



Become a Sponsor for a Teacher at Saint Gabriel School in Lascahobas, Haiti

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Background

In 2007, Sacred Heart Parish in Norfolk, Virginia began a relationship with Saint Gabriel Parish in Lascahobas, Haiti. Shortly after this relationship began, Saint Gabriel Parish embarked upon building a middle and high school. In addition to education, the mission of the school is to provide a stable environment which includes a nutritious lunch and basic healthcare to children.

Construction of the school began in 2010 and the doors opened to students 7-12th Grades, October 2012. Each year a grade was added and in September of 2017 the school was completed, 1st-13th Grades. It currently has 525 students.

Sacred Heart has found an important role in connecting Saint Gabriel School with resources they can use in support of their mission. Critical to this is helping with a portion of staff salaries, meals, scholarship, medical assistance, and building the campus.

Teacher Fund

In Haiti, 50% of primary school age children do not attend school. Saint Gabriel School is working to make a difference. The school employs a staff of 41 including the Principal of the upper school, Mr. Fritz André; the School Nurse, Mrs. Kerline Pierrot; the Administrative Assistant, Ms. Marie-Carmel Joseph, 3 Cooks, and 34 Teachers. These individuals work diligently to fulfill the school's mission and do their part in helping to build a brighter and sustainable future for the children and their community.

One teacher's salary is \$100 per month or \$1,200 per year.

If you are interested in sponsoring all or part of a teacher's salary or in making a general contribution to Saint Gabriel's Teacher Fund, we welcome your support. Last school year Sacred Heart and the larger community sponsored 10 teacher salaries. Our goal for this year is **to help with 10 teachers' salary**. We welcome new ideas and partners as we grow in our efforts and ability to support the teachers at Saint Gabriel School.

How to Contribute

Checks can be written to Sacred Heart Church with the addition of **Saint Gabriel Teacher Fund** on the memo line. For online giving go to www.sacredheartnorfolk.org, click on the "Giving" tab, and then click "Online Giving." Under "Designate Fund Amount," scroll down to "Haiti: Teacher" and indicate the amount. **100% of your donation benefits Saint Gabriel and is tax deductible.**

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<http://www.sacredheartnorfolk.org/ministries/justice-and-peace/haiti-ministry/>

Interested to learn more?

Lascahobas is situated in Haiti's Central Plateau close to the Dominican Republic. It is a community rich in history with a vibrant culture. While communication between the Parishes is ongoing throughout the year, Sacred Heart coordinates two trips per year for interested parties to travel to Lascahobas. During these trips, visitors have ample time to connect meaningfully with members of the Saint Gabriel community, learn about Haitian culture and witness first-hand how the relationship between the two Parishes is impacting the community in Lascahobas.



Picture: Mrs. Junise Jean-Baptiste & Mr. Bernadin Bosquet, 1st Grade