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SUBJECT Diocese of Youngstown Collects Over \$360,000 to Help Haitian People;
Collections Continue for Haiti and Chile Earthquakes

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The Diocese of Youngstown reports that as of March 1, 2010, parishes and people of good will have contributed over \$350,000 to be used for short term relief and long term development in Haiti.

Brian R. Corbin, Diocesan Director of Catholic Relief Services, noted that \$314,619.00 has been sent to Catholic Relief Services, the official overseas relief and development agency of the United States Catholic Bishops. "This money," stated Corbin, "will be used to assist Catholic Relief Services in its on-going work with Caritas Haiti to provide short term shelter, food relief, and health care. Much more work still needs to be done to find housing solutions before the Hurricane season begins. Plans are being made for long term reconstruction projects to help rebuild communities. We want to thank all those who have donated for their incredible generosity." Corbin also noted that Catholic Relief Services and the U.S. Catholic Bishops are working to secure the cancellation of Haiti's outstanding debt and to secure new grants from lending institutions; improve trade preferences for Haiti; and expand Temporary Protected Status for Haitians presently in the U.S. beyond the 18 months offered by the U.S. Government.

According to Corbin, one of the parishes in the Diocese, St. Michael in Canfield, has maintained a long term relationship with an orphanage in Haiti through the organization, Food for the Poor. That parish has collected an additional \$52,736.74 for Haiti with \$12,000 of that amount supporting the "Little Children of Jesus Orphanage" in Santo, Haiti.

Corbin noted that the Diocese of Youngstown is also accepting monetary donations to help Catholic Relief Services work with Caritas Chile to respond to the short and long term needs of the victims of the February 27, 2010 massive earthquake in Chile.

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Haiti and Chile Collections – add one

To give to either the Haiti or Chile Earthquake Relief Fund, checks may be made payable to either Catholic Relief Services – Haiti Fund; or Catholic Relief Services – Chile Fund, and mailed to:

Catholic Relief Services

Diocese of Youngstown

144 W. Wood Street

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Donations may also be made online at www.ccdoy.org.

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