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STATEMENT BY BISHOP BARBARITO ON THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

The devastating earthquake in Haiti particularly affects us with so many Haitian brothers and sisters in our Diocese. Many of them have family and friends in Haiti and are facing the difficulty of communicating with them as well as coping with personal loss. I have asked our parishes to include special prayers and petitions to be offered daily for the victims and all those affected by this tragedy.

In addition, I also authorized a **special collection to be taken up this weekend** to provide aid and assistance to the people in Haiti. The proceeds of the collection will go to Catholic Relief Services (CRS.)

For anyone preferring to donate directly to CRS: checks, clearly noting “Earthquake in Haiti”, may be sent to:

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
Post Office Box 17090
Baltimore, MD 21203-7090
Phone: 1-877-(HELP CRS) 435-7277
Online: <http://crs-blog.org/earthquake-hits-haiti/>

Non-perishable food and usable clothing is also being collected through our Haitian ministry. Father Yves Geffrard, administrator of Notre Dame Mission in Fort Pierce, is coordinating this effort. More information on drop off locations will be forthcoming as soon as it is available.

May our prayers at this time help all to cope with the magnitude of this tragedy. The expressed generosity of those who wish to assist our sisters and brothers suffering in Haiti is already a grace.

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