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Successful Shipping Container Project provides needed supplies to the Dominican Republic and Haiti

GREEN BAY, Wis. (September 14, 2016) – The World Missions Office of the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay has successfully completed the Shipping Container Project. This project collected supplies to assist with projects and services in 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.

Over the summer months, donations of medical, dental, bakery and office equipment, a tractor, generators, tools, hygiene and household items were collected from throughout the diocese and beyond. Donated items are no longer being accepted; however cash donations are encouraged and appreciated to offset the cost of shipping the container and school bus, and for the purchase of the used tractor. The shipping container and the school bus are expected to arrive at their destination by January 1, 2017. To make your gift, visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.

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 included 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, teach 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.

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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Who we are: As friends and followers of Jesus, the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay is devoted to fostering households and communities of discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church. We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God. Established in 1868, the diocese is composed of 324,000 Catholics in 16 counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

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