

## ***St. Rose after Hurricane Ivan***

In 2004 Hurricane Ivan hit Grenada with a mighty force. Many lost their homes or they were severely damaged. Long standing church buildings were damaged. Industry was affected as the spice trees and other foliage were destroyed. The Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother did not escape the rampage. The sisters' home needed to be completely rebuilt and St. Rose School suffered extensive damage, both structurally and from the rain, when a large part of the roof blew off.

It was difficult to get materials for repair because of the great need. Cement was often not available. It took over three years to repair the damage on the sisters' property. While repairs were underway the students courageously kept up with their studies. Some classes were held in a few temporary plywood buildings until the building was safe and secure.



**St. Rose Convent (background) and St. Rose Modern Secondary School (middle) after repair and reconstruction from Hurricane Ivan.**

*We, the Sisters of St. Rose Convent, Grenada, extend our heartfelt gratitude to the general and provincial leadership, the sisters, SSM Associates, all friends and benefactors for your most generous contributions towards the refurbishment of St. Rose Convent and St. Rose Modern Secondary School. We also appreciated your prayerful support for our general well-being in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan.*

*The adage, "Out of evil cometh good," has certainly been proven to be true. We now have a safe and more*

*fitting place to call home and the students have an educational institution definitely conducive to learning. May God continue to bless each of you who have helped to realize this positive outcome to such an urgent need. Once more, thank you!*

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