



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
Haiti Twinning Ministry Minutes



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**Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Members present:** Patricia Britz, Neil & Pat Walsh, Mike Stark, Silver Ibenye, Brendan & Emily Pigott, and Francesca Smith

**Supportive Members and Guests:** Ashley, David, Libby, and Brady Snowden, Raynald David, and Scott Walsh

**Blessing & Simple Dinner:** Brendan—rice & beans, William—bread, Pat/Scott—Champagne! Ashley—birthday cake!

**Welcome, Thank You, Meeting Goals:** Patricia **Opening Prayer:** Emily **Prayer Intentions:** Golf Tournament Memorials & others.

**Joint Vision:** Libby **Your Summer Highlights:** All

**Good News:** Silver shared the good news from both parishes:

- There were several birthdays in August at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) & Saint Gabriel Parish (SGP)
- 8/1/2018—Fr. Paul’s Second Anniversary at SHP.
- 8/10/2018—9<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Golf Tournament
- 8/15/2018—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mary is the Patron of the USA, Haiti & many other countries).

**19<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage Pilgrims (June 8-18, 2018):** Patricia and Neil shared their reflections, and pictures. All are welcome to these pilgrimages. They give a chance to the participant to be transformed in their faith and support of neighbors. Pilgrims cover their own travel/housing costs. Fr. Ady is the host at the rectory. Fr. Ady continues improving the school campus. He is planning on an all purpose recreation playground. He has encouraged the SG Parishioners to give of their time, talent, and money. This is an example of SHP doing this project with SGP and not for them. All grades will use this facility during and after school. It will support the curriculum, health, job opportunities, and attract families.

**Mr. Fritz André’s Letter to the HTM:** Brady read Mr. Fritz André’s letter. Mr. André, the Head of SG School talks about the impact SH and the larger community had so far on the students at SG. Very positive.

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Play Fore the Parishes:** A Swing and a Prayer Charity Golf Tournament Fri., Aug. 10, 2018, Sewells Point Golf Course, Registration/Lunch at Noon, Shotgun at 1:00 P.M.: Neil provided some updates—**Need golfers.** See SH Bulletin.

- **Purpose:** The 2018 Parish Golf Tournament benefits SH Church, its Ministries including St. Gabriel, Haiti, and Local Community Outreach Programs.
- **How You Can Help:** Participate as a golfer and bring a friend.
- **For more information:** Contact Neil and check the SH bulletins and website.

**2017-2018 FY Annual Report:** Brendan provided the following:

- Staff Fund—10 Teachers, Nurse, and part of Head of School. Provided jobs.
- Lunch Fund—provided lunch for 25 students.
- Building Fund—3 additional classrooms were built (over top of cafeteria). Provided jobs.
- Furniture Fund—Outfitted 1 classroom/furniture made by local craftsmen. Provided jobs.
- Medical Assistance Fund—medical supplies bought in local Haitian economy. Supports local economy.
- Scholarship Fund—provided 20 scholarships.

**FY 2018-2019 Goals 5 and 6:** Patricia noted that with William they submitted the 2018-2019 goals June 1. William and attendees read Goals 5 and 6: members actively participate/support SH ministries and major events and plan/support fund raisers and collection of funds as approved by Fr. Paul respectively.

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Haiti Gathering for the Eastern Vicariate at St. Gregory the Great Church in Virginia Beach, VA—Theme: Job Development/Vocation—The Dignity of Work and Workers:** Francesca reminded the members of **the upcoming gathering will be on 9/29/2018 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.** Members are encouraged to attend and join the 20 other parishes that are twinned with a parish in Haiti in our Eastern Region to network, update, and learn. These are fun and informative events. **RSVP to Patricia by 8/19.**

**Richard Joseph, Director Bureau of Education/Hinche, Presentation & Potluck, Holy Family VA Beach on Sunday, 8/26/2018:** Patricia noted this event will be at 5:30 pm. Please consider attending. **RSVP to Patricia by 8/23/18**

**Book Study in the Fall—To Fool the Rain-Haiti’s Poor and Their Pathway to a Better Life by Steven Werlin who works for Fonkoze:** Brendan reminded everyone that he will lead the study/discussion at the Sept/Oct/Nov meetings. He will send emails out on



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which pages to read for each meeting and questions to think about. Please start finish reading it. Neil has 3 copies of this book for purchase.

**Administration:**

- **Scrap Book**—In Sept. Susie will update Golf Tournament Scrap Book with pictures from the 2018 Tournament.
- **Sacred Heart News for St. Gabriel**—Need one person to let Fr. Ady/Mr. André know about the life of our parish.
- **Rosary, Holy Cards, & Medals**—Josefa (collection box on the credenza for HTM in the Commons).
- **Laptops & Thumb drives for SG**—Patricia (donations will be taken in the March 2019 Pilgrimage.)

**Announcements:**

- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tap Tap Craft Beer Festival—Benefit Maison Fortuné**, [www.TapTapFest.org](http://www.TapTapFest.org), Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. See website for more information. Benefits Maison Fortuné Orphanage.
- **SH Summer Sizzler Program will be on Wednesdays in August.** They will be based on Pope Francis’s film, **A Man of His Word**. Contact Amy Woods and check the SH Bulletin and website for more information.

**Action Items:**

- Please continue to donate rosaries, holy cards and medals, see Josefa. Laptops and thumbdrives—see Patricia.
- Read To Fool the Rain book for book study starting Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Closing Prayers from God is No Stranger:** Haitian Creole and English— Raynald & All.\_

**Next HTM Meetings, All are welcome!**

**Tues, Sep 5<sup>th</sup>**, Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM (Soup-?, Bread-?, Prayers-Susie ?  
**Wed, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**, Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM  
**Wed, Nov14<sup>th</sup>**, Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM

Wed. Mass at 5:30 PM (check bulletin), Adoration 6:00, Simple Dinner 6:30

<b>Tues. 8/07/18</b>	Haiti Twinning Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
<b>8/26/2018</b>	Richard Joseph Director Bureau of Edu. Presentation/Potluck @ Holy Family, VA Bch 5:30 pm-
<b>9/3/2018</b>	St. Gabriel 1st Day of School
<b>Sun. 9/23/18 TBD</b>	5:00pm-7:00pm Parish Pilgrims' Return Presentation with Potluck
<b>29-Sep</b>	Annual Regional Haiti Gathering- Saint Gregory- 8:30 am-2:00 pm--Dignity of Work & Workers
<b>Wed. Oct. 10</b>	Haiti Twinning Ministry Meeting 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
<b>Oct. 12th TBD</b>	HTM Sale Set up 9:00 am-1:00 pm
<b>10/13 &amp; 14/2018 TBD</b>	HTM Oct. Sale Before & After each Mass