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My dear Sisters,

May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with us always!

Thank you for the network of prayer and solidarity which each of you weaves around our Sisters, members of the Vincentian Family, and the population of Haiti!

Sister Maria Teresa Tapia, the Visitatrix of the Province, phoned me this afternoon. It was a great joy to be in direct contact with her, however she told me that at this time she has no news of a Haitian Sister who was attending a class at the university at the time of the earthquake. It is with much concern that I pass on to you this intention of prayer ...

All the other Sisters are unharmed and are already working to bring assistance to their neighbors. They are themselves in a precarious situation, living in tents sent to them via Santo Domingo and Miami, because some of their houses have been destroyed or are uninhabitable. Other assistance such as food and medicine is also being sent to Port-au-Prince.

Your offers of help, both of personnel and donations, are rushing in and I am truly grateful. An account dedicated to the victims in Haiti has been opened in the General Economat and in the coming days Sister Maria Teresa will specify how any donations and personnel can be coordinated.

In union with our Sisters in Haiti, we entrust to Our Blessed Lady, the great cry that rises up from the people of Port-au-Prince.

With my affection and devotion,

Sister Evelyne Franc  
Daughter of Charity