

Campaign for Rebirth and Renewal

In recent Social Justice News, we shared information about the Daughters of Charity serving in Haiti. We also included information about the newly-formed [Zafen](#) effort to support sustainable, economic development projects in Haiti—an effort supported, in part, by the Vincentian Family. Sr. Carol Keehan, D.C., President and CEO, Catholic Health Association of the USA, would like to share some additional, encouraging news about Haiti.



"It is with great pride that I write to tell you about the remarkable example of the generosity of our CHA-member organizations in helping to rebuild and strengthen faith-based health care in Haiti. It's CHA's Campaign for Rebirth and Renewal, and it will help bring modern, quality health care to our Haitian brothers and sisters.

Through the campaign, member organizations are making generous pledges to Catholic Relief Services to support the rebuilding of Hospital St. Francois de Sales for the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince. (Photo above of St. Francois following the earthquake; note the debris in foreground.) This hospital, established in 1881, was long the primary health care provider for the poor of the Haitian capital. It was almost totally demolished in the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti Jan. 12, 2010.

The new 200-bed, 126,702-square-foot facility will serve as a teaching hospital, a center of excellence for infectious disease care and the primary referral hospital for the other faith-based hospitals in Haiti. (An architectural rendering of the new hospital can be [viewed online](#). If reposted or published, credit MSAADA Architects.)

Bob Stanek, retired president and chief executive officer of Catholic Health East and vice chairperson of CHA's Board of Trustees, is chairing the Campaign for Rebirth and Renewal. He has recruited a steering committee to assist in the fundraising. That's Bob in the picture with me meeting Bishop Gerald Kicanas (left), chair of the CRS board and bishop of Tucson, Ariz.



The CHA board agreed to a fundraising goal of \$9.55 million which will be used by CRS for the rebuilding of St. Francois de Sales and for creating and strengthening a network of seven faith-based hospitals across the island nation. Already, CHA-member organizations have contributed more than \$9 million to the campaign.

To ensure that these donations are used for the intended purpose, we have called together a stewardship committee. The members of this committee — all from CHA-member organizations — will monitor progress as the rebuilding and network strengthening projects proceed.

I encourage you to read more information about the Campaign in the [April 15, 2011, issue of Catholic Health World](#). And in the weeks ahead, members of the campaign steering committee will be contacting more Catholic health care organizations with opportunities to support this vital, life-saving work.

To all the donor organizations and to the people who are contributing their time and talent to this effort, I offer my deep gratitude. This collaboration of CRS, Catholic hospitals in Haiti and our CHA-member organizations here at home is a striking example of how church ministries can work together for the good of people in need. It's a faithful expression of our church, living out the healing mission of Jesus."