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One-year-old Kevin St. Fleve sits on a bench on a street in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Feb. 6. Frustration and hunger continued to be felt by some of the more than 1 million people left homeless after Haiti's Jan. 12 earthquake. At right, Xavier University collects food and other supplies for a container shipment to Haiti. Helping with the effort are students DeriAnne Meilleur, Joshua Davis and Trang Bui and alumni relations administrative assistant Worell Johnson.

Haitian church in dire need of help

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (CNS) – The loss of key leadership and the destruction of up to 70 parishes during the Jan. 12 earthquake exposed weaknesses in the structure of the Catholic Church in Haiti, said the papal nuncio to the beleaguered Caribbean nation.

At the same time the disaster offers Catholic leaders the opportunity to identify new

leaders to carry the church into the future, Archbishop Bernardito Auza told Catholic News Service during a pair of interviews in early February.

“In the process of renewal, in the process of getting ourselves better, there have been lots of observations about the weaknesses in the local church,” the 50-year-old Philippine-born archbishop said. “That will be looked into as we reconstruct.

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St. Margaret Mary Church reaches out to Zanzibar

By Peter Finney Jr.
Clarion Herald

Zanzibar, an archipelago of small islands just off the coast of East Africa, is 99 percent Muslim and hardly qualifies as a country that would be expected to draw the attention of a Catholic church parish half a world away in south Louisiana.

But at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Slidell, a missionary connection with Zanzibar that began with a 2006 fund-raising drive coordinated by St. Margaret Mary School principal Bobby Ohler, then president of the Northshore Rotary Club, has blossomed into plans by the church to host a missionary trip to the im-

poverished country in late May.

The goal of the mission trip is to address a multitude of needs ranging from turning salt water from the Indian Ocean into drinking water, tutoring students, fixing computer problems, organizing a library filing system, helping adolescents and young adults left

behind by the struggling educational system and installing solar panels.

Laura and Bill Borchert, St. Margaret Mary parishioners, went on a preparatory trip to Zanzibar last year to meet with Bishop A. Nde-liakyama Shao, and they assessed how the Louisiana missionaries could best help

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