Stevens, administrator of St. Phillip the Apostle Catholic Church, Paula Arceneaux, Chair of New Orleans All Congregations Together, Rev. Jennifer Jones-Bridgett is Director of PICO's Louisiana Interfaiths Together and Working Interfaith Network in Baton Rouge.