



Dear Pastors/Pastoral Coordinators and PAAs,

The USCCB has asked Archbishop Etienne to take up an emergency collection in response to the recent earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace in Haiti.

Here is an excerpt from Archbishop Jose Gomez's letter (available [here](#)):

The funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and/or Catholic Charities USA, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. Funds will be used in response to the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace calamities in Haiti and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are most needed.

We know you are preparing for the CCHD collection September 18-19. While it is less than ideal to have two special collections so close, especially during the pandemic, Archbishop Gomez's description of the dire situation in Haiti means we must act quickly to aid the countless families, businesses and churches struggling in the wake of these disasters.

Please remit all proceeds from this special collection **no later than September 30**, with a check made out to CCAS with Haiti Relief on the memo line, sent to Archdiocese of Seattle, Attn: Annual Campaigns Office, 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104. Please remember that individual donation should be **processed by the parish** before the final check is sent.

If you wish to provide a direct donation link in your parish communications, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your generosity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SH', is positioned above the typed name of Steve Homiack.

Steve Homiack
Director of Annual Campaigns