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Prayer for those Suffering

Sovereign of the Universe, we join our prayers to the prayers of others throughout the world, for the victims of the earthquake that brought destruction and disaster to Haiti and took so many lives.

"Almighty God, we beseech you, send comfort to the bereaved and healing to the injured. Be with those who are engaged in the work of rescue. Grant strength to those who see to the needs of the injured and sick, give shelter to the homeless and provide sustenance to those in need.

"Almighty God, we recognize how insignificant we are, and how helpless in the face of nature when its full power is unleashed. Open our hearts in prayer and our hands in generosity, so that by our actions we may bring comfort, healing and support. Help us now and all humanity as we seek to do what we can by helping people reconstruct their broken lives."

British Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks authored the prayer

Reflection



Let us

stop by the side of the road
bring another to an inn of hope
see Christ in suffering
pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti

Responding at Christmas with Christ

The Emergency Services Programs in La Crosse, Eau Claire, Prairie Du Chien, Stevens Point, and Wausau were very busy in December. The offices were filled with donated presents, food baskets, warm weather wear, and other items such as personal hygiene and food, all for the many families we were helping at Christmas time. This past 2009 Christmas we were able to help a total of 358 families or 467 adults and 692 children. Also donated to the offices to use for Christmas assistance in the form of gifts, gift cards, food, personal hygiene items, and monetary donations was a total of \$33,105. That is amazing! We want to send out a HUGE "THANK YOU" to everyone who made this possible: community members, churches, parishioners, businesses, schools/universities, Child Care Centers, newspapers, hospitals,

Catholic Charities employees, and more. Even with the struggling economy the communities were able to pull together and show their thoughtful, caring and compassionate souls as they took on the mission of helping others. We would not have been able to do this without you! Again Thank You so very much and we, the Emergency Services Case Workers, are looking forward to and hoping you will be able to assist us again during the 2010 Christmas Season!

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Compassion puts love into action.

Prayers for all in Haiti—those struggling to survive, those helping, rescuing, healing, collecting and delivering supplies and all who are donating their time, talent and treasure.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the organization that spearheads international relief (Catholic Charities does local relief service). The CRS office in our Diocese can be reached by calling the Diocese (608)788-7700 and asking for Chris Ruff or Deacon Matt Ludick. Donations for Haiti Relief can be sent to:

Catholic Relief Services
PO Box 4004
La Crosse, WI 54602-4004

Client Thank You

Here is a recent "Thank You" from a client who received assistance with their rent. "I recently went to Catholic Charities to receive some assistance with rent. These people are wonderful, they made sure to take the time to sit down with me and make sure all my needs were met, including rent, utilities, food, gas, and personal hygiene. Without Catholic Charities I would [have] lost my apartment. I give these people a ten and the staff is wonderful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. God Bless"

Calendar

Save the Date
Fourth Annual Lenten Luncheon
Holy Cross Diocesan Center
Monday, March 8, 2010

Catholic Charities Office Locations:

Eau Claire 448 N Dewey	715-832-6644	La Crosse 3710 East Ave. S	608-782-0710
Prairie du Chien 115 East Perry	608-326-1616	Stevens Point 1408 Ellis Street	715-344-2500
Wausau 401 5th Street, Ste. 235	715-849-3311		