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### Second Shipping Container to collect supplies for the Dominican Republic and Haiti

GREEN BAY, Wis. (Aug. 8, 2017) – The World Missions Office of the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Green Bay is once again sponsoring the Shipping Container Project. This project aims to collect enough supplies to fill an entire shipping container to send to the Dominican Republic and Haiti. The broad range of items needed for specific projects will directly benefit the health, well-being, and quality of life of those in these two areas of the Caribbean.

Last year, a 40-ft shipping container was filled with 18 tons of items. “The people of the Diocese of Green Bay have been so generous with this project,” said Cindy St. Aubin, world missions director for the Catholic Foundation. “They gave money, they cleaned out their closets, they cleaned out their garages, they bought brand new things — all to donate to the poorest of the poor. They are items that will greatly improve the lives of so many people. That brings me the greatest joy, seeing how giving everybody can be.”

For more than 50 years, the Diocese of Green Bay has provided financial support and priests to staff two parishes in the Dominican Republic, St. Teresa Parish in Elías Piña and St. Isidore Parish in El Llano. They are currently served by Fr. Mike Seis, who ministers to approximately 90,000 people in his two parishes and approximately 1,350 students in Catholic schools. Fr. Mike’s key needs are nursing/medical supplies for the nursing school, as well as monetary donations to build a grade school and 12 additional rooms to the high school. You can learn more about his work [here](#).

Sr. Maria Marciano previously worked as a missionary for 22 years in the Dominican Republic and now focuses her work across the border in Haiti. She works to construct roads, provide fresh water, teaches agriculture, and reforestation. Her work provides, clean water, life-sustaining food sources, health, wellness, education, and flood and erosion prevention. Sr. Maria’s efforts impact 160,000 lives in Haiti. Her key projects are for an agricultural training center, schools, and a clinic. You can learn more about her work [here](#).

Items needed include: office supplies, farm/construction supplies, medical supplies, hygiene items, housewares and clothing. For a list of specific items, please visit: [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/container](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/container). Financial gifts are always appreciated and are used to buy needed items. To make your gift, visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give).

The Shipping Container Project deadline is September 15, 2017. For drop-off locations across the diocese, pick-up service, or additional information, please visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/container](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/container). You may also contact Cindy St. Aubin, World Missions Director, at 920-272-8192 or [wmissions@gbdioc.org](mailto:wmissions@gbdioc.org).

The Catholic Foundation encourages financial stewardship and generosity through faith-based giving. The Foundation focuses on supporting Catholic parishes, schools and ministries through endowment funding. To learn more, please contact Cindi Brawner or Josh Diedrich at 920-272-8181, or via email at [catholicfoundation@gbdioc.org](mailto:catholicfoundation@gbdioc.org).

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