A Gesture of Solidarity

During the days of prayer in honor of the Triumph of the Cross, September 10, 11, 17, 18, it was announced that half of the amount received in the collections would be used to come to aid the victims of hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. This sum would be added to the contribution made by the Work. Here are the details of the donations made:

– The Army of Mary and its associated Works: $6,000.00

– 4 collections (4 Masses) + personal donations made by members for this purpose: $5,000.00

Thus the donations destined to help the disaster victims reached $11,000. However, shortly after Katrina, the hurricane Rita struck, and should other calamities befall various parts of the world, we would need to help again. That is the reason an amount of $6,000.00 was taken from the total amount and sent to the "Red Cross - New Orleans". The remaining amount of $5,000.00 was set aside to come to the aid of the victims of future cataclyms. We will inform you of this at the appropriate time. We thank all the persons present for their generous participation in this wonderful gesture of solidarity.

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On October 13, 2005, André Bélanger, our accountant, received the bank statement for the Army of Mary which included the cancelled checks for the preceding week, among which was the check for $6,000.00 sent to the Red Cross in Montreal for the disaster victims in New Orleans. As is indicated on the back of the check, it was deposited on October 5.

Knowing that other calamities would follow and that assistance would be required, the Work had set aside $5,000.00 from the total amount taken from the collections for this purpose. In fact, barely a few weeks later, another calamity hit Pakistan and the Cashemire region in India. Immediately, on October 10, a check was sent to the Red Cross to aid the victims of the terrible earthquake.

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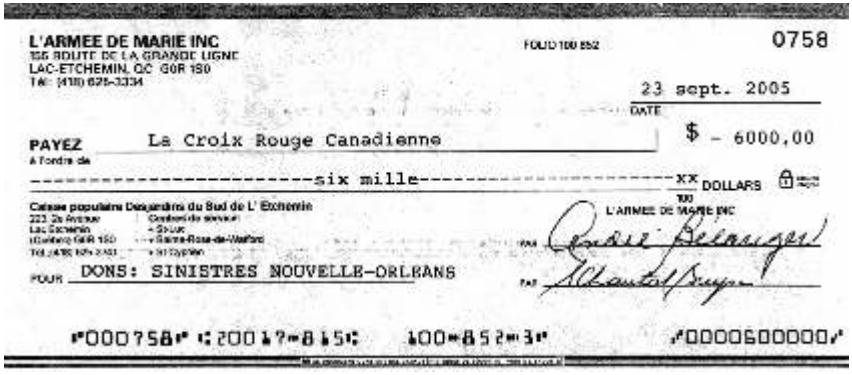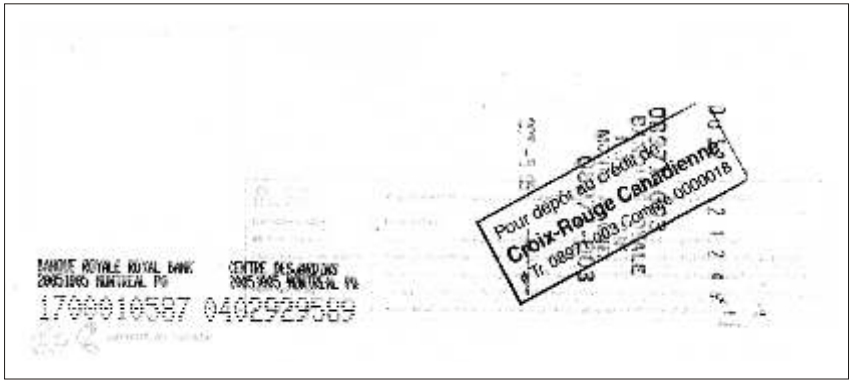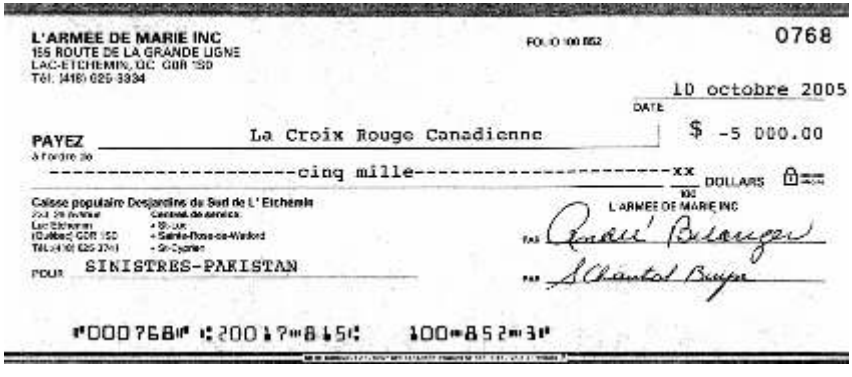
Below is a copy of the front and back of the check sent to the Red Cross on September 23, 2005, as well as a copy of the front of the one of October 10, 2005, (reduced to 60% of the original).