



## **HOW TCDSB CAN HELP: TCDSB RELIEF FOR HAITI**

We have all been following the Haitian events in the aftermath of heartbreaking earthquake catastrophe. Many of our school communities have already organized fundraisers to contribute to aid for the victims. We, as a Catholic community, continue to act as role models of Gospel values and Christian doctrines by embracing this opportunity to give to those in need. The Board encourages the entire community to give generously to those in need. Among the victims of the earthquake, please keep the following in your prayers and consider donations to the following:

**Spiritans:** The Spiritans, founders of Neil McNeil High School, have been ministering in Haiti and with Haitians living abroad for many years. Petit Séminaire College St Martial, which runs a Kindergarten to Grade 12 program for over 1,700 students, is run by the Spiritan Order of priests. The school was badly damaged along with the parish church, administrative headquarters and the Spiritan formation centre for young seminarians.

Neil McNeil Catholic High School, staff and students, are spearheading a short-term and long-term commitment to the re-build of College St. Martial and support for the victims of the earthquake. We know that the Spiritans have lost a seminarian and students at this site. Many are still missing and feared dead by their families. This is an opportunity for us to come together to support Neil McNeil staff and students in their commitment to send our funds directly to the St. Martial Fund for aid to Haiti. Many families will benefit directly in the short-term from your support and in the long term with the rebuilding of the school and attached Administration Mission House that serves the larger community. Donations can be sent to: **The Spiritans (Aid to Haiti), 121 Victoria Park Ave., Toronto, ON M4E 3S2**

**L'Arche House:** The L'Arche house was left standing and, as a result, has become a haven for survivors. Donations can be made on-line through L'Arche Canada Foundation at <http://larchehaiti.org> or by mail with a note designating the donation "for Haiti" mailed to: The L'Arche Canada Foundation, 10265 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2B9 . To keep up to date on how things are evolving, follow the L'Arche Haiti blog at: [http://www.larche.ca/reporters/jonathan/mwen\\_pa\\_fou/en](http://www.larche.ca/reporters/jonathan/mwen_pa_fou/en)

**Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate:** suffered the complete destruction of their seminary in Port-au Prince and the deaths of several seminarians. They have the largest representation of priests on the island. The Oblates also administer Holy Angels Church in Etobicoke. Donations can be forwarded to: Assumption Mission Centre, 71 Indian Trail, Toronto, Ont. M6R 2A1 Cheques should be made out to the **Assumption Mission Centre** with attention Haitian Relief.

**St. Joseph's Convent:** the building in the capital was destroyed. Donations can also be made out to **Sisters of St. Joseph** and forwarded to St. Joseph/Michael Power H.S. for Haitian Relief.

**ShareLife:** donations: [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org)