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Please join me in learning more about the needs of sisters and brothers in Haiti and in offering a helping hand to our neighbors who are suffering great devastation and tremendous poverty. I invite you to embrace with me a new parish-based World Mission ministry to Haiti that will be called; **Project Friendship: A Helping Hand to Haiti.**

I ask a financial sacrifice from everyone, and challenge each household to give a gift of aide to the people of Haiti through Episcopal Relief and Development. Donating has been made very easy at www.er-d.org In addition, as soon as a visitation can be arranged, I invite you to warmly welcome Ms. Carrine Simms, a missionary to Haiti, who will serve as our representative to these sisters and brothers of ours on our behalf.

God bless you as you walk in “The Way” that our blessed Lord has prepared for us and God keep all of us ever mindful of our purpose and mission as God’s daughters and sons.

Please accept my humble appeal to give a financial gift and to make a financial sacrifice for all peoples suffering and in need and to renew your resolve to be attentive to our Lord’s longing for our personal and spiritual renewal and our common growth in zeal for Christian faithfulness and holy living.

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At least three million people are estimated to have been affected by the earthquake. Innumerable homes and major structures were destroyed. The Rev. Kesner Ajax, Executive Director of the Bishop Tharp Institute, said: "There is no Cathedral. The entire Holy Trinity complex is gone. The convent for the Sisters of St. Margaret is gone. The Bishop's house is gone. College St. Pierre is gone."

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Here's how you can help today:

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2. **Give** to our **Haiti Fund** to help those most impacted.

Your partnership is critical in protecting the people in Haiti who are in a very vulnerable situation. Without your help, our work to reach those in need would not be possible.

Please donate to the **Haiti Fund** by filling out the coupon and mailing it with your check or credit card information. You may also call **800.334.7626, ext. 5129**, or visit **www.er-d.org**.

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