



August 20, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We have all heard about the horrific earthquake, as well as the torrential rains of tropical storm Grace, which have devastated the nation of Haiti. Our hearts go out to the many, many people who have lost not only home and livelihood, but also family members and friends.

As Catholics, we know that it is not enough simply to have pity for those who are suffering. We are called to prayer and to action by that suffering. For this reason, at the suggestion of the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Diocese of Erie will be taking up a second collection for our suffering brothers and sisters in Haiti and in other disaster areas. The money from this collection will go directly to the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund, which supports pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA as they respond to immediate emergency needs, including those in Haiti.

In the Diocese of Erie, this collection will be taken up the weekend of September 11 and 12. I ask you to give generously to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti and other disaster areas. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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BACK TO SCHOOL

30 DAYS OF PRAYER

<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD IS <i>joyful</i> AND HAS A STRONG DESIRE TO LEARN. ACTS 2:28</p>	<p>PRAY THAT GOD WILL MEET ANY <i>need</i> YOUR CHILD MAY HAVE IN SCHOOL THIS YEAR. PHILIPPIANS 4:19</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD <i>develops</i> A DEEP LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD AS THEY STUDY THE BIBLE. PSALM 119:105</p>	<p>PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE <i>patient</i> WITH THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM AND ALSO WITH THEMSELVES. 1 TIMOTHY 1:16</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD <i>concentrates well</i> AND STAYS FOCUSED AS THEY ARE LEARNING.</p>
<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD <i>develops</i> A STRONG WORK ETHIC AS THEY COMPLETE THEIR WORK TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY. COLOSSIANS 3:23</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD HAS <i>confidence</i> IN THEIR ABILITY TO LEARN. EPHESIANS 2:10</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD GROWS AND <i>develops</i> YOUR CHILD'S GIFTS AND TALENTS THIS YEAR. 1 PETER 4:10-11</p>	<p>PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD TO <i>grow in grace</i> AND SHOW KINDNESS TO OTHERS. EPHESIANS 4:32</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A CLEAR <i>understanding</i> OF THEIR MATH WORK THIS YEAR.</p>
<p>PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S <i>teacher</i> (EVEN IF THAT'S YOU), NUMBERS 6:24-26</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE <i>quick to listen</i>, SLOW TO SPEAK, AND SLOW TO ANGER. JAMES 1:19</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD FINDS NEW WAYS OF THINKING AND <i>problem solving</i> AS THEY LEARN THIS YEAR.</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD WILL <i>recognize</i> AND TAKE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS. MATTHEW 28:19</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A SENSE OF <i>wonder</i> WHEN THEY LEARN ABOUT GOD'S CREATION THROUGH SCIENCE. ROMANS 1:20</p>
<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD <i>develops</i> A STRONG LOVE FOR READING THIS YEAR.</p>	<p>PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD TO SEE THE <i>beauty</i> IN THE ART AND MUSIC THEY ARE LEARNING.</p>	<p>PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S <i>perfection</i> FROM HARM. ISAIAH 41:10</p>	<p>PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD TO <i>persevere</i> THROUGH SUBJECTS THEY ARE STRUGGLING WITH THIS YEAR. PHILIPPIANS 4:13</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD <i>respects</i> THE AUTHORITIES THAT GOD PLACES IN THEIR LIVES. 1 PETER 2:17</p>
<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD WILL FOLLOW THE <i>truth</i> AND REJECT LIES. JOHN 8:32</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD <i>grows</i> IN WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE. PROVERBS 9:10</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD HAS <i>freedom</i> FROM FEAR. PHILIPPIANS 4:6</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD SEES <i>God's hand</i> AT WORK THROUGH THE AGES AS THEY STUDY HISTORY THIS YEAR.</p>	<p>PRAY THAT YOUR CHILD'S WRITING SKILLS WILL CONTINUE TO <i>improve</i> THIS YEAR. PSALM 51:3</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>This is going to be a GREAT year!</i> <i>Because of God's unfailing love & mercy,</i> <i>we are Not Consumed.</i></p>				