

Our Sunday Visitor

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OUR SUNDAY VISITOR TO DONATE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR HAITI RELIEF COLLECTIONS

HUNTINGTON, IN – Due to the overwhelming response of the nation’s Catholic churches to the earthquake relief efforts in Haiti, Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) is providing and distributing free bulk envelopes to all U.S. parishes free of charge.

Kyle Hamilton, president, OSV Offertory Solutions Division, says the Catholic tradition has always revolved around helping those in need. “The poorest country in the Western Hemisphere is suffering, and we are called to respond. In order to help with the parish and diocesan collections for Haiti, we are printing and distributing free bulk envelopes at no charge.

“We’ve been touched by the strong faith of the Haitian people, seen on CNN and other newscasts, praying for help and assistance,” Hamilton continues. “They need our prayers as well as our financial support.”

To help communicate and educate parishioners on the issues now facing Haiti, OSV offers two other products to spread the word about the need for relief. The first is a prayer card with Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti, and a prayer adapted by Orlando Bishop Thomas Wenski. Prayer cards serve as a daily reminder to pray for the safety and recovery of the Haitian people. The second, the four-page center spread of the Jan. 31 issue of OSV Newsweekly, is a four-page educational flyer and photo essay for Catholic families to use as they put the events in Haiti into a context of faith.

The envelopes, prayer cards and OSV Newsweekly can be used in special mailings, inserts in offering envelope packets, church or school bulletins, or as take home items from church, school or religious education classes.

“Our Sunday Visitor is committed to helping parishes and dioceses provide support for our brothers and sisters in Haiti,” Hamilton says. “In addition to providing and shipping free bulk envelopes, we are matching all donations sent in by employees.”

Parishes may order as many the free bulk envelopes as needed for Haiti special collections by going to the OSV Web site (www.osvoffertory.com) or by contacting a sales representative at 800-348-2886.

Churches and dioceses that collect funds should then send donations to the appropriate aid agency. The prayer card and OSV Newsweekly are also available through the same channels.

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