

Media Advisory

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Catholic Church agency mounts response to Haiti disaster

(SEATTLE) Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church is mounting a major emergency response to The 7.0 magnitude earthquake that ravaged Haiti. CRS has committed an initial \$5 million to fund immediate relief efforts. CRS is mobilizing food and deploying emergency shelter and hygiene kits in Haiti, as well as bringing supplies in from the neighboring Dominican Republic.

Individuals in Western Washington wishing to respond may call 1-877-HELP-CRS, donate online at www.crs.org or send a check to CRS/Archdiocese of Seattle, 710 Ninth Ave, Seattle WA 98104 (on the memo line, please write: Haiti Earthquake).

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