



## Become a Sponsor for a Teacher at Saint Gabriel School in Lascahobas, Haiti June 10, 2020

In 2007, Sacred Heart Parish in Norfolk, Virginia began a twinning relationship with St. Gabriel Parish in Lascahobas, Haiti. Shortly after this relationship began, St. Gabriel Parish embarked upon building a much-needed middle and high school. In addition to education, the mission of the school is to provide a stable environment which includes a nutritious lunch and basic healthcare for children.

Construction of the school began March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, and the doors opened to students 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades in October 2012. Each year a grade was added, and in September of 2017 the school was completed, 1<sup>st</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Grades. It currently has 450 students.

## **Teacher Fund (Staff Fund)**

In Haiti, 50% of primary school age children do not attend school. St. Gabriel School is working to make a difference. The school employs a staff of 41 including the Principal Mr. Fritz André; the School Nurse, Mrs. Kerline Pierrot; the Administrative Assistant, Ms. Marie-Carmel Joseph, 3 Cooks, 32 Teachers and others. These individuals work diligently to fulfill the school's mission and do their part in helping to build a brighter and sustainable future for the students and their community. We have established a Teacher Fund for individuals to support one or part of a teacher for a year. Their salary is \$100 per month or \$1,200 per year. Last school year, Sacred Heart and the larger community were able to sponsor 10 teachers, the nurse and part of the Head of School's salary.

Father Ady Mytial's goal, pastor at St. Gabriel, is to find sponsors to help him pay salary for his staff. He is grateful to all who are already assisting him. If you feel a 'Call to Service' and wish to sponsor one or part of a teacher, please write your check to Sacred Heart Church and add <u>St. Gabriel Staff Fund</u> on the memo line. For online giving go to <u>www.sacredheartnorfolk.org</u>, click on the "Giving" tab, then click "Online Giving." Under "Designate Fund Amount," scroll down to "Haiti: Teachers" and indicate the amount. **100% of your donation benefits St. Gabriel and is tax deductible**. We are looking for sustained sponsorships which assist the teachers through the entire year whenever possible. Together we continue praying for our Family in Haiti.

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