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“Brick by Brick” Campaign to Rebuild the Church in Haiti on Palm Sunday

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TO: All Rectors, Vicars, Priest-in-Charge, Interim Clergy

FROM: The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Jr., Bishop, Kyle Evans, Chair of the “Brick by Brick” Campaign, and Rob Rogers, Canon for Finance and Administration

DATE: April 11, 2011

RE: “Brick by Brick” Campaign to Rebuild the Church in Haiti on Palm Sunday

Bishops, clergy and parishioners throughout the Diocese of Pennsylvania had the blessed opportunity to hear Rev. Sonley Joseph, a Haitian priest who visited the DIOPA March 21–25, share a powerful and personal message on the importance of the Episcopal Church campaign to rebuild Cathedral St. Trinite in Port au Prince, Haiti. In response to his message and other forms of communication that have been shared about this important fundraising initiative, the DIOPA’s culminating offering will occur this coming Sunday, April 17 – Palm Sunday – in parishes and missions across our diocese. In so doing, we will join with Episcopalians throughout the Church to rebuild St. Trinite Cathedral, Port au Prince, Haiti, the center of religious and cultural life for the Haitian people, destroyed in the January 12, 2010 earthquake.

“Ask, and you shall receive.” Please ask for \$10 for a brick from every man, woman, and child in your church. Announce that your church’s goal \$10 X your total membership as listed on your parochial report. If you fall short of your goal on Palm Sunday, we encourage you to extend your campaign throughout Holy Week and the Easter Season, up to the Day of Pentecost. If you fall short of your goal through your people’s offering, please ask your vestry or mission committee to consider supplementing your people’s offerings through other possible sources of income available to the church.

Offering envelopes for inclusion in your Sunday worship bulletins for the “Brick by Brick” Campaign should have arrived at your church. If you have not received envelopes, please contact Andrew Kellner (andrewk@diopa.org) at Church House (215–627–6434 x 120). Should you have questions about the campaign or require assistance in assembling promotional materials, please contact Kyle Evans, Campaign Coordinator, at kyle.evans55@gmail.com or 267–221–9239. General information on the campaign is available both on the Diocese of Pennsylvania web-site, diopa.org, and the campaign web-site, www.episcopalchurch.org/haitiappeal.

Rob Rogers asks that you forward your offering to Church House by Friday, June 10, 2011. Thank you for your generous support of our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ.

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