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Shipping Container Project to collect supplies for the Dominican Republic and Haiti

GREEN BAY, Wis. (June 9, 2016) – The World Missions Office of the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Green Bay is 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.

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 1,000 students in Catholic schools. Fr. Mike's key needs are for the bakery, schools, and nursing/medical supplies for the prison and Catholic nursing school.

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. Sr. Maria 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 at www.sistermariahaiti.com.

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. Financial gifts are always appreciated and are used to buy needed items. To make your gift, visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.

The Shipping Container Project deadline is September 1, 2016. For drop-off locations across the diocese, pick-up service, or additional information, please visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/container. You may also contact Cindy St. Aubin, World Missions Coordinator, at 920-272-8192 or CStAubin@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.

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