

Sacred Heart Haiti Mission

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As another year is coming to an end, we reflect on the immense generosity of our community and beyond. We are unbelievably blessed by so many caring individuals and organizations so this seems like a good time to thank you all.

The last container we sent finally cleared Customs in Haiti and was delivered to the Missionaries of Charity in November. Sister Immacula called and could not be happier with the items we sent! She said all the Sisters were so happy to get so many needed items.

With winter upon us, for all general purposes, we are done collecting donations until spring. Because of the early winter, the decision was made to wait until spring to send the next container. We actually have enough to send a container *now*, but it's hard to get volunteers excited about loading a container in 0 degree weather! Come spring, we will have enough ready for two containers.

Christmas will soon be upon us and the Sisters will have many items from the last container to give as gifts. Many toys were sent and so many other wonderful necessities for the people, not to mention the clothes and shoes that are so readily given for every shipment.

Bishop John Quinn presented us with the Bishop's Medal in June for our work with the Sacred Heart Haiti Mission over the past 40 years. It was quite an honor! Many people from all over came to celebrate with us. It was very humbling to be honored for something that is so important to us.

Many of you know that our oldest daughter Cindy passed away in September. Thank you for the outpouring of love and support you showed for our family. Cindy was also dedicated to the Mission and we miss her terribly.

Many thanks to John Kruesel, an auctioneer in Rochester, for sending an abundance of goods our way. We have access to hundreds of boxes of clothing, shoes, household goods, hygiene items, toys, furniture, etc. in a warehouse in Rochester. The pictures we've included on the back of the newsletter don't even do this justice! There is so much here! Joyce and I have been working tirelessly in the warehouse for over a month sorting and organizing all of the stuff, then hauling it to the storage sheds for shipment in the spring. VOLUNTEERS—Be ready to help load at least 2 containers this spring!

A special thanks to the CCW groups from Southern MN for all of the homemade quilts, dresses, diapers, etc. that they continue to sew and donate for Haiti. The thoughtfulness and time that you give to our organization is so appreciated!

Thank you to all the people who support the mission financially, for without your help, we would not be able to help the people of Haiti in all of the ways that we do.

Thank you too, to the people who sort and pack, load containers, write the thank you notes and all those who help send out the newsletter. It takes ALL of us to make the Mission successful!

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A few notes of interest:

If you've had an address change, please email Lisa Jessen at ljessen@holyspiritrochester.org so she can update our records.

Please "like" us on Facebook (Sacred Heart Haiti Mission) so you can follow us and be informed of scheduled work days at the storage sheds, loading the containers, Board Meetings, trips to Haiti, etc. Our website is: www.holyspiritrochester.org/sacred-heart-haiti-mission

We want to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dale, Joyce and the Sacred Heart Haiti Mission

