

Idaho Catholics give over \$300,000 in earthquake relief

BOISE — Diocesan collections for Haitian earthquake relief, including a sizeable donation from St. Anthony Station in Wendell, has led to a second check sent to Catholic Relief Services March 1, this one totaling \$93,739.

Combined with an earlier check sent Feb. 8, Catholics in the diocese have contributed \$316,879 in donations to CRS. With a Catholic population of about 168,000, that's just under \$2 for every Catholic man, woman and child in Idaho.

"This is a tremendous outpouring of love and support," said Bishop Michael P. Driscoll. "It shows, as Catholics, we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Haiti. I couldn't be more proud of our people."

The bishop noted that even as news of the earthquake's aftermath fades from media coverage, the hard work of rebuilding Haiti continues and likely will go on for many years. He encouraged Catholics to continue to monitor the efforts of CRS through reports in the *Idaho Catholic Register*. "I also want to thank all those who gave and continue to give to Haitian earthquake relief," the bishop said.