



Saint Gabriel School Cafeteria

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Father Ady Mytial is continuing the project of the cafeteria building at Saint Gabriel (SG) started by Father Bernard Desras before him. His goal is to provide a hot meal of beans, rice, and vegetables daily to every student at the school for lunch. He also wants to serve the meals in a dignified and clean space in order to enhance hygiene and increase student learning with proper nutrition. The plan is a two-story building with a cafeteria, kitchen, and storage area on the first floor. On the second floor, there will be a flexible space that will be used for three additional classrooms that could also be used as an auditorium for meetings. Currently, the children eat in their classrooms in small groups at their desks. Parents typically select a school based on the availability of a Lunch Program.

Parents and students at SG will contribute to this project by providing some work, food and drinkable water to the local workers who are making a living salary. Currently, the first floor is finished. Local workers are outfitting the kitchen and tiling the floors. The cafeteria is outfitted for electricity and plumbing. Meals for 450 students will be cooked in the kitchen using bottles of gas. This will replace the current kitchen which is a 10 by 10 room that is hot and dark where the three cooks prepare the meals over an open fire on the ground. The meals are served to the students in the open hallway outside the classrooms and students then eat either standing or at their classroom desks. Most of the outfitting and local materials used are done by local workers to boost the local economy.

What can we do?

Fr. Ady's goal is to find donors to continue building and outfitting the cafeteria. **100% of your donation benefits SG and is tax deductible.** If you feel a Call to Service and wish to donate some funds for the cafeteria, please write your check to Sacred Heart Church and add Cafeteria Building Fund on the memo line. For online giving go to <http://www.sacredheartnorfolk.org/giving>, click on the "Giving" tab, then click "online giving". Under "designate fund amount", scroll down to Haiti: Building and indicate the amount. Together we continue praying for our Family in Haiti.

Pictures: currently, children eat in their classrooms

Cafeteria building June 2016



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