

Port-au-Prince, May 2, 2012

To the Solidarity Group of UISG-Canada

Message of gratitude of the CIFOR

The members of the CIFOR Direction Council offer you their compliments for the wonderful work accomplished in Canada and everywhere in the world in order that Jesus Christ, the Resurrected One, may be known through a variety of concrete pastoral actions which transcend the limits of religion, race, sex, etc. We wish to profit of this occasion to express our sincere thanks for the help that you have brought us during the post-earthquake phase.

Yes, the Lord is good. He has come to our aid in all our projects. He has spoken to our hearts. He was there to participate in our workshops through numerous eloquent testimonies. He facilitated and inspired our solidarity meeting held in Port-au-Prince in May 2011. Already, the results are evident. How numerous have been the reunions, the telephone calls, the e-mails, and the meetings in order to realize and bring to term the reception of three thousand books, bookstands, and other items for the benefit of CIFOR and of Consecrated Life in Haiti.

It could be that our way of offering mutual support to one another could become contagious to the extent that those responsible for decision making learn humility, dialogue, meeting the other in his or her differences. Thus, most probably, we could come to resolutions which could solve problems here and elsewhere.

This great momentum of generosity warms our hearts and invites us, without forgetting the past, to put the January 2010 earthquake behind us, to continue to look forward to a future full of hope. On our part, we wish to assure you that we will do our best to offer a formation of quality to the young religious who are confided to our care. Thanks to readings, redactions and diligent research, the strength of this formation will allow us to have more confidence in better days to come, in a world where the two elements “**Faith and Reason**” will gain importance on the global scale. In so doing, the mind will not be developed at the expense of the heart.

We do not wish to conclude this letter without thanking the different members of the Religious Communities who had dared to throw themselves into turbulent waters to encourage such a mobilization. The results are more than positive. That is why we do not want to look back, but rather continue to fight in the name of our faith in the God of life, to realize in solidarity even greater things that our posterity will inherit.

We offer our special gratitude to Sr. Pierrette Bertrand, ofsj, who has coordinated this project and who has given the very best of herself for its success. With all our heart, we say thank you to the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception who did not hesitate to give us a space to use as a warehouse to stock the books. May God grant them a hundredfold! Once more, to each and every one of you, we express our gratitude and together and forever in this momentum of solidarity, we can sing the Magnificat: **He has done great things for us. Holy is His name.**

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