



HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY (HTM) NEWSLETTER  
 17<sup>TH</sup> YEAR IN TWINNING WITH SAINT GABRIEL PARISH  
 NOVEMBER 2024 Edition 63<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> year!



**Vision:** We, the parishioners of the Sacred Heart have been called to enter in a twinning relationship with our brothers and sisters at Saint Gabriel, Haiti. Together, we follow the principles of Catholic Social Teaching to foster faith-filled relationships, self-sustainability, and an end to dependency.  
**Mission:** End dependency while following the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

**Learning Haitian Creole, 1 sentence at a time.**

We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving. Nou swete w yon benediksyon pou jou Aksyon de Gras.



*Dear Fr. Paul, friends of the Sacred Heart, and the community,*

*I join my parishioners in wishing you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving. The students at St. Gabriel High School and Middle School, and at Fr. Block Lower School (2 schools in 1) will be completing the 1<sup>st</sup> term after taking exams the last week of this month. We thank the Lord for our 17<sup>th</sup> year in twinning relationship. We also thank you for collecting funds for our school library. It will help with an improved education. We keep you in prayer and ask you, please to keep us in yours. May we remain united in the Lord during the upcoming Advent season. Fr. Fitho, Pastor at St. Gabriel, Lascahobas*



**BATAILLE DE VERTIÈRES**—November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1803, 221 years ago!

Students studied an important moment in history this month. The Battle of Vertières was the last major battle of the over 12-year Haitian Revolution. It was fought on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1803, between the indigenous Haitian army and Napoleon's French expeditionary forces, who were committed to regaining control of the island. In this clash, south of Le Cap Haitians led by Jean-Jacques Dessalines and Alexandre Pétion ultimately defeated the French troops under General Rochambeau. Vertières is situated south of Cap-Haïtien, North, Haiti.

**FALL YARD SALE | SUPPORT TEACHERS, 1 SALE AT A TIME** | On Sat., Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>,



2024, our friend Cherie invited the sale team to her home driveway in Norfolk. Set up started at 8:00 am with a good team of volunteers. The sale was focused on costume jewelry, children's toys, and Christmas crèches. We also sold some tea-towels, and pretty pottery. The goal was to support the Teacher Salary Endowment Fund.



This fall day was cool and inviting. The surrounding trees' foliage had just turned beautifully yellow and red. We were fortunate that the morning wind turned into a gentle breeze by noon. There was a good flow of neighbors and returning buyers. Parents came with their children who enjoyed discovering and buying from the spread of toys.



**The total collected for the Teachers' Salary Endowment was \$749.** In addition to participating in the operation cost of the school: Lunch, Health Care, and Teachers, we continue investing in the long-term of the self-sustainability of the school Pre-K-13<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**Thank you for having contributed to these past, present, and future sales. Together we are a true collaborative team.**

**SAVE THE DATE | DECEMBER SALES**

**Annual Fair-Trade Festival**, Elation Brewing, 5104 Colley Ave. Norfolk | December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – 8:00 pm & 11:00 – 5:00 pm. See you there.

**CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITY**

**PLEASE DONATE TOWARD 1 OR MORE BOOKS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**ADVENT GIVING TREE**

**November 2nd - January 6th**



Our Advent Giving Tree signups is online this year. As we have done for many years, we are giving gifts to the children of migrant workers on the Eastern Shore, and to the students at St. Gabriel School in Haiti to with a new upcoming library.



**HAITI ADVENT GIVING TREE**



AMOUR-CONFIANCE-ABANDON

Le Diocèse de Hinche, le Grand Séminaire Notre Dame, la promotion Sainte Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus, ainsi que les Familles PIERROT et PIERRE-JACQUES ont le plaisir de vous inviter à *l'ordination presbytérale* de leur fils Diacre:

**Jean Bedel Mathias**

en la Cathédrale Immaculée Conception de Hinche, le samedi 16 novembre 2024, à compter de 9heures AM.

L'ordre sacré lui sera conféré par l'imposition des mains de son Excellence Monseigneur Desinord JEAN, Évêque de Hinche.

Première messe solennelle : dimanche 17 novembre 2024 à 9h00 AM, à la paroisse Saint Gabriel de Lascahobas.

Le futur prêtre compte sur vos ferventes prières !



**Jean Bedel Mathias Pierrot**, St. Gabriel Highschool graduate, July 2014, was ordained priest, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Hinche Cathedral, Our Lady of the Immaculate conception. Father Jean Bedel presided over his first Mass at his home parish, St. Gabriel in Lascahobas. The whole community came together to congratulate his family.

## FIRST QUARTER IMPACT JULY-SEPTEMBER 2024

RELATIONSHIP	OPERATION COST (see pledge form)	SUSTAINABILITY INVESTMENT	ADMIN., FORMATION, FUND RAISERS
Pen pal notes/greeting cards: Ordinations Anniversaries, Birthdays & others.	Salaries <b>4</b> teachers/ 1 quarter <b>1</b> nurse/1 quarter	Micro-loans \$1,000	Monthly Ministry & Admin. meetings Social Teaching & Sustainability Planning Annual Friends of Haiti Lunch 3/29/25
Bi-weekly WhatsApp phone calls/meetings/ Fr. Fitho	Lunch for <b>6</b> students/ 1 quarter	Goat x 1	Monthly newsletters #63, 5 years, short lessons in H. Creole, Book study: The Lambi's Call Breaking the Chins by Dr. Tom Fame
Bi-weekly texts/ Fr. Adelin  Monthly texts/2 School Heads: M. Fritz André & M. Ernst Vincent	<b>20</b> scholarships (\$275 annually) + 1 scholarship (\$410/Teacher College) paid before school year	Scholarship & Teachers Endowments	Website updated <a href="https://sacredheartnorfolk.org/ministries/justice-and-peace/haiti-ministry/">https://sacredheartnorfolk.org/ministries/justice-and-peace/haiti-ministry/</a>
	Medical assistance <b>\$300</b> / 1 quarter		1 Yard Sales (8), Small Change Collection
			<b>Sept. 22</b> , Parish Solidarity Presentation/Dinner/Raffle

We thank you for your continued prayers for Haiti and for your support of the school. While their challenges are numerous, the school community is making progress. This month, they are building a large handwashing sink for students and staff.

### CALENDAR DATES

**Monthly meetings | Sacred Heart Church, Commons** —We share a light meal at 6:00 pm in the Commons, followed by the meeting. All are welcome to hear stories of close relationships, and faith in action, a way to a better life.

-Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

-Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

### WE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN THE HAITI MINISTRY



**Ellen Renn**, Feb. 16, 62-Sept. 10, 2017  
**Neil Walsh**, Aug. 25, 1946-Mar.10, 2020  
**Nicolas Valcour**, Sept. 9, 1960-Feb. 20, 2022  
**Dr. P. Farmer**, Oct. 26, 1959-Feb. 21, 2022

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