

## **TRAGEDY IN THE ISLAND OF HAITI**

We have all witnessed sad and dramatic images of the earthquake in the Haiti island. Port-au-Prince, the capital of the poorest country of the Americas, was devastated by a 7.0 on the Richter scale earthquake. Thousands of children, the elderly, women and young people have died, trapped in the rubble. The Archbishop of the city has died. There are still thousands of missing persons. The city needs water, food and other provisions. It is estimated that every day there is a need for food and water for two million displaced persons. This country of 6 million inhabitants has fallen into disgrace and has requested help of the international community. The solidarity of the countries has been expressed in these times of tragedy. The rescuers are working day and night, in search of miracles. Help with what you can, and we continue asking for our Haitian brothers, because their losses have been substantial. Then rebuilding the city will be a great challenge. Between dozens of stories, there are two that touch the heart: A girl who was trapped two days in the rubble shouted: *"God save me"*. The rescuers were able get her out, but died later in hospital. A baby a few months old miraculously lasted three days without water, and was rescued with life. Only suffering some wounds. We will certainly be hearing more stories that touch our hearts. Those who can, make your donation through the Catholic Relief Services Agency, the Diocese of Tucson, the parish, the International Red Cross, etc. God will not abandon their children to suffer this great tragedy.

### **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**

#### **THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

The campaign began in 2008 and is a 5-year commitment. The motto is: "Our Faith, Our Hope, Our Future". The goal was \$ 147,200.00 and the parish promised to give \$610,480.00 in five years. The parishioners give each month. The parish will receive a substantial amount for every dollar that is given in that period. Here the funds will be allocated to embellish the Church interior.

**Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)** is performed each year. This year 2010 the goal is to collect 3.7 million dollars. What for? To support the 26 Diocesan ministries. The parish goal is \$27,000.00. The motto is: "To Love and Serve One Another". Support according to your means. The weekend of February 14 will be the day of the official request during the Masses. With only \$ 10.00 per month (for 10 months) you can touch thousands of lives.

### **NOTICE ON FIRST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH**

Notice to all apostolic groups, there will be Holy Hour every month at 6:00 p.m. followed by mass at 7:00 p.m. for all ministries, followed by a gathering or a study session according to the notice put out. This is being done to promote unity and gathering of all parish groups, through devotion to the Holy Eucharist. As customary, the Holy Eucharist will be exposed all day.



### **BAPTISMS**

Baptisms will be held on Saturday, February 6th at 12:00 noon and Sunday, February 21st at 3:00 p.m. To register stop by the parish office.

## COLLECTION



The amount collected last week was \$2,965.90 and \$3,462.39 on the second collection for the devastated in Haiti. The parish goal is to collect \$5,000.00 a week to subsist, which equates to \$5.00 a week per family. Thank you for your generosity to the Church of Christ.

## United States Census 2010

Job opportunity, Census 2010, You can be part of the team. Good salary. Weekly pay. Flexible hours. Paid training. Expenses reimbursed. Help your community have a good CENSUS 2010. For an application call 1-866-861-2010 or visit the website at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov)

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2010

Theme: "Love and Serve one Another" . Our goal is to collect 3.7 million dollars to continue supporting the 26 diocesan ministries. The weekend of February 14th is commitment weekend. Inserted in the bulletin you will find all the information needed. If you have any questions call the parish office. If you have never participated in the Annual Catholic Campaign, or if you didn't participate in the Diocesan Capital Campaign, this could be an opportunity to initiate your support to the parish works. Here is an excellent way of thanking God for your lives blessings. Your generosity makes it possible to change thousands of lives. BE GENEROUS, SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN.

### SOME MINISTRIES THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY YOUR DONATION.

**1. SEMINARIANS EDUCATION:** Presently there are 17 Seminarians preparing for the priesthood. The vocations office coordinates the selection of the candidates for the priesthood.

**2. FORMATION FOR PERMANENT DEACONS:** In the diocese there are 13 permanent deacons supporting the priests in their ministry. In the formation we have 40 men preparing to receive this sacrament. This office is in charge of the pastoral support, formation and education of the permanent deacons.

**3. SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** this office supports the 21 Catholic Elementary Schools and 6 Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Tucson. Up to date we have 5,356 students registered in our elementary schools and 260 administrative employees. The Catholic education forms the Christian conscience of our future professionals, that someday will be the leaders of our communities.

**4. CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES:** There are several agencies that contribute to changing the lives of families, children, victims of home violence, the old, low income persons, and the handicapped. With your support, those in prison can be visited, communion service can be given to residents of 27 hospice homes and homes for the elderly.

## PHONE CALL TO PARISHIONERS

A group of parishioners selected by our parish pastor has been making phone calls to some parishioners regarding the promise made to the Diocesan Capital Campaign 2008-2013. We know that we are going through hard economic times. And that is why we are calling, to know if you want to be removed from the list, or wish to decrease your promise. In other cases, we need to correct your information. And we also have situations in which the promise has been forgotten, but have decided to resume it. We thank our parishioners and donors for their support.

## WEEKEND IN AN AMERICAN SEMINARY

Would you like to spend a weekend at the seminary in Mundelein in Chicago, were future priests of the Church study? Please contact Father Vili. There will be a trip on the weekend of April 16, 17 and 18, 2010. You need to be of legal age, and have some interest in the Catholic Priesthood. There is also a discernment group, which you can attend, without a commitment. This group will meet in the parish on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. We are waiting for you. You have nothing to lose; God could have something special prepared for you.

## PROFESSION OF PERPETUAL VOWS OF FATHER SEAN CARROLL

Last week we witnessed in the 1.00 p.m. mass the profession of perpetual vows of Father Sean Carroll. We congratulate him on that great spiritual step. It was a great testimony to unconditional support to God, and example for our young people. He could devote himself to thousands things, but has chosen to devote his life to the service of those forgotten in history: the poor. He sets a great example of taking the option of love. May God accompany him in his journey.

## WHY HELP IN HARD ECOMONIC TIMES

No offering or donation is too small. The important thing is to participate. Do your part in measure to what God has blessed you with. If you make a monthly pledge, even if it is a small amount you will help touch a lot of lives. Can you do it?

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE KINO BORDER INITIATIVE

We thank all parish groups who participated in the first anniversary Mass of the Kino Border Initiative, and the profession of solemn vows of Father Sean Carroll. It was a big celebration in which the community showed the best wealth: joy, its hospitality, its organization, its commitment. Everyone put their bit to have an excellent liturgy. It would be endless to mention them all, one by one. The parish made and left a good impression on our visitors. Someone said: "Thank you father, you have touched our hearts, and gave us a very profound experience of God". Congratulations to all! And let us continue in the construction of the civilization of love.