



# Haiti Earthquake

## The U.S. Catholic Church Responds

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### Haiti's Reality

An estimated 200,000 people were killed, and 196,595 are injured. Approximately 1 million people need shelter, water and sanitation; 2 million people need daily food. Karel Zelenka, CRS Haiti Country Representative speaks about his experience during the earthquake via a [video interview](#) with *The Baltimore Sun*.

### Latest CRS/Caritas Haiti Efforts

CRS, working with Caritas Haiti, the local Church's charitable agency, is playing a large role in feeding and helping the 2 million people in need. We are responsible for three of 16 designated food distribution sites set up by the U.N. World Food Program. Results to date:

- Provided food to 113,978 people (most received two week rations) and nonfood items (such as soap, towels and toothpaste) to more than 21,736 people.
- Provided medical care and treatment to a total of 3,226 people, and hygiene kits to 10,000 people.
- Supported emergency medical care by providing materials, supplies and trained volunteers.
- Constructed latrines and wash stations as part of a full water and sanitation plan.
- Provided trauma counselors and held Mass at the Pétienville Golf Club, the largest camp in the city.
- For more information, visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) or [crs-blog.org](http://crs-blog.org).
- Read about CRS' [Massive Aid Operations in Haiti](#).



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### U.S. Catholic Community Responds

- CRS has received \$36.5 million in cash and commitments.
- St. Paul Parish in Webster, NY held a *Hope for Haiti* coffeehouse, where youth set up displays.
- Servite High School in Anaheim, CA is one of many schools reporting very generous collections.
- Cabrini College in Radnor, PA held a 24-hour live radio broadcast *Streaming Hope For Haiti*, selling t-shirts and holding a silent auction, a *Hoops for Haiti* basketball benefit, and a dance.
- Hurricane Katrina survivors in New Orleans - from the Archdiocese, schools and parishes to Catholic Charities - have found creative ways to raise funds. In true Cajun style, students at Archbishop Rummel High School hosted a "Who Dat for Haiti" fundraiser, selling king cake and dressing in Saints attire.
- Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles is planning a dinner featuring Haitian food.
- Lewis University in Romeoville, IL designated *Tuesdays for Haiti* so student groups can plan fundraisers, service projects, or teaching session to help others connect with the long-term needs of Haiti.

### How You Can Help

Visit: [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for prayers, resources and information about the Haiti Earthquake. See us on [Facebook](#).

Call: **877-Help-CRS (877-435-7277)** or **Text RELIEF to 25383** to donate \$10 on your phone bill.

Mail: Catholic Relief Services, **Attn: Haiti Earthquake**, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090

Advocate: Join the [Catholics Confront Global Poverty legislative network](#) to advocate for issues including international assistance reform, relieving Haiti's debt, and help for Haitian refugees.

*Thank you for your prayers and action to help the people of Haiti. Please share this with other Catholics interested in responding to the Haiti earthquake relief effort.*