



Franciscan Friars
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Charlie Moran
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Dear Charlie and Friar Suppliers,

Thank you for your many generous and continuous supplying for the material needs of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal since March 1997. You first began helping our young novices in formation at St Joseph Friary, Harlem, NY and since that time have expanded your support to other houses of formation including our seminarians and other New York based friaries on a monthly basis. These nourishing staple items have allowed friars in formation and their formators to attend with greater awareness the needs of prayer and concrete help to our neighbors.

Over and above supplying the friars in New York, through your generosity and in response to both Frs. Conrad and Benedict's requests, the Friars Suppliers in 2001 began supporting projects in Haiti. In 2003, beginning with the repairing a school that was in ruins and providing for the nourishment of the students, and each following year the Friar Suppliers have expanded their projects which now include a growing number of US volunteers friars and sisters which serve week-long missions twice a year.

Our group efforts led to an ongoing connection with the native Haitian Community of the Little Brothers of St Therese in 2009. Associated with this permanent native Haitian religious base, you have impressively included other native Haitian workers (cooks, translators, security agents, and police officers) in the projects of the Friar Suppliers. Giving Haitians the opportunity to earn wages and attain help with stable housing, you support their God-given dignity by helping them to help themselves and support their families.

Over these past 20 years of service to others, you yourself, Charlie, and each of the Friar Suppliers have grown in faith. You have witnessed God's Providence in a way that keeps you moving forward doing God's work. As the Friar Suppliers continue to help the Church, both in the US and in Haiti, may St Joseph aid your serving Christ's wonderful legacy.

I am grateful for all you have done, and pledge the friars' best efforts in continuing this service. Please accept our warmest heartfelt thanks.

Respectfully yours with sincere gratitude,

Fr John Paul Ouellette, cfr
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