



Father Jeremiah J. Reilly
Council # 6561
Knight of Columbus
Merrick, NY 11566

January 15th, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

How do we, as, "The"Biggest Little Council on Long Island", begin to help those in such dire need of everything after the wrath of the horrific earthquake that has devastated Haiti. Just the thought of something like that raging through The Merrick's, East Meadow, Bellmore, taking lives, homes and in many cases everything we had, is mind boggling.

We thought of running an event, such as an emergency "Spaghetti Dinner" or a dance or a rally of some kind to raise funds for the many thousands of victims. Any of these take time, money and manpower, which would have taken away from the urgency and effectiveness of helping those so in need NOW.

The most quick and effective way to raise funds for their relief is a cash donation.

I know this sounds a little direct , but, we as caring people, need to dig a little again and get it done quickly.

Members of Father Reilly Council have always been charity oriented. That has always been our sole purpose of being. We are asking once again for that charitable purpose of being to take a another giant step.

Our immediate action for the distribution of funds raised by Reilly Council,will be directly with a team of doctors and our own Sharon Eriksen, who picked up and flew to Haiti with this team on the 13th of January. This will assure that your donations will get to suffering families in the most immediate and direct way. We pray for Sharon and the team for their safety during this selfless act of charity

Again, there is an urgency, we need to get this accomplished as soon as possible. Therefore, please respond as quickly and generously as possible. We hope to get this effort on it's way within two or three weeks from the above date.

Fraternally, Richard Brazenor, Grand Knight *Richard Brazenor*

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If we could average only \$10.00 per member, we would be able to raise in excess of \$3,000.00 for this relief.