**Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 (6:30 pm - Adjourned 7:30 pm, Commons)**

2024 Year of Prayer in Preparation of 2025 Year of the Jubilee (Pope Francis)

FISCAL YEAR FIRST QUARTER (JULY-SEPTEMBER)

SEPTEMBER—HAITI SOLIDARITY MONTH

**Present**: Patricia Britz, William Wallace, Anna Savage, Christine Hoppe, and Francesca Smith

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 prepare for the Haiti Solidarity Dinner on 9/22 and Haiti Solidarity Month/Novena. She thanked William for the delicious chili, Francesca for the grapes, and Anna for the bread. She shared information from Tina Wandersee: Diocese of Richmond link for the Haiti website, [richmonddiocese.org/office/haiti/](https://richmonddiocese.org/office/haiti/) and 37 parishes/organizations in Diocese of Hinche are twinned. This is the 1th quarter of the church’s fiscal year, Jul. 2024-Sept. 2024.

**Opening Prayer:** Attendees said Haitian Sign of the Cross & William read, “Haiti Solidarity Prayer.” Prayer Intentions: Bishop Knestout, Bishop Jean/Hinche Diocese,Fr. Paul, Fr. Fitho, the sick, elders, souls of the departed (Ellen Renn 9/10/17), students, teachers, administrators as they return to school. Peace with Justice in Haiti, Ukraine, Israel/Gaza, & 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 Masses in memory of Neil are at the 8:00 AM on Oct 27, and 11 AM Masses on Nov 10 and Dec 1. Mass in memory of Ellen Renn was 11 AM on Sept 1.

**FORMATION--2024**: **M’ Pale Kréyol/I speak Creole**: The Sign of the Cross, Mange Sa a/Eat this Food, O Lespri Sen/O Holy Spirit, Papa Nou/Our Father—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. Attendees reviewed common phrases.

**Solidarity**[﻿﻿ CST 101 | Solidarity - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cteMjwOBPtw) 4mn/members viewed prior to meeting. Personally reflected on

**1-**Corinthians 12:25-27: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it. Or if one part of our body is honored, all the other parts share its honor. Together you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of that body. Also, reflect on the root causes of the suffering of the Haitian people and actions we can take. Please email your reflections to Francesca. **Reflections** will be placed in jar on the HTM Bureau in the Commons.

**September – October Calendar:** William reviewed the calendar. See end of minutes.

**BEGINNING OF THE YEAR:** **Description of Each Fund and 2024-2025 Goals** reviewed by Patricia—**School Staff Fund (Decreasing Operation Cost (OC))**—4 teachers $5,200 (6 last year) ($1,300 annually each); **Lunch Fund (Decreasing OC)**—6 students $2,520 (11 last year) ($420 annually each); **Medical Fund (OC)**—Nurse $150 monthly, $100 monthly for medication purchased on local economy (Fund to Remain annually); **Investment Outfitting & Sustainable Fund** —Library Books $3K & Micro-Loans mostly to parents $4K (decreasing from $6K last year); **Scholarship Fund (Investment)**—20 students $5,500 at St. Gabriel ($275 annually each) & 1 student at the normal school (Teacher College) ($410 annually). **Also, Transformation**: monthly meetings, Pen Pal Letters, Weekly WhatsApp Meetings/Fr. Fitho, 3 Gatherings & Formation, 3 Novenas, 1 Stations of the Cross, Regular Prayers, Invest in Scholarship &Teachers Endowments, 7 Yard Sales, Some Online Sales, Donations In Honor/Memory Of, and Small Change Jar.

**NEW: September** **GOOD NEWS from Both Parishes**: William shared there were several birthdays at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) & St. Gabriel Parish (SGP) & Anniversaries of friends joining HTM; **9/1/2024—**Father Kesner Joseph (1st Haitian Missionary Priest nominated to the Justice Office, Diocese of Richmond (9/1/2020); **9/3/2024**—St. Gregory the Great Feast Day; **9/2/2024**—Labor Day in USA; **9/5/2024**—St. Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day **9/8/2024—**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; **9/10/2024** Ellen Renn’s 7th Anniversary Remembrance (assisted with HTM financial documentation/sales); **9/16/2024** SG School resumes TBC (Pre-School (3 & 4) and Kindergarten Parish Community Center, Fr. Jacques Block Lower School (1-6), and SG Middle & High School (7-13). **Pictures** of all three school levels, 2024 Summer Project/School, 2024 Summer Project school repaired benches and 2024 Two-Week August Summer Camp were shown. Thanks, Susie, for writing the July, August, September birthday cards. They are much appreciated. The 22nd Pilgrimage to SGP is TBD.

**JULY GOOD NEWS from Both Parishes**: There are several birthdays at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) and St. Gabriel Parish

(SGP); **7/2/2024—**Bishop Jean Desnord’s 8th Anniversary at Diocese of Hinche (Haiti)/2016; **7/4/2024**—Independence Day for USA, **7/11/2024**—204th Anniversary Richmond Diocese Founding (1820); **7/14/2024—**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; **7/19/2024**—Remembrance of Fr. Kauffmann’s 47th Anniversary of Ordination, **7/22/2024—**21st Anniversary of Voix/Voice Terrestres Choir at SG, **7/29/2024**—21st Anniversary of Flambeau de l’Espoir/Torch of Hope Choir at SG;

**7/31/2024**—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); **8/1/2024**—Fr. Paul’s 8th Anniversary at SHP (2016); **8/6/2024—**Transfiguration of the Lord/Father Jacques Bloch’s Anniversary of his death (lower school named after); **8/11/2024—**St. Clare’s Memorial Day; **8/15/2024**—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); **8/25/2024**—Neil Walsh ’s Birthday. **8/2024—**AugustSG Summer Camp.

**NEW: September Haiti Solidarity Month Schedule:** Francescanoted SH HTM will join with the Diocese of Richmond in celebrating Haiti Solidarity Month. Sept. is Solidarity Month at both SH and SG. “The Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Solidarity (#6) is about recognizing others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good.” (Caritas.org). We are all part of the body (See Solidarity above). SH HTM & Parish will do the following:

* Write/Pray for pen pals, students, teachers, Fr. Fitho, Fr. Jean-Carlo, Fr. Adelin: Francesca/All. See Pen Pal Note below.
* 9/3 HTM Meeting, Solidarity formation video and reflection: Francesca—completed.
* 9/12-20 Parish Novena to St. Joseph the Worker, 9 days before Solidarity Weekend/Prayer Chain: Brendan/All
* 9/21 Diocesan Haiti Twinning Gathering, Charlottesville: POC Patricia
* 9/22 HTM Hosts Parish Gathering/Presentation/Theme-Accompany Our Brothers & Sisters-Tina Wandersee, Director of Social Ministry/Diocese of Richmond /Free Dinner/Raffle (Teachers), 4:00 pm-5:30 pm | Set up 2:30 pm **CONTINUE PLANNING/Decoration:** apples & pumpkins/5 tables. Bring fruit & desserts
* 9/21-22 Parish Solidarity Weekend (bulletin/CC flyer, calendar of activities, Haitian hymn, prayer of the faithful, altar announcement before Masses)

**Note: September Pen Pal Notes—**Francesca noted that Pen Pal notes are due by September 20, 2024 via email to her or place in Haiti Box by Blow Street. **Topics:** School Year starting; Pen Pal birthday or Fr. Fitho; remembering Fr Fitho, parishioners, students, etc. during Haiti Solidarity Month by praying for them, etc. 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) and Pope Francis’ 2024 Year of Prayer in Preparation of the 2025 Jubilee Year.

**FY 2024-2025 FUND RAISERS TO BENEFIT ST GABRIEL SCHOOL:** Monthly Newsletters, Yard Sales, Advent Giving Tree, Free Will Donations, In Honor/Memory Donations, Small Change Collection, May & Sept. Gatherings (raffle/Scholarship & Teacher Endowments.)

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**Monday:** Oct. 7th,Justice & Peace and Haiti Twinning combined: Francesca, meeting facilitator

**Tuesday:** Nov.12th,light dinner (Francesca/soup & bread, William/fruit) 6:00 pm, meeting 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Sun., Sept. 22**, 4:00 pm-5:30 pmHTM hosts Parish Annual Haiti Solidarity Dinner

**Sat, Sept 7**, HTM Sale at the Huette Center in Ghent, 9 to 2. Set up starts at 7:30 pm. Teachers

**Closing Prayer** from Franciscan Reflection*—*William

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| **SEPTEMBER, 2024** |
| **HTM HAITI SOLIDARITY MONTH, THE DIGNITY & THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS**  |
| 9/1- | Memorial Mass Ellen Renn, 11:00 am |
| **\*9/2-** | **Labor Day**  |
| **9/2-TBC** | School Resumes @ Fr. Jacques Block & Saint Gabriel  |
| 9/3- | *Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) Meetings Resume, 6:00 pm light dinner, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm-Commons* |
| 9/3- | *Haiti Prayer Hour Zoom, 8:00 am*  |
| 9/10- | ***We remember Ellen Renn (2/16/62-9/10/17)*** |
| 9/9- | **Justice & Peace Meetings Resume, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm-Commons** |
| 9/12-20  | Parish Haiti Solidarity Novena to St. Joseph the Worker, (Brendan), Prior to Solidarity Weekend  |
| 9/20-  | Dessalines Feast Day | No School, Haiti  |
| 9/21-22- | Parish Haiti Solidarity Weekend  |
| **Sun. 9/22-** | ***4:00 pm-5:30 pm HTM Hosts Parish Haiti Solidarity Dinner***  |
| **OCTOBER, 2024** |
| 10/1- | *Haiti Prayer Hour Zoom, 8:00 am*  |
| **10/7-** | **Justice & Peace Meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm HTM Combined**  |
| **10/4** | **Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi | No School Haiti**  |
| **\*10/14-** | **Columbus Day / Indigenous Day**  |
| **10/17-** | **Dessalines' Assassination | No School**  |
| 10/27- | Memorial Mass Neil Walsh 8:00 am  |

**POST MEETING NOTES:** Pen Pal Notes & Birthday/Greeting Cards: Please turn in notes for Fr. Fitho, Fr. Adelin, Fr. Jean-Carlo, Fr. Ady, Fr. Bernard, & Pen Pals to Francesca via email, smithf236@verizon.net, Sep. 20, Oct 20, Nov 20, 2024. Thanks to all who wrote notes in Jun/Jul/Aug & have already done so far in Sept. Fr. Fitho and Pen Pals appreciated the notes very much. Thank you, Susie, for preparing Birthday cards this month. Fair Trade Coffee, Just (-ice) for Haiti continues out of parish. POC: Patricia. [Fair Trade: A Just World Starts with You | Benjamin Conard | TEDxSUNYGeneseo . M](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=just+haiti+coffee+fair+trade&&view=detail&mid=02C77D1E37DBEF11817702C77D1E37DBEF118177&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Djust%2520haiti%2520coffee%2520fair%2520trade%26qs%3Dn%26form%3DQBVR%26sp%3D-1%26pq%3Djust%2520haiti%2520coffee%2520fair%2520trade%26sc%3D0-28%26sk%3D%26cvid%3DBD3F57FA84D94DD8A17590A273E7B7D9)any 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 greet you from the bottom of our hearts. The beautiful 17th alliance between both our parishes continues with much gratitude on our part. We give thanks to the Lord for His blessings all these years. As you prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 7th, please know that we will be united with you in prayer throughout the Novena, May 29th - June 6th. 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. We stay together in prayer. Father Fitho JEAN, Pastor at St.Gabriel, Lascahobas, Haiti*

**RESOURCES**

[**Despite turmoil in Haiti, diocesan ministry perseveres**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CSmith%5CDownloads%5CDespite%20turmoil%20in%20Haiti%2C%20diocesan%20ministry%20perseveres) **Catholic Virginian Article**

**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

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

October 2022 [No Passport Required | A Tour of Little Haiti | Season 1 | PBS](https://www.pbs.org/video/tour-little-haiti-kgbmyk/)

March-September 2022 [Fratelli tutti (3 October 2020) | Francis (vatican.va) Do](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)wnload in PDF Introduction: [Fratelli Tutti Explained: Catholicism (reddit.com) 13](https://www.reddit.com/r/Catholicism/comments/jbt6qg/fratelli_tutti_explained/) 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWuoECvwjUA)

**CST 101 Life and Dignity of the Human Person** [CST 101 | Life and Dignity of the Human Person - Bing video](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=cst+101&&view=detail&mid=59D1511FEE4D3DEF7B7B59D1511FEE4D3DEF7B7B&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dcst%2B101%26FORM%3DHDRSC3)

**CST 101 Rights and Responsibilities** [CST 101 | Rights and Responsibilities - YouTube **CS**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPB6sXj6Fwo)**T** **101 Solidarity** [CST 101 | Solidarity - YouTube **Th**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cteMjwOBPtw)**e 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](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=youtube+dignified+life+throuhg+work+catholic+socila+teaching&docid=607998083156281503&mid=C19D01E3A7A0202D78EAC19D01E3A7A0202D78EA&view=detail&FORM=VIRE)

[503&mid=C19D01E3A7A0202D78EAC19D01E3A7A0202D78EA&view=detail&FORM=VIRE](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](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=CRS+sustainable+projects&&view=detail&mid=F3C530E938360DF01A32F3C530E938360DF01A32&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DCRS%2Bsustainable%2Bprojects%26FORM%3DHDRSC3)

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

[(Shoulder to Shoulder with **Fonkoze:** Ti Kredi - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOVcSYZpyAU)  [FONKOZE: Who We Are - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtneUYsF1q0)

**Fair Trade** [(Fair Trade: A Just World Starts with You | Benjamin Conard | TEDxSUNYGeneseo video)](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=just+haiti+coffee+fair+trade&&view=detail&mid=02C77D1E37DBEF11817702C77D1E37DBEF118177&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Djust%2520haiti%2520coffee%2520fair%2520trade%26qs%3Dn%26form%3DQBVR%26sp%3D-1%26pq%3Djust%2520haiti%2520coffee%2520fair%2520trade%26sc%3D0-28%26sk%3D%26cvid%3DBD3F57FA84D94DD8A17590A273E7B7D9)

Links to Jubilee Year:

<https://www.ewtnvatican.com/articles/pope-francis-proclaims-2025-jubilee-papal-bull-hope-does-not-disappoint-2609>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2022-01/jubilee-year-2025-motto-archbishop-fisichella-new-evangelization.html>