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Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 (6:30 pm - Adjourned 7:30 pm, Commons)

Present: Patricia Britz, Brendan Pigott, Silver Ibenye, William Wallace, Frank Murphy, Alison Boolba, Melissa Marquardt, & Francesca Smith.

Patricia welcomed and thanked all present. The goals of this meeting are to continue formation on Dr. Tom Fame's book *The Lambi's Call, A Haitian Journey* and to plan the SHP Haiti Solidarity Open House on Sun., Sept 24, 2023. Patricia introduced Fr. Fitho (Pastor), Fr. Adelin, Fr. Jean Marco, and some of the St. Gabriel School Staff via PowerPoint. This is the 4th quarter of the church's fiscal year.

Opening Prayer: Attendees said The Haitian Sign of the Cross & William read a Prayer of Gratitude to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus by Rafael Cardinal Merry de Val, Spain. **Prayer Intentions:** Bishop Knestout & Bishop Jean, Fr. Paul, Fr. Fitho, the souls of the departed (Rev. James Kauffmann, Ellen Renn, Neil Walsh, Calvin Hoffler, Nicolas Valcour, Gar Housler, Eileen Powell, & others), victims of flooding & earthquake Haiti, peace with justice in Ukraine, and Silver and his family. Read names of teachers, part 2 (2). Also, attendees shared their intentions. **Hymn:** O Lespri Sen/O Holy Spirit—All (in keeping with Covenant/Goal 2 with SG). For **Monthly Masses for Neil Walsh**, contact Francesca. Thank you to all who are participating in offering a memorial Mass said for Neil at one of the 11 AM Sunday (streamed).

NEW: GOOD NEWS from Both Parishes: William shared the good news: several birthdays at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) and St. Gabriel Parish (SGP); **6/11/2023**—Bishop Knestout's Birthday (1962); **6/4/2023 & 6/11/2023**—Most Holy Trinity & Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi); **6/16/2023**—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (SHP's Feast Day)/Novena—Nine Days of Prayers with SGP (6/7-15/2023), **6/16/2023**—Fr. Bernard's 21st Anniversary of Ordination; **6/19/2023**—6th Anniversary of Fr. Kauffmann's Memorial & Junteenth; **6/26/2023**—Fr. Ady's 24th Anniversary of Ordination; **6/18/2023 & 6/25/2023**—Father's Day in USA and Haiti respectively/Susie prepared cards which will be sent via WhatsApp to Fr. Fitho; and **6/24/2023**—Nativity of St. John the Baptist; **6/17/2023**—Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and **6/27/2023**—Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Patron of Haiti).

June Pen Pal Notes for Father's Day, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, End of School : Francesca asked members to write a short note wishing SGP/S staff Father's Day, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and completion of school year. June Pen Pal Notes are due by June 20. Please email your note to Francesca so she can forward to Patricia. She will forward via WhatsApp to Father Fitho. **Note:** Writing a note is in keeping with the theme of Holy Moments from Matthew Kelly's book and Best Lent Ever Theme 2023 from Dynamic Catholic (still available on YouTube).

Parish Haiti Solidarity Gathering Planning, Sun., Sept. 24, 2023: Patricia noted in honor of Sept. Haiti Solidarity Month, there will be a Parish Haiti Solidarity Gathering on Sept. 24, from 4 to 5:30 pm in the Commons: **Speaker**—Tina Wandersee—Director of Social Ministry, Richmond Diocese; **Theme**—Sustainability in Haiti which will be celebrated at SH the week of September 18 to 24, 2023; **Food** will be served to reflect the theme—Dan Doyle to prepare a meal of beans and rice, fruit (donations needed), & dessert (donations needed); **Entertainment**—musician(s) flute/piano--TBC, **Raffle**—William to manage the raffle with 3 to 4 prizes (2 donors confirmed). Also, there will be a novena to St. Joseph.

Meeting Annual Calendar 2023-2024: Patricia showed the Annual Calendar 2023-2024 which listed the dates for the HTM meetings.



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FORMATION: M' Pale Kréyol/I Speak Creole-- Papa Nou/Our Father— Silver & All—In keeping with Covenant/Goal 2 with SG, in preparation for Fr. Fitho's future visits & SHP pilgrimages, we continue learning the basics of the Haitian Creole language. Members reviewed The Sign of the Cross, sang Mange Sa a, and a few basic greetings.

Dr. Tom Fame's Book, The Lambi's Call—A Haitian Journey (at SG in Lascahobas), Reflections on Chapters 11 & 12: Brendan led discussion on those two chapters with the following questions:

1. In Chapter 11, Tom points out on page 132 that Haiti is sometimes called the land of broken dreams due to a large number of uncompleted buildings. In light of our work with SG, what do you think of his comment?
2. In Chapter 12, Tom recounts how those he works with begin asking for teacher salaries and food. What do you think of his response to their requests?

Action: Please read Chapters 13 & 14 from The Lambi's Call to prepare for book discussion at the July 11 meeting.

REFLECTION:

Ministry Impact 2022-2023: Silver/members reviewed the Sacred Heart & St. Gabriel Twin Parishes 2022-2023 Annual Report Per Fund—Goals Met—Self Transformation, Pen Pal Letters, Weekly WhatsApp Meetings/Fr. Fitho, 3 gatherings/raffle, 2 novenas/1 Stations of the Cross/regular prayers, 8 Yard Sales & some online sales & Small Change Jar. Also, to invest in sustainable projects while decreasing operation cost: **School Staff Fund**—8 teachers (10 last year) & 1 nurse; **Lunch Fund**—16 students (21 last year); **Medical Fund**—\$100 monthly, medication purchased on local economy plus dental visit \$500; **Building & Outfitting Fund/Sustainable Projects**—1 set of high school books & 1 water filter system; **Scholarship Fund**—20 students at St. Gabriel & 1 student at the normal school (Teacher College).

May 7th, Parish Haiti Twinning 16th Anniversary Celebration “2022-2023 School Year”: Brendan noted it went very well: good & plenty food, celebrative cake, wine, presentation on the School Year (attendees found it informative), & raffle which raised funds for 2 scholarships and the Teacher Endowment. Everyone enjoyed the celebration.

Apr. 29th, Eastern Vicariate 15th Haiti Twinning Gathering & Bishop Jean's Visit—Continuing on the Path of Self-Sustainability. Learning about Endowments: Patricia shared the Gathering went very well. The twin parishes enjoyed the presentation on Endowments by guest speaker Magee Keenan, Director of Planning Giving. Pamela McKinney gave an update on the Haiti Education Support Team. They also enjoyed refreshments, sharing their twin story updates, and Silent Auction. Also, she shared that her 15-minute meeting with Bishop Jean, Hinche Diocese, Haiti went very well. Bishop shared his view on sustainable development in the Diocese of Hinche.

May & June Yard Sales: William shared the sales went very well—good team work, customers, weather and both sales met the goal to feed one SG student a hot lunch for the school year. Patricia noted the next year sale will be on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Cherie's yard.

June-August 2023 Calendar & Upcoming Meetings: See below.

JUNE - AUGUST 2023 CALENDAR —Silver

JUNE 2023 Father's Day & Exams, SH Novena, HTM Impact	
6/16/2022	Fr. Bernard's 21st Ordi. Anniversary
6/20-	Haiti Twinning Ministry: Light Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 6:30 pm-8:00 pm--Commons



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6/18-	US Father's Day
6/19-	Juneteenth Day
6/16	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 Days after Pentecost, on a Friday)
6/17-	June Yard Sale, 9:00 am-2:00 pm-Lunch Fund @ Mari's
6/25-	Haiti Father's Day
6/26/1999 -	Fr. Ady Mytial's 24th Ordination Anniversary
6/27-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Feast Day
JULY 2023 HTM Vision, Goals & Covenant	
7/11-Tues.	Haiti Twinning Ministry: Light Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 6:30 pm-7:30 pm—Commons
7/15--Fri.	Fr. Paul's Ordination Anniversary
AUGUST 2023 Haiti Solidarity Month Planning, 2023-2024 Goals	
8/14/21-	Memorial Anniversary Haiti Earthquake, West Part of Haiti 2021
8/1/16-	Fr. Paul's 7th Year Anniversary at Sacred Heart Parish

THIS MONTH ACTIONS | Friendship Notes Father's Day & End of School (Mr. Fritz André/Frank, Mr. Ernst Vincent/Brendan, Ms. Marie-Carmel/Francesca, Mrs. Kerline Pierrot /Melissa, Miracle Lafleur/William, Chantal Vincent/Alison) —Francesca

LOOKING AHEAD | September Haiti Solidarity Month, Haiti Solidarity Preparation

SAVE THE DATES

Yard Sale Sat., Sept. 16, at Cheri's & **Parish Haiti Solidarity Gathering on Sun, Sept. 24, 2023, 4 to 5:30 pm, Commons**

Communication/Collaboration: Fr. Paul, Tina Pizzano-Wandersee (Director of Office of Social Ministry, Richmond Diocese), Fr. Fitho JEAN, Fr. Adelin JOSEPH, Fr. Jean-Carlo PIERRE, Fritz ANDRE (SG High School Principal), Ernst VINCENT (SG Elementary School Head) Mary Ann Collins & Mike Kassel (Eastern Vicariate Haiti Twinning Collaborative Team), Kathy Dowdy (Haiti Education Support Team Chair) & Dr. Pamela McKinney, Catholic Relief Services, Dr. Tom Fame (Salem, VA)

FY 2022 – 2023 FUND RAISERS TO BENEFIT ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletters, 8 Yard Sales, Some Online Sales, Advent Giving Tree (textbooks/2022), Free Will Donations, In Honor/Memory Donations, Small Change Collection, May & Sept. Gatherings (raffles), 31 Totes, others?

Closing Prayers from *God is no Stranger*—Silver

Next Meetings, Tues., July 11th, dinner 6:00 pm, meeting 6:30 pm-7:30 pm, opening prayer William, closing prayer Silver. No meeting in August. Tues., Sept. 5th. Guests are welcome.



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POST MEETING NOTES: Pen Pal Notes & Birthday/Greeting Cards: Please turn in notes for Fr. Fitho, Fr. Adelin, Fr. Jean-Marco, Fr. Ady, Fr. Bernard, & Pen Pals to Francesca via email, smithf236@verizon.net, June 20, 2023. Thanks to all who did in May & have already done so far in June. **Fr. Fitho and Pen Pals appreciated the notes very much. Thank you Susie** for preparing Father's Day cards. **Fair Trade Coffee**, Just (-ice) for Haiti continues out of parish. POC: Patricia. **Fair Trade: A Just World Starts with You | Benjamin Conard | TEDxSUNYGeneseo**. Many thanks for continuing purchasing this coffee in support of the Haitian farmers.



Dear Father Paul, friends of the Sacred Heart, and the greater community, We greet you from the bottom of our hearts. The beautiful 16th alliance between the Parishes of the Sacred Heart and of Saint Gabriel continues with much hope. We give thanks to the Lord for His blessings. As you prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 16th, please know that we will be united with you in prayer throughout the Novena. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus, source of all graces, fill both our parishes with joy, love, and peace for an ever increasing and authentic testimony of Christian life. Father Fitho JEAN, Pastor at St. Gabriel Parish, Lascabobas, Haiti *Fr. Fitho JEAN, Pastor at St. 5/22/23 St. Gabriel Parish*



Father Jean-Carlo PIERRE was born in Dos Palais, near Belladère, Haiti, June 6th, 1986. He was ordained priest in Hinche, Haiti on August 18th, 2018. He studied philosophy and theology at the Latran Pontifical University in Rome, Italy. He teaches religious education at the St. Gabriel School.



Father Adelin JOSEPH was born in Lospalis, near Hinche in Haiti, May 1st, 1985. He is the son of Anéus Joseph and Elianise Napeau. He was ordained priest in Hinche, on November 17th, 2018. He is the Administrative Director at the St. Gabriel School.

RESOURCES:

December 2022-September 2023 Dr. Tome Fame The Lambi's Call, A Haitian Journey

November 2022 [No Passport Required | Haitian Food on South Beach | Season 1 | PBS](https://www.pbs.org/video/haitian-food-south-beach-vqqydg/)

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October 2022 [No Passport Required | A Tour of Little Haiti | Season 1 | PBS](#)

March-September 2022 [Fratelli tutti \(3 October 2020\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#) Download in PDF Introduction: [Fratelli](#)

[Tutti Explained: Catholicism \(reddit.com\)](#) 13 minutes

Rick Steves **Hunger & Hope: Lessons from Ethiopia & Guatemala**, <https://youtu.be/pzSUqYaW8i4>

CST 101 Option for the Poor and the Vulnerable [CST 101: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable - YouTube](#)

CST 101 Life and Dignity of the Human Person [CST 101 | Life and Dignity of the Human Person - Bing video](#)

CST 101 Rights and Responsibilities [CST 101 | Rights and Responsibilities - YouTube](#) **CST 101 Solidarity** [CST 101 | Solidarity - YouTube](#) **The Dignity of Work & the Rights of Workers**

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=youtube+dignified+life+throuhg+work+catholic+socila+teaching&docid=607998083156281503&mid=C19D01E3A7A0202D78EAC19D01E3A7A0202D78EA&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

CRS: Agroforestry in Coffee Farming for a Sustainable Enterprise | CRS FARM Project - Bing video

Fonkoze Investing in Projects/Financial Sustainability—Fonkoze video an example of human development/micro loans



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(Shoulder to Shoulder with Fonkoze: Ti Kredi - YouTube [FONKOZE: Who We Are - YouTube](#)

Fair Trade (Fair Trade: A Just World Starts with You | Benjamin Conard | TEDxSUNYGeneseo video)

