



March 2, 2012

The Rev. James Strader, Rector  
St. James Episcopal Church  
3207 Montana Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45211

Dear Father Strader:

When the earthquake destroyed Holy Trinity Cathedral, it destroyed more than a building made of cement blocks and bricks. It destroyed the center of spiritual life for more than 90,000 Episcopalians in a country where strength of faith is inversely proportional to economic development. It erased the murals that recounted our Biblical history for a nation where over half the population cannot read. It brought down our music school, a professional school, and the educational home of primary and secondary students.

But the earthquake could not destroy the Kingdom of God as we know it in Haiti. God holds us in the palm of His hand, and over the past months, he has used the hands of our brothers and sisters around the world to support us, to bring us aid and to help us begin the long process of rebuilding.

Thus, your church's generous gift of \$1,500.00 on February 15, 2012 toward rebuilding Holy Trinity Cathedral will do more than raise up bricks and cement. It will raise the hopes of a people who have lost so much of their earthly habitation. It will raise the spirit of a community made weary, and it will inspire the minds and hearts of the young men and women who knew Holy Trinity as their intellectual and artistic home. As we rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral, brick by brick and stone by stone, it will serve as a beacon and a shelter for literally thousands who are rebuilding their lives with little more than hope and prayers.

I pray that the leadership you have shown by making this gift will inspire others to follow, and I join the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies in thanking you. May God grant that the good work you have begun will bear much fruit in his service.

With gratitude,

The Rt. Rev. J. Zaché Duracin  
Bishop of Haiti

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori  
Presiding Bishop

Bonnie Anderson  
President, House of Deputies

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