

Recovery at ENAM

Fr. Mark reports from Port-au-Prince that the Italian Navy has accepted our ENAM Project: 1st, they will recover bodies buried in the rubble; 2nd, they will remove the debris at ENAM. The Italians are seeking authorization of the Haitian Government to do this work in Haiti. The projected date to start work at ENAM is next Monday, Feb. 8. The Italian Navy is also undertaking projects for other NGOs. Depending on how long the ENAM mission lasts, there is a possibility (though slight) that the Italians might be able to take on another Salesian project.

Starting to Rebuild

Fr. Ducange Sylvain, who is now provincial, realizes the need to provide housing for expatriates and consultants supporting the relief and reconstruction effort. So the Haitian SDBs are looking to rent a house for that purpose. There will be an associated financial requirement for this. Several support vehicles will be needed as well.

Fr. Ducange has accepted Bonn's proposal to restore security walls at Salesian houses and works.

Salesian Cooperation

Jaime Correa explains to the Don Bosco Network the purpose of the database being put together by Salesian Missions—an example of SM's working with the entire Salesian world in this emergency:

The purpose of this message is to share information about an emergency relief and reconstruction database that Salesian Missions is constructing (henceforth referred to as 'the database'), and to elicit feedback as to its usefulness to the members of the DBN and other Salesian partners.

The need for this database stems from the desire to develop and upkeep a working emergency relief and reconstruction file that facilitates exchange of information and other communications and helps provide accountability among all Salesian partners associated with this effort. This is our great challenge as Salesians in Haiti address emergency relief and transition into the rehabilitation, reconstruction, and redevelopment phases.

Salesian Missions is engaged in the construction of this database. We intend to employ this useful tool as a means of pairing resources, both physical and financial. Equally important is the role that we expect the database will fill in digital media exchange, information management, integration of Coordinated Assistance Network initiatives, and project accountability.

In this, the developmental stage of the database, it is our intent to consult the DBN so that our dedicated coordinators might integrate suggestions and address concerns. We are keenly interested in DBN's project database information fields, looking for compatibility.

At present, Salesian Missions is working with VisionLink software engineers, (<http://www.visionlink.org/>), designers of the community operating system employed by the Red Cross to harmonize over half a million volunteers, 35,000

employees, and a multitude of aid recipients. Their daily directive is to consider and construct the file management systems that our network will use to organize production. So it is that we come to you now, requesting your counsel on the data you deem fundamental to future project reporting. This information is requested as the technicians work diligently to design a digital infrastructure that will prove compatible and complementary to ongoing efforts within the DBN.

This database promises to be a valuable tool, intended to streamline relief and reconstruction efforts, shorten on-site response time, and promote accountability. A unified effort is sure to be a fundamental step towards compatibility.

News Coverage

Haiti must build a new society based on justice, says Haitian bishop

<http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1000475.htm>

The Haitian Conference of Religious, reports through Fides, the news agency of the Pontifical Mission Societies, that **47 religious died** in the earthquake.

Daughters of Mary: 13 nuns, including the provincial, and 3 employees

Montfort Missionaries: 11 priests and seminarians

Daughters of Wisdom: 6 sisters and 1 employee

Little Sisters of St. Teresa: 4 sisters, 7 teachers, 60 students

Little Brothers of St. Teresa: 2 brothers

Daughters of Mary Immaculate Queen: 2 sisters and 8 girls

Salesians: 3 brothers, uncounted teachers and students

Christian Brothers (FSC): 2 brothers

Holy Cross Fathers: 1 priest

Congregation of the Holy Spirit: 1 priest

Sisters of St. Anne: 1 nun

Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul: 1 nun

These orders and congregations and numerous others lost many, many buildings: residences, schools, orphanages, churches.

According to 2004 statistics, the archdiocese of Port-au-Prince had some 2.5 million Catholics, which is 74% of the total population. Haiti's capital was served at that time by 277 priests, 387 men religious, and 1,200 women religious.