

Dear Dominican Promoters,

We have more tragic news to report from Haiti. As some of you may now know, on Monday, gang violence hit Mirebalais, a town approximately 30 miles northeast of Port-au-Prince, and near the border with the Dominican Republic. Two religious sisters, Sister Evanette Onezaire, and Sister Jeanne Voltaire, were shot and killed on Monday evening.

They were members of the Little Sisters of the Child Jesus, a Haitian founded religious congregation, and, according to reports by the United Nations and the Miami Herald newspaper, were working at the National School in Mirebalais and had taken refuge in a house along with a young girl. Armed gang members entered the house and opened fire, killing the sisters and gravely wounded the girl. That day gangs had stormed the small town of Mirebalais. They set fire the police station, burned vehicles, then stormed the prison, setting nearly 500 prisoners free. There were reports of widespread looting of homes and churches.

**What you can do now:**

1. **Pray:** Encourage your members to pray for the deceased sisters, Sister Evanette Onezaire and Sister Jeanne Voltaire and for the Little Sisters of the Child Jesus, a Haitian founded religious congregation, and for the safety and dignity of the people of Haiti.

2. **Study:**

1. **News on recent tragedy/ situation in Haiti:**

**Miami Herald** <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/haiti/article303346116.html>

**United Nations report:** <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/03/1161696>

**BBC:** <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cn05ek5gw0wo>

**AP:** <https://apnews.com/article/journalists-haiti-media-press-gang-attacks-a28d55fed4433c8842290fb6e16fa4c9>

2. **Background on plight of Haitians, Church history, and Efforts on Dominican Family in Haiti**

**DomLife:** <https://domlife.org/coming-soon-month-for-peace-haiti/>

3. **Take Action:**

· **In the United States:** Contact members of the US Congress at: [Click on this link to contact your US Congress member](#) [simply add your zip code and select contact for your US Representative and US Senators from your state]

1. Let them know of the atrocity on Monday in Haiti as one of many acts of extreme violence in recent months.

2. Urge them to take action to help address the humanitarian and public safety crisis in Haiti now.

3. Insist they enforce an end to gun

smuggling from the US to Haiti.

· **In Canada:**

**Now that elections are approaching, we will contact the Canadian government at the beginning of May for action steps.**

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