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OLGC collects \$28,000, clothing for Haiti

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish collected \$28,000 and thousands of pieces of clothing and blankets for victims of the Haiti earthquake this week. The supplies are on the way to the ravaged country via container ship through the organization “Food for the Poor” based in Coconut Creek, Fla.

Students at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School were asked to bring in clothing that would fit them, as well as shoes, flip-flops, sandals and blankets. Cash and donations of new and slightly used clothing poured in from parishioners.

“The response has just been overwhelming” said Dr. Linda M. Dix, director of religious education. OLGC has a relationship with the Missionaries of the Poor in Haiti and with the hearing-impaired children of the Institute of Marie Louise located next to the mission site called the Asile Communal in Cap-Haitien.

“The deepest solidarity and love goes out from Good Counsel to the people of Haiti,” said Father Damian McElroy, OLGC’s pastor. “It’s natural that we think of first all those whom our parishioners have worked with over the years in Haiti, but we also pray for all those unknown to us, and gratefully for all those engaged in bringing relief to the suffering.

“Our parishioners have responded with great generosity, raising over \$28,000 dollars for Catholic Relief Services and contributing clothing and blankets which are being shipped to Haiti as we speak. We will continue to do all that we can,” he said.