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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The humanitarian crisis unfolding in Haiti as a result of the catastrophic earthquake centered near Port-au-Prince has stirred the compassion of the world. Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, already had a tattered and fragile infrastructure prior to this disaster, so their need is vast and immediate.

On behalf of the Province of St. Joseph, we will be sending \$5000 to Catholic Relief Services today. We encourage every house and ministry of the Province to share in this effort by contributing something to CRS. Donations may be made:

Via phone: 1-800-736-3467 (8 AM to 11 PM Eastern. Have your credit card ready.)

Via mail: Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090
(Please note "Haiti Relief" in the memo portion of your check.)

Via internet: www.crs.org (Have your credit card ready.)

If you would kindly let us know what your house or ministry is contributing, that would be appreciated and would be a wonderful witness to our fraternal economy. We are aware that many of you involved in parish ministry are already being encouraged to contribute through your respective dioceses.

Please keep our brothers in sisters in Haiti and all who are there to help them in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

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Provincial Minister