

Haiti Twinning Ministry Minutes

16th Year of Twinning with Saint Gabriel (May 10, 2023)!



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SACRED HEART HTM HOSTS GOING AWAY PARTY FOR SILVER IBENYE 7 HIS FAMILY

Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Commons)

In lieu of our regular July Haiti Twinning Ministry Meeting (HTM), the members hosted a going away party for Silver and his family. Silver will transfer to Richmond for his work, where he and his family will move to by the end of this month. We all had a good time, especially the children. We will miss our dear friends and will keep in touch. Silver will continue posting documents and pictures to the Justice and Peace website. Thank you.

Francesca prepared a card for the Ibenye family, and all attendees signed it.

Present: Brendan Pigott, Silver & Frances Ibenye & children, William Wallace, Alison Boolba, Steve, Pat Walsh, Amy & Christopher Woods, Stacy Keith, Patricia & Allan Britz

JULY GOOD NEWS from Both Parishes: There are several birthdays at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) and St. Gabriel Parish (SGP); 7/2/2023—Bishop Jean Desnord's 7th Anniversary at Diocese of Hinche (Haiti)/2016; 7/4/2023—Independence Day for USA, 7/11/2023—203rd Anniversary Richmond Diocese Founding (1820); 7/14/2023—Bastille Day 1789 Independence Day for France; 7/15/2023—23rd Anniversary of Fr. Paul's Ordination; 7/16/2023—Our Lady of Mt Carmel; 7/19/2023—Remembrance of Fr. Kauffmann's 46th Anniversary of Ordination, 7/22/2023—20th Anniversary of Voix/Voice Terrestres Choir at SG, 7/29/2023—20th Anniversary of Flambeau de l'Espoir/Torch of Hope Choir at SG; 7/31/2023—St. Ignatius of Loyola (one of Neil's favorite saints).

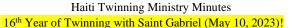
AUGUST GOOD NEWS from Both Parishes: There are several birthdays at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) and St. Gabriel Parish (SGP); 8/1/2023—Fr. Paul's 7th Anniversary at SHP (2016); 8/6/2023—Transfiguration of the Lord/Father Jacques Bloch's Anniversary of his death (lower school named after); 8/11/2023—St. Clare's Memorial Day; 8/15/2023—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day (Mary is the Patron of the USA, Haiti & many other countries/Cathedral in Port-au-Prince); 8/25/2023—Neil's Birthday. 8/2023—August SG Summer Camp.

July & August Pen Pal Notes for End of School, etc.: Francesca asked members to write a short note wishing SGP/S staff completion of school year. <u>July Pen Pal Notes are due by July 20</u> and <u>August Pen Pal Notes are due by August 20</u>. Please email your note to Francesca so she can forward it to Patricia. She will forward via WhatsApp to Father Fitho. **Note:** Writing a note is in keeping with the theme of <u>Holy Moments</u> 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: In honor of Sept. Haiti Solidarity Month, HTM members will host 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—Hope. Meal: rice and bean, chicken, salad, will be provided. Donations needed for fruit and desserts. Entertainment—live music-TBC, Raffle—William to manage the raffle with 4 prizes (3 donors confirmed). Also, there will be a novena to St. Joseph during Solidarity Week. Solidarity week will be celebrated September 18 to 24, 2023.

FORMATION | Please read chapters 15 & 16 for discussion September 5.







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MINISTRY IMPACT 2022-2023 | 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 \$550; 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).

Next Yard Sale: Saturday, September 16, 2023, at Cherie's yard.

JULY - AUGUST 2023 CALENDAR

	JULY
7/2-	Neil Walsh Memorial Mass
7/11-Tues.	Going Away Party Silver & Family in Lieu of HTM: 6:00 pm-7:30 pmCommons
7/15Fri.	Fr. Paul's Ordination Anniversary
	AUGUST/Haiti Solidarity Month Planning
8/14/21-	Memorial Anniversary Haiti Earthquake 2021, West part of Haiti
8/1/16-	Fr. Paul's 7th Year Anniversary at SH
8/20-	Neil Walsh Memorial Mass

LOOKING AHEAD | September Haiti Solidarity Month, Preparation

SAVE THE DATES | **Yard Sale** Sat., Sept. 16, at Cheri's & **Parish Haiti Solidarity Gathering** Sun, Sept. 24, 2023, 4 pm- 5:30 pm, Commons.

Communication/Collaboration: Fr. Paul, Diana Dorsey, Administration Assistant, Chrissy Bush, Office Manager, 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 2023 – 2024 FUND RAISERS TO BENEFIT ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletters, 8 Yard Sales, Some Online Sales, Advent Giving Tree (textbooks/2023), Free Will Donations, In Honor/Memory Donations, Small Change Collection, Sept. & May Gatherings (raffles), 31 Totes, others?

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

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, July 20, 2023 & August 2023.



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Thanks to all who did in June & have already done so far in July. Fr. Fitho and Pen Pals appreciated the notes very much. Thank you Susie for preparing Birthday 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,

On behalf of my congregation, I wish you a Happy Independence Day! May your celebration be filled with the blessings and opportunities that freedom brings. We also wish Fr. Paul a pleasant and safe family visit.

All our students except the 9th and 13th Grades have finished their end of the year examinations. In early July, the 9th and 13th will take their national exams. We ask for your prayers, please, that they may get good results to go to the next level of their education. Once all exams are finished, we will start summer camp. We will also repaint the school and get a water filtering system to treat the water from our two wells, and from the town that we receive three times a week during the rainy season.

Thank you for all your prayers, your close relationship, and the support you give our teachers and students. We wish you and your families a blessed and happy summer vacation.

Father Fitho JEAN, Pastor at St. Gabriel Parish, Lascahobas, Haiti

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-yqqydq/

October 2022 No Passport Required | A Tour of Little Haiti | Season 1 | PBS

March-September 2022 <u>Fratelli tutti (3 October 2020) | Francis (vatican.va)</u> Download in PDF Introduction: <u>Fratelli Tutti</u> 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 <u>CST 101 | Rights and Responsibilities - YouTube</u> CST 101 Solidarity <u>CST 101 | Solidarity - YouTube</u> The Dignity of Work & the Rights of Workers

https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=youtube+dignified+life+throuhg+work+catholic+socila+teaching&docid=6079980 83156281 503&mid=C19D01E3A7A0202D78EAC19D01E3A7A0202D78EA&view=detail&FORM=VIRE

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

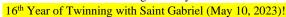
Fonkoze Investing in Projects/Financial Sustainability—Fonkoze video an example of human development/micro loans

(Shoulder to Shoulder with **Fonkoze:** Ti Kredi - YouTube <u>FONKOZE: Who We Are - YouTube</u>

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



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