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Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 (6:30 pm - Adjourned 7:30 pm, Commons)

Present: Patricia Britz, William Wallace, Frank Murphy, Melissa Marquardt

Patricia welcomed and thanked attendees. The goals of this meeting are to continue praying for St. Gabriel and the Haitian people, to share updates on various activities, and continue discussion Dr. Tom Fame’s book. This is the 3rd quarter of the church’s fiscal year, Jan. 2024-Mar. 2024. She thanked Frank the delicious rice and beans dish & Melissa for juicy pears.

Opening Prayer: Attendees said The Haitian Sign of the Cross & William read A Prayer for Haiti. **Prayer Intentions:** Frank noted the following: Bishop Knestout & Bishop Jean, Fr. Paul & Fr. Fitho, souls of departed friends Ellen Renn/Neil Walsh/Nicolas Valcour/Gar Housler/ Eileen Powell, economy, & social justice and the end of violence/Haiti & the world.

Hymn: O Lespri Sen/O Holy Spirit —All (in keeping with Covenant/Goal 2 with SG). For **Monthly Masses for Neil Walsh**, contact Francesca. Thanks to all who are participating in offering a memorial Mass said for Neil at one of the 11 AM Sun. Masses. The next Mass in memory of Neil is Mar. 17th at 11:00 am.

M’ Pale Kréyol/I speak Creole: Papa Nou/Our Father, Mange Sa—Patricia & 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 and sang Mange Sa a before dinner.

Memorials: Patricia noted that Neil Walsh’s 4th Memorial Anniversary was 3/10, Memorial Mass is on 3/17 at 11 AM. She suggested an In Memory Of donation to the Teacher Endowment and passed sheets with info. concerning how to write the check, mailing address, and POC at the Diocese of Richmond. Please see the Feb. 2024 Newsletter which includes the info.

CELEBRATIONS: Patricia noted the following:

St. Gabriel School’s 11th Anniversary-March 1 | Mass with all students

Friends of Haiti Twinning Lunch-April 20, at St. Gregory the Great, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm RSVP

17th Anniversary In Twinning Dinner, (in lieu of meeting)-May 5, 4:00 pm-5:30 pm, in Commons RSVP

UPDATE & REFLECTION:

HTM February Newsletter Discussion: Attendees reviewed the newsletter and shared feedback.

3/9, Indoor Sale: “Feed 1 Student, 1 Sale at a Time”: William noted the sale at Ghent Fred Huette Center went well. Goal met.

COMMUNICATION: Monthly or Pen Pal Notes: Francesca noted that Monthly or Pen Pal notes are due by March 20, 2024, via email to her or place in Haiti Ministry Box by Blow Street. **Topics:** Lenten Season, Easter, School Year 3rd Quarter ending and exams; Pen Pal birthday or Fr. Fitho’s; remembering Fr Fitho, parishioners, students, etc. during March. by praying for them. See Post Meeting Notes below.

Note: Writing a note is in keeping with the theme of Matthew Kelly’s book, **Holy Moments**, and Best Lent Ever Theme 2023 from Dynamic Catholic (still available on YouTube). Attendees signed Easter cards for Fr. Paul and his staff.

Fr. Fitho’s Telephone Calls: Patricia noted that she and Fr. Fitho try to speak once a week. Fr. Fitho shared that the 3rd quarters exams are scheduled March 11th-22nd.

FORMATION: 2024—The Lambi’s Call, Breaking the Chains by Dr. Tom Fame, Chapters 7-9: Frank led the discussion on the following questions:



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1. What is something new you learned about the year 2010 in Chapter 7?
2. In Chapter 8, we learn about Fr. Blot. What are your impressions of his background?
3. In Chapter 9, we learn about Dr. Abé’s fish farm project. What do you think about this endeavor?

Action: Please read Chapters 10, 11, and 12 for the April 16, 2024 meeting. Brendan will email the reflection questions prior to the meeting. If you would like a copy of the book, please contact Patricia Britz. Cost is \$20 per book.

LENT:

March 23rd SG Feast Day Novena to SG with twin parish **March 14th - 22nd**
March 22nd Haiti Solidarity Stations of the Cross, meatless dinner afterward

NEWS: GOOD NEWS FROM BOTH PARISHES: Williams shared the good news: there were several birthdays at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) and St. Gabriel Parish (SGP); **March 20th**—21th Pilgrimage to Haiti; **3/1/2024**—11th Anniversary of the Dedication of SG School (2013); **3/5/2024**—7th Anniversary of the Dedication of SG Cafeteria 1st Floor (2017); **3/14-22/2024**—SH HTM and SG Novena for Feast of the Annunciation on 3/23/2024/Feast Day; **3/30/2024**—17th Anniversary of the SH Letter of Commitment to Bishop Dilorenzo on 3/30/2007; **3/22/2024**—Haiti Solidarity Stations of the Cross, 6 PM, followed by Meatless Dinner in Commons, **3/28/2024**—Holy Thursday; **3/29/2024**—Good Friday; **3/30/2024**—Easter Vigil; **3/31/2024**—Easter Sunday.

MONTHLY HAITI PRAYER SESSION via Zoom for all twin parishes in our region, Tues. April 2nd, 8:00 am-9:00 am. All are welcome. POC: Patricia Britz. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87644827359?pwd=dDdKTkVST2p0cXdrQUVvV2kxUmNLZz09>

MARCH CALENDAR: Please see end of minutes.

EASTERN VICARIATE FRIENDS OF HAITI TWINNING LUNCH: April 20th, 11:00 am-2:00 pm, St. Gregory the Great, Cost \$10 per person RSVP Mary Ann Collins maryann_collins@verizon.net by April 15th.

SAVE THE DATES

March 10, 2020—Neil Walsh’s 4th Memorial Anniversary, donations to Teacher Endowment, Mass March 17, 11:00 am
March 22—Stations of the Cross in Solidarity with Haiti
March 23—St. Gabriel Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord
May 5—17th Anniversary Twinning with SG Celebration with Dinner, Guest speaker: Kathy Dowdy/Education, Music, Raffle

FY 2023 – 2024 FUND RAISERS TO BENEFIT ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL: Monthly Newsletters, Sales, Advent Giving Tree, Free Will Donations, In Honor/Memory Donations, Small Change Collection, May (Twinning Anniversary) & Sept. (Solidarity) Annual Gatherings (Raffle), Scholarship Endowment.

Closing Prayers from *God is no Stranger*—Patricia in English and Haitian Creole/All

Next Meetings/Tuesdays: April 16 | light dinner 6:00 pm, meeting 6:30 pm-7:30 pm, opening prayers William, closing prayers Patricia.

POST MEETING NOTES: Pen Pal Notes & Birthday/Greeting Cards: Please turn in Easter notes for Fr. Fitho, Fr. Adelin, Fr. Jean-Marco, Fr. Ady, Fr. Bernard, & Pen Pals to Francesca via email, smithf236@verizon.net, Mar. 20, 2024. Thanks to all who wrote notes in Feb. & have already done so far in Mar. **Fr. Fitho and Pen Pals appreciated the notes very much.**



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Thank you Susie for preparing Birthday and other greeting 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.



GREETINGS FROM FR. FITHO | *Dear Fr. Paul, Sacred Heart parishioners, and community friends,*

We join our prayers to yours this Lenten season. May this time be fruitful for each of you. The schools in the Hinche Diocese (twinned with the Richmond Diocese) were closed over Mardi-Gras in solidarity with those which are in areas that were not safe. The schools have now reopened, and our students will be taking the 3rd quarter exams before Easter. We thank you for your continued support. Please keep us in prayer as we are preparing for Saint Gabriel Feast Day, March 23rd. May the Lord keep both our parishes close as we continue being challenged by the current situation. Father Fitho, Pastor at Saint Gabriel, Lascahobas, Haiti

MARCH END of 3 rd QUARTER FY	
We remember Neil & Gar Housler 11th Anniversary Inauguration St. Gabriel School St Gabriel Parish's Feast Day	
3/1-	11th Anniversary of the Inauguration of SG School "We were there!"
3/1, 8, 15, 22	Fri. Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm #3 Choir, #4 PPC, #5 J&P, #6 Haiti Solidarity
3/5- (2017)	Prayer for Haiti & 7th Anni. of the Inauguration of SG Cafeteria 1st Floor "We were there!"
Tues. March 12-	Haiti Twinning Ministry Meeting: Light Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 6:30 pm-7:30 pm--Commons
3/10/20-	We Remember Neil Walsh, Mass 11:00 am 3/17/24
3/9/2024	Indoor Sale, Fred Huette Center, Ghent 10:00 am-2:00 pm.
March 14-22	Haiti Twinning Ministry Feast of the Annunciation Novena Both Twin Parishes
Fri. March 23	St. Gabriel Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord
Fri. March 29	Stations of the Cross Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

RESOURCES

January 2024- Dr. Tom Fame, The Lambi's Call, Breaking the Chains

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-southbeach-yqqydg/>

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=6079980_83156281503&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** [FONKOZE: Who We Are - YouTube](#)

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

