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Rév. Père Louis Lougen, OMI
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Re: August 14, 2021 earthquake in Haiti

Reverend Father Superior General,

This is to update you on the situation in Haiti, before giving you further information early next week.

You have certainly already heard in the news that an earthquake of magnitude 7.2 struck Haiti this morning at 8:29 a.m. First, all Oblates in the Province are safe and sound, thank God. Only one Father Albert Cator. was under the rubble at Mazenod, (Oblate Seminary College) Camp-Perrin, but he came out unscathed. However, unfortunately, two Mazenod employees are still nowhere to be found.

The epicenter was located in the Great Southern Plains of the country where there is a lot of material damage and loss of life in the South, many buildings collapsed in Les Cayes including the residence of the Bishop, Chibly Cardinal Langlois and the Church of the Sacred Heart The following Oblate parishes in the southern plains were affected. Roche-à-Bateau, Port-Salut, Les Côteaux (2), Damassin, Port-à-Piment, Chardonnières, Rendel, Les Anglais, La Cahouane and Tiburon.

Most rectories, churches, congregational and national schools (including those run by the Oblates) were severely damaged if not destroyed.

This Monday, August 16, I plan to travel south with the Bursar, Father Jolicoeur Dominique, to make a precise assessment of the situation that I can share with you.

We give thanks to the Lord for those who have been spared, while pleading for His mercy for others who are still waiting for help or who are being called back to Him.

May the Lord be our help in this great trial!

With the respectful greetings and prayers of the entire Province of Haiti,

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Fr. Ellince Martyr, omi
Provincial of Haiti

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