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## VALENTINE FUNDRAISER FOR HAITI

### Photo Opportunity

Proceeds from the second annual Valentine Cookie Sale at St. Maria Goretti Catholic School are going to the victims of the Haiti earthquake. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., students on the school's "Me to We Team" will be tabulating orders and distributing bundles of colourfully decorated Valentine cookies to each of the classes at the school, located at 21 Kenmark Blvd. in **Scarborough**.

Funds will support the Spiritan/Neil McNeil High School campaign for the re-building and relief of the staff and students at Petit Séminaire College St Martial (Kingergarten to Grade 12), run by the Spiritan Order of priests. The school was badly damaged by the quake. One half of the school (the primary section) collapsed. The huge chapel, which also served as a parish church, was severely damaged, along with the Spiritan administrative headquarters and the Spiritan formation centre for young seminarians. The community continues to pray for those lost in the earthquake and the survivors.

"Our school has been busy for the past month with various efforts to help out the people of Haiti" says St. Maria Goretti principal Paul Sullivan. "Our students continue to find meaning and dignity in work which contributes to the common good. These tragedies teach us all about global perspective and the importance of our community responsibility and calling to be socially active Catholics."

Every year, students and staff at St. Maria Goretti Catholic School involve themselves in numerous works of charity designed to address both local and international issues. Other activities for Haiti included a "Loonie & Toonie Day" which raised close to \$1000, as well as a collection of gently used shoes that will be sent to those in need.

For more information, contact the school at 416-393-5260.

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