



Saint Gabriel School Cafeteria

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Father Ady Mytial continues working on the cafeteria building project at Saint Gabriel (SG). Parents typically select a school based on the availability of a lunch program. Previously, the children ate in their classrooms at their desks, but since the cafeteria became fully functional in March, 2017, Fr. Ady has been able to provide a hot lunch of beans, rice, and vegetables daily to every student in a dignified and clean space. This enhances hygiene and provides proper nutrition which increases student learning. The first floor of the two-story building now has a cafeteria, kitchen, and storage area. On the second floor, they are currently building three additional classrooms that could also be used as an open space for an auditorium.

Parents and students at SG have contributed 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. The kitchen was outfitted with tiles on the floor, electricity, and plumbing. The food for the 500 students is cooked using gas. Most of the outfitting and local materials used are sourced by local workers to boost the local economy. This replaced the prior stand alone, outdoor kitchen, a 10' by 10' room which was hot and dark, where the three cooks prepared the meals over an open fire on the ground. This is a much improved and more sanitary approach that provides great benefit to the students and workers.

What can we do?

Fr. Ady's goal is to find donors to continue building the 2nd floor and outfitting the classrooms in the cafeteria building. Your generosity in this effort is greatly needed and appreciated. **100% of your donation benefits SG and is tax deductible.** If you wish to donate funds for the classrooms, 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, and 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: students ate in their classrooms until Feb. 2017



Cafeteria building June 2017



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