

**DIOCESE OF GREAT FALLS-BILLINGS
GENERAL MAILING
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The Committee on International Justice and Peace from the USCCB has begun an initiative to resurface Catholic concerns on nuclear proliferation and Catholic teaching on the use of nuclear weapons. A Catholic Study Guide has been made available for use with *Nuclear Tipping Point*, A DVD being promoted by former Secretaries of State George Shultz and Henry Kissinger, former Defense Secretary William Perry and former Senator Sam Nunn. The DVD has an introduction on the danger of nuclear weapons by General Colin Powell and also includes an interview with former Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev. All of these individuals promote the complete elimination of nuclear weapons.

The DVD is free upon request at www.nucleartippingpoint.org. Given the growing spread of nuclear missile material around the world (some 40 countries) as well as the threat that more countries will develop nuclear weapons, review of the START Treaty provides an opportunity to review and discuss Catholic teaching with your parishioners. I encourage you to structure such an opportunity.

[Background on Nuclear Arms Treaties - April 2010](#)

[Catholic Study Guide for Use With Nuclear Tipping Point](#)

**ASSEMBLY MATTERS
OFFICE OF WORSHIP
LITURGICAL REMINDERS**

Nov. 1 falls on Monday, therefore, it is **not** an obligatory Holy Day.

This year, 2010, Christmas and the Feast of the Mother of God/Mass for Peace, both fall on a Saturday. This means that the Feast of the Holy Family and Epiphany fall on the days, following, Sunday. That makes for a rather heavy schedule for the presiding ministers on two consecutive weekends, especially if your parish is used to having an anticipated Mass on Saturday evening.

Therefore, the Office of Worship suggests the following:

1. Do not over-schedule December 24, one Vigil Mass may be enough.
2. Have beautiful, well prepared Christmas Day Masses (follow your Sunday schedule perhaps).
3. Do not schedule an anticipated Sunday Mass on Saturday night (Dec. 25).
4. Have good celebrations on Sunday (Holy Family – Dec. 26, and Epiphany – Jan. 2)

Parishes/ministers desiring to order their **Ordo for 2011** through the Office of Worship [click here](#) for an order form and additional details.

ATTACHMENTS

[Word of Life
August 2010](#)

[Virtus On-Line
Playing It Safe - How Do We Know
Which Friends and Adults Are Safe](#)

[New Roman Missal
Fall Workshops
for Music Directors & Cantors](#)

SAVE THE DATE - September 17-18, 2010
Advocate Training - St Patrick Co-Cathedral,
Billings

[Twelve Things the Bishops Have Learned from
the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis](#)

TEMPUS XVIII HOSTED BY SACRED HEART PARISH, MILES CITY

The next Tempus program is scheduled to begin the weekend of September 10-12, 2010 in Miles City. Materials have been mailed to pastors and pastoral administrators for distribution to parishioners. Information and registration forms can also be found on our diocesan website under the Office of Lay Ministry. Please feel free to make copies as needed or [click here](#) for more information.

MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN

The Diocesan office has begun to receive requests for the 2011 Mission Cooperative Plan. As you know, our diocese does not assign participation, but has agreed to provide contact information for parishes that may be interested in inviting missionaries to Eastern Montana. As requests are received we will include them in the Monthly General Mailing. If you would like additional information on any of the requests, please contact the Office of the Bishop and speak with Laurie (800-332-9998 or (406) 727-6683 ext. 110) or e-mail lhorton@dioceseofqfb.org

- **Society of Christu Jyothi Sisters, Diocese of Kadapa, Andhra, Pradesh, India** - Their ministry includes, evangelization, pastoral and prison ministry, care of orphans, child laborers, dropouts, the elderly, the hearing and speech impaired, education and health care in the interior villages and programs for the empowerment of women.
 - **Diocese of Kitui, Eastern Province in Kenya, East Africa** - Support of pastoral and development programs including Justice & Peace program, the HIV/AIDS program (promoting behavior change and positive living as well as supporting orphans and those infected by HIV/AIDS), family life ministries and the formation of priests.
 - **Diocese of Jinja, Uganda, Africa** - For expansion of their seminary in order to take in more seminarians to serve the 722,612 baptized Catholics in their area.
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Come See and Serve with the Sisters of Charity Federation in New Orleans this Labor Day Weekend, September 3-6, 2010. Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 who are considering God's call to consecrated religious life are invited to spend the weekend with Sisters of Charity, ministering to those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Reflecting on the experience of service to the poor in the tradition of St. Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac and Elizabeth Ann Seton, there will be opportunities for prayer and sharing with others on the discernment journey. For more information contact Sister Sharon Smith at ssmith@scls.org or 913-758-6522.

MARKING THE 6-MONTH ANNIVERSARY OF HAITI EARTHQUAKE

Your Support is Touching Lives, By Ken Hackett, President, Catholic Relief Services

Six months ago the earth shook in Haiti for 35 seconds. Thirty five seconds that ended so many lives and changed many more. Let me share with you a story that is very typical of life in Haiti over the last six months.

Elucienne Lampi was at her street stall selling goods when the quake hit. She ran home to find that the house next door had collapsed onto hers, bringing down the roof. Luckily, everyone was okay. Since then, Elucienne, her three daughters and three grandchildren have been living at one of the hundreds of camps in Port-au-Prince that sprang up after the quake.

At first they only had clothing and sheets to cover themselves, but they later received tarps and other materials to construct the 8 x 15-foot tent they now live in. Elucienne has used sheets to divide it into four different sections. It is hot under the tarps and, unless it rains, everyone is outside by 8 a.m. In the early days, there was no bathroom so people were forced to go behind trees. Neither was there a supply of clean water.

Elucienne's biggest worry is that she had no money or basics like food. She needs money for medical treatment for herself and her daughter, and to fix the roof of their home. But now she does have a little money and a little hope, thanks to a new job. In June, she started a cleaning job at the camp. "I sweep, carry water and wash. It is hard work but at least it is a stable income," she says. She hopes to go back to her house when she has enough money to fix the roof.

Elucienne's job is part of a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) cash-for-work program at the camp that employs the residents to perform important tasks, such as keeping washing stations clean. Vital work gets done, those in need like Elucienne earn an income and cash is put into the local economy.

Elucienne is one of approximately 6,000 people CRS has employed in cash-for-work activities such as the clearing of drainage canals, or digging new drainage channels. These are designed both to provide income to vulnerable people and benefit communities.

Since the quake hit, CRS has installed over 600 latrines and hand-washing stations, so important in preventing the spread of disease. We have also set up potable water tanks and inflatable water bladders in Port-au-Prince, including the ones at Elucienne's camp. We now supply an estimated 375,000 gallons of clean water every month.

CRS has provided emergency shelter materials to more than 114,000 people, including the shelters at Elucienne's camp. We have distributed 10.6 million rations of food to nearly 900,000 people, and are currently providing food to more than 90,000 students in over 270 schools, and monthly food rations to

more than 100 orphanages and child-care centers in Port-au-Prince and beyond, benefiting nearly 10,000 children.

The huge outpouring of support from Catholics and others of good faith in the U.S. has enabled CRS to bring life-giving aid to hundreds of thousands of people over the last six months. But if we are to build back a better Haiti, much more needs to be done.

There are some 1.6 million people like Elucienne and her family living in camps, and another 400,000 are living with extended family or friends. Over 1,300 schools and 50 health care facilities were completely destroyed and more are significantly damaged. The level of destruction is extraordinary. The debris alone would fill 8,000 Olympic swimming pools. The Inter-American Development Bank estimates that the earthquake that hit Haiti has had the largest proportional impact that any country has ever experienced.

The challenges in rebuilding Haiti are enormous, but we are making a start. Elucienne's tarp shelter offers limited privacy and protection from the elements. CRS is poised to roll out 8,000 transitional shelters – tough wooden pre-fabricated homes built on a strong foundation – as secure accommodation for families until they can return to real houses. For many (Port-au-Prince had terrible housing problems even before the quake), this will mean a decent roof over their head for the first time.

This transitional shelter, as well as eventual permanent building, is part of a five-year-plus strategy that includes work in the areas of shelter and infrastructure, health and HIV/AIDS, water and sanitation, food, improving livelihoods, and protection of women and children. With this strategy, we hope to improve the lives of 900,000 Haitians.

We at CRS are proud of our achievements so far in the most difficult working conditions imaginable. But what has been done has only been possible with your support. Thank you. Our work continues, as together with the Haitian people and local Catholic Church, we strive to build a brighter future.

Please include the following in your parish bulletins:

FOR RENT

Camp property available for rent or ease to groups, schools, companies or individuals, for events including seminars, picnics, reunions, wedding receptions, conferences, school programs, field trips, retreats, and training programs. Located in the heart of the beautiful Little Belt Mountains, 2 miles south of Monarch and 18 miles from Showdown Ski area. Contact St. Thomas Camp at (406) 236-5385 for additional information.
