



DIocese OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

January 13, 2010

Dear Monsignors and Fathers,

In communion with dioceses throughout the United States, I ask that each parish in our diocese take up a special collection this weekend, January 16 and 17, for the Catholic Relief Services – Haiti Earthquake Relief Effort.

Due to the urgent and extraordinary needs of the people in Haiti, I ask that proceeds from this collection be sent as soon as possible to:

Diocese of Grand Rapids
Attn: Catholic Relief Services/Haiti Earthquake Relief Effort
360 Division Ave. S
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Please make checks payable to Diocese of Grand Rapids/Haiti Relief Effort.

CRS has made an initial commitment of \$5 million for immediate use in the relief effort. They are mobilizing food and gearing up their emergency capacity, deploying prepositioned emergency shelter and hygiene kits in Haiti, as well as bringing supplies in from the neighboring Dominican Republic.

It is incomprehensible to grasp the scope of this tragedy. Thank you for your support and your prayers for those suffering in Haiti and for their families and friends living in our communities.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley
Bishop of Grand Rapids