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Catholic Relief Services Distributes Supplies to Haitians in Desperate Need

Catholic Relief Services is turning a Port-au-Prince golf course into one of the first formal camps for the multitudes of displaced people in the Haitian capital.

With security provided by unarmed soldiers from the U.S. Army, CRS began registering people and handing out buckets with food, water and hygiene supplies to a patient crowd that climbed to a high point on the golf course to receive the aid. Some 20,000 people have been spending their days at the Petionville Club golf course, a number that swelled to 50,000 at night. United Nations personnel decided that this informal situation should be made into a formal camp and asked CRS, which is headquartered nearby and had already carried out some small distributions at the site, to take the lead. Registration and more substantial distributions of aid began Tuesday, a week after the earthquake devastated this region of Haiti.

"We are grateful to the 82nd Airborne for providing security," said Annemarie Reilly,



CRS Vice President for Overseas Operations. "This camp at Petionville will provide thousands of Haitians with the relief they so desperately need."

The camp opening came just after CRS and our partner, the University of Maryland School of Medicine Institute of Human Virology (IHV), got one of the oldest hospitals in Haiti back in operation. On Friday, CRS personnel first made it to St. Francois de Sales hospital where CRS and IHV have been working together for years as part of the AIDSRelief consortium. They found the hospital 60 to 70 percent destroyed, the doctors there resorting to using a hammer, a handsaw and their hands to dig through the rubble in search of medical supplies. They were on the verge of shutting down.

But CRS managed to get some emergency rations for the

medical staff and fuel and other food for patients. Most importantly, they brought in medical supplies, some provided by the Catholic Medical Mission Board (also an AIDSRelief partner), others by Catholics in the Dominican Republic. CRS recruited volunteers and procured an ambulance. The medical teams—one Haitian, one Italian and one Belgian—moved into one building, which CRS had helped to build, that had not collapsed. The first operation was on Sunday. Eight more followed on Monday. Two operating rooms are open. A third will be added when a tent arrives. The most common operation—limb amputations.

St. Francois will soon be getting referrals from the primary medical centers CRS and IHV are setting up at sites identified by the Haitian Catholic church. Together the two agencies are providing medical and other supplies as well as tents, food and water. Each will be staffed by a doctor and a nurse who come from the various medical teams that have come to Haiti

[CLICK HERE](#) to check out what else Catholic Relief Services is doing to help victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

[CLICK HERE](#) to Donate to Catholic Relief Services

Also, the Red Cross has been doing wonderful things to assist the people of Haiti: <http://www.redcross.org/>

Haiti: 'Lord Hear Our Prayers'

Father Jean Jadotte, associate pastor of Miami's Notre Dame D'Haiti parish, sends these prayer intentions for Haiti.



We are praying for hope despite this situation, that even as we face darkness, people may see a pinpoint of light.

- Praying for families.
- Pray for a greater conscience among everyone not just in Haiti but all over that we must do something [to help].
- Pray for a spirit of thanksgiving for international agencies for their good heart and good faith.
- Pray for relief workers to have a spirit of patience and perseverance.
- For those who at this time are in search of meaning in their lives and peace.

(from www.crs.org)

Vocation Links:

HOW DO I KNOW?

vocation-network.org

[Capuchin Volunteers](#)

[Jesuits](#)

From archmil.org...Donating to Haiti:

You can donate online. When using the online form, please choose **Haitian Relief** at the top of the form and type **Haitian Relief** in the "comments" section of the form.

[Click here to donate to Haitian Relief](#)

World Mission Ministries thanks you for your generosity and concern and asks for your continued prayers for the people of Haiti. Watch videos of Archbishop Dolan talking about what Catholics can do to help Haiti. Click [here](#).



CRS and Haiti continued...

from around the world. This work goes on as additional CRS personnel arrive in Haiti—supplementing the permanent staff of 300—and supplies continue to come in by air, sea and land. Five CRS trucks from the neighboring Dominican Republic brought in enough food January 17 to feed 2,500 people for several days, as well as hygiene kits and plastic sheeting for shelter. CRS has been distributing these materials, along with food and other supplies at several informal camps and other places where people have gathered after the earthquake. CRS staff are also working to get the 120 containers of USAID Food for Peace supplies—grains and vegetable oil—from the port so they can be distributed. CRS unloaded the 2,100 metric tons of food—1,500 designated for CRS—that was on its way to Haiti when the earthquake hit. The ship used the one berth still operable in the heavily-damaged port. But damage to Port-au-Prince’s roads makes further movement difficult. CRS is working with the U.S. military on transport problems. The food will eventually be used in the large camps for survivors, such as the one CRS is setting up at the Petionville Club golf course. All of this work is part of a \$25 million commitment from CRS for this disaster. To date, CRS has raised \$16.5 million in cash and commitments, including a \$1 million disaster response donation from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and \$225,000 from the New York Yankees baseball team.

Article written by Michael Hill, a CRS' communications officer for sub-Saharan Africa. He is based at the agency's headquarters in Baltimore.



[Click here to see Video](#)

Archbishop Jerome ListECKI speaks to attendees at the Annual Statenside Men's Retreat held at St. Francis De Sales Seminary

Seminary Sunday: Taking it to the pews: Seminary Sunday takes our story to parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee through weekend visits by the rector and a seminarian. Parishioners hear about our exciting momentum and are asked to support priestly vocations and seminarian education. This outreach program is sponsored by the Catholic Knights.

Date	Church	Location	Time
Jan 30/31	Blessed Teresa of Calcutta	North Lake	Sat. 4:30 Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am

What is “parish twinning?” A brief Explanation:

In response to the Church’s call to Global Solidarity, over fifty parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee have a partnership with a parish, village or organization in another part of the world. Rather than a relationship that requires solely financial help, Catholics in Southeastern Wisconsin are encouraged to engage in international relationships earmarked by mutuality and rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ November 1997 document *Called to Global Solidarity*.

[Download a list of parishes with Twinning/Sister/Partnership relationships](#) in another part of the world.

If you would like to know more about twinning from a parish perspective, [click here for stories from twinning parishes, or to share your story.](#)

For more information or assistance with entering into a partnering relationship with people in another part of the world contact Rosemary Huddleston, OP at 414-758-2283 or huddleston@archmil.org.

Parishes that prefer to create a relationship with a parish in this country will receive assistance through the Extension Society at www.paritypartnership.org

Cathedral Tour & Prayers for Middle and High School age boys

February 13, 2010
March 13, 2010

Middle School boys (RSVP by February 5th)
High School boys (RSVP by March 5th)

Photos courtesy of Cathedral webpage, thinkpriest.org, and www.michalordgallery.com



10 am—Meet at Cathedral

11 am—tour of the Cathedral w/ Fr. Jim Lobacz and Sacristan Roger Truckey

11—12 Holy Hour w/ Adoration and Prayers

12—1pm— lunch at a nearby restaurant

Parents are requested to pick up boys at 1 pm.

COST: \$5 for each participant.

*The tour is open to all interested middle and high school boys. Student signed permission slips are required to attend this event.

[CLICK HERE](#) to obtain permission slips (online @ thinkpriest.org)

Please RSVP Susi Kurek. Email skurek@sfs.edu or call Susi at the Vocations Office at 414-747-6437.