

JULY 2023 JUSTICE AND PEACE BULLETIN NOTES

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JULY-AUGUST 2023 CALENDAR

July, 2023	
BACKPACK DRIVE EASTER SHORE	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
7/1-23-	Parish Backpack Drive for Children on the Eastern Shore
7/24-	Backpack Pick-Up
7/4-	Independence Day
7/11-	<i>Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) 6:00 pm light dinner, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Commons</i>
7/15/2000-	23rd Fr. Paul's Ordination Anniversary
7/17/2023-	Justice & Peace Meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm-Commons
7/22 TBC	Summer Street Clean Up, 8:45 am - 10:30 pm (Care for Creation Team & Volunteers)
August, 2023	
ASSUMPTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
8/1/2016-	Fr. Paul's 7th Anniversary at SH
8/15-	Assumption of the Holy Blessed Virgin Mary

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July 1/2

CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY | Creation Prayer (Br. Tagoy Jaazeal Jakosalem OAR, Philippines)

Sometimes we feel overwhelmed by issues related to climate change and do not know how to take action. We can always turn to God for guidance.

Bless us, God our Father, The immense beauty of the universe is an expression of your love for us. The earth in its freshness The trees and plants in all their grandeur, Allow us to cherish the beauty of life – in the person and in nature, Bequeathed by the stewardship of our ancestors.

Renew us, Lord Jesus, In whom all things are renewed by the grandeur of your saving grace. You taught us love in all its fullness, Teach us to be active stewards of your creation – Defending the rights of our people, Protecting our mountains, lands, trees and animals, Renewing what we have lost through our sinfulness.

Empower us, Holy Spirit. To embrace the prophetic life of stewardship, rejecting all forms of abuse in our environment, inspiring a cleaner and sustainable future for our children, developing innovative solutions to address environmental degradation and climate change. As we care for the gift of our existence, we care too, for our world. **POC: Frank Murphy wfmerm377@aol.com** Environment Ministry | Sacred Heart Catholic Church (sacredheartnorfolk.org)



HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY | Let's continue praying for our twin parish, St. Gabriel as the 9th (24 students) and 13th Grades (23 students) took their national exams June 26th-30th. Fr. Fitho was most grateful for the monetary donation Sacred Heart sent him thanks to the generous parishioners' donations to purchase textbooks for the 7th and 9th Grades at Christmas. It helped teachers to implement a rigorous curriculum with some of the needed resources. May the results of their exams be a success for them to move on to the next level of their education. 21.5% of the population receive a secondary level education in Haiti. Mostly those students wish to be doctors, nurses, teachers, agronomists, computer tech. **POC: Brendan Pigott bp2004bch@aol.com**
<http://www.sacredheartnorfolk.org/ministries/justice-and-peace/haiti-ministry/>

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- Pencil Top Erasers (1 pack)
- Safety Scissors (1)
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- Ruler (1)
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THE DIGNITY OF LIFE MINISTRY | Hope 4 Life is grateful for all the baby items donated by Sacred Heart parishioners. Many moms in need will be blessed by your generosity. Hope 4 Life sincerely appreciates your kindness and support. We couldn't do the work we do without you! Thank you for your support at our Annual Banquet at St. Matthews School, Chesapeake. Louantha Kerr, Hope 4 Life Director louantha@gmail.com

Pregnant and need help? [Click here](#) to find pregnancy resources offered by our two dioceses.



HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT | 2023 marks Sacred Heart's 16th year in twinning with St. Gabriel Parish. Fr. Fitho JEAN has been the parish priest there for two years. In 2022-2023 Sacred Heart and the greater community supported its twin parish/school this way: salaries for 8 teachers and 1 nurse, lunch fees for 16 students, 2 sets of high school books, 21 tuition scholarships, and some medical assistance. We have also invested in a water filter system which will allow St. Gabriel to save funds by filtering their own water. Also, we continue to slowly decrease assistance with the operational cost at the school. The goal is to help our twin parish to become increasingly self-sustaining, while praying for each other's parishes, and continue to grow in friendship. **POC: Brendan Pigott bp2004bch@aol.com**

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July 15/16

CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY | PROTECTING OUR OCEANS

Our oceans have great importance for the survival and well-being of our Earth. They are not only our life source, providing protein for more than 3 billion people in the world, but they also play a crucial role in regulating global climate by mediating temperatures, influencing weather patterns, and acting as the world's largest carbon sink. Oceans produce at least 50% of the planet's oxygen, making its conservation literally a matter of life and death.

The UN division for Ocean Affairs offers these important ways where people can protect the oceans:

- Opt for plastic alternatives. Plastics are often discarded in the oceans.
- Avoid products that harm the ocean.
- Eat a predominantly plant diet and sustainable seafood.
- Support organizations working to protect our oceans.

We need to reconnect with the ocean in a sustainable way to ensure that its benefits can be enjoyed for generations to come! Excerpted from an article by Ed Marroni reporting on "Things You Can Do to Save the Ocean", written June 8, 2023 on earth.org **POC: Frank Murphy wfmern377@aol.com**

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July 22/23



NEWS FROM OUR TWIN PARISH IN HAITI, ST. GABRIEL (SG) | The students in 9th (24 students) and 13th Grades (23 students) took their final exams in late June. We join in prayer that each of them graduates to the next level of their education. Each year, Sacred Heart gives annual scholarships to 21 students (\$275 each) at SG, and 1 student at the Ecole Normal/Teacher School (\$410). Those students are selected by their teachers according to 3 criteria, Best Results, Best Effort, or Most in Need. The families are most grateful for this generous gift which allows them to send an additional child to school. Often the number one reason for parents to send their children to school is the daily school meal of rice and beans. **POC: Brendan Pigott bp2004bch@aol.com**

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DIGNITY OF LIFE MINISTRY | **If alcohol is causing problems in your life, contact A.A.** We're alcoholics helping other alcoholics get sober. 757-490-3980. info@tidewaterintergroup.org. [Click here](#) to find a meeting near you.

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July 29/30 **(We will send the office a note on the number of backpack Monday, July 24th).**

JULY 2023 EASTERN SHORE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE | Thank you for your generous participation in the School Supply Drive for the children on the Eastern Shore. We collected 50 new and gently used backpacks filled with supplies. This will be a real help to large families who struggle with the cost of school supplies and backpacks. Sacred Heart is collaborating with Saint Peter the Apostle Parish, Onley in this effort, bringing hope to the Lord's children. **POC: Frank Murphy, wferm377@aol.com**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS), JOIN A COMMUNITY OF CHANGEMAKERS | Have you ever wondered, "What can I do to make our world a better place? How can I make a difference?" CRS Chapters and Clubs are communities of people transforming the world. As part of a movement across the United States, thousands are taking meaningful action through CRS campaigns to eradicate global poverty and injustice. Adults and university and high school students take our campaign work further by engaging their communities in advocacy and community giving to make a difference. The world's problems are big and complex, but when we come together in faith and action our impact knows no bounds. Sacred Heart is a member of the CRS VA Chapter. For information on how to become a member of the VA Chapter, contact **Frank Murphy wferm377@aol.com** **[Join a CRS Chapter or Club | CRS](#)**

DIGNITY OF LIFE MINISTRY | **Pregnant and need help?** [Click here](#) to find pregnancy resources offered by our two dioceses.