

St. Anthony's delivers \$28,992 for Haitian relief

WENDELL — Don't be fooled. Size doesn't matter, especially when you are talking about the size of a heart.

The people from St. Anthony Station, a community that at last count totaled 55 families, came through with a check for Haitian earthquake relief for \$28,992, given by Deacon John D. McKinley Jr. to Bishop Michael P. Driscoll during the annual Deacon Retreat Feb. 13 at Nazareth Retreat Center in Boise. The retreat ran Feb. 12-14.

The church hosts only one Mass a weekend, but a community dinner on Jan. 30 provided the bulk of the funds. Use of the Wendell Portuguese Hall was donated for the event as were numerous gifts offered at a live auction. The Idaho Dairymen's Association and other groups donated the food.

Local news reports stated those attending recalled a similar earthquake in 1980 that struck the Azores, where many in the community originated.

"The generosity of this community is overwhelming," said the bishop, who forwarded the donation to Catholic Relief Services, which continues to minister to those in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding communities.

"Thank you very much," Bishop Driscoll added.