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Dear Pastors and Pastoral Administrators,

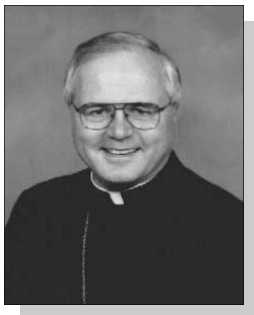
I am strongly encouraging you to ask the members of your parishes to respond generously to the urgent needs of the people of Haiti who are suffering immensely as a result of the massive earthquake. Without doubt the people of the Archdiocese have been and will continue to pray for the victims and those providing them immediate help. Along with other bishops in our country, I believe it is appropriate to have a special collection and other forms of fund raising.

It is reassuring to know that our Catholic Relief Services programs and personnel have been present in Haiti for many years and are already serving the people. But many more resources will be needed.

When you forward contributions to the Archdiocesan Finance Office, please note that they are intended for Haiti relief.

May God be with the victims, their families, and all who are responding with relief and care.

Sincerely,



Most Rev. Jerome Hanus, O.S.B.  
Archbishop of Dubuque