



AMERICA/UNITED STATES - Support on behalf of the U.S. Bishops to the pastoral care in Latin America, primarily in Haiti

Washington (Agenzia Fides) - The Episcopal Conference of the United States of America (USCCB) has announced the delivery of aid to the Church in Latin America for a total value of \$ 5 million. 121 projects of various pastoral and reconstruction works in 20 countries of the Latin American region will be financed, with a strong focus on Haiti. The main voice is in fact devoted to the reconstruction of the structures of the Church in Haiti, with \$ 3.3 million. After the earthquake that destroyed much of the country in 2010, the Church is committed to a meticulous process of reconstruction following the current safety and disaster prevention. According to information sent to Fides Agency, major projects include the construction of a multipurpose building in the Diocese of Jacmel Haitian and reinforcement of the structures of the Cathedral of Miragoâne (Diocese of Anse-à-Veau et Miragoâne). Mgr. Thomas Gerard Wenski, Archbishop of Miami, a member of the Advisory Group for Haiti of the USCCB, said about this project that "the strengthening and the isolation of the Cathedral are realized with the latest technology, not only to prevent deaths in a possible future earthquake, but also to help save the historic Cathedral." Support for priestly and religious vocations is another point of emphasis for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: for the formation of the clergy, seminarians, men and women religious \$ 650 000 were allocated. (CE) (Agenzia Fides 27/6/2012)