



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Haiti Twinning Ministry Minutes



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Wednesday, October 11th, 2018

Present: Patricia Britz, Silver Ibenye, Brendan Pigott, Emily Biskupt, Susie Clapham, William Wallace, and Francesca Smith

Blessing & Simple Dinner: Patricia—soup, Ashley Snowden—bread & butter

Welcome, Thank You, Meeting Goals: Patricia (Reflection on Sept. Solidarity Month, To Fool the Rain, and Going Forward)

Opening Prayer: Francesca (St. Francis of Assisi) **Prayer Intentions:** All **Shared Vision:** Emily

Good News: Susie shared the good news from both parishes:

- There were several birthdays in October at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) & Saint Gabriel Parish (SGP)
- 10/1/2018—Opening of SG School—6th Anniversary and Nigeria’s National Day (1960).
- 10/4/2018—St. Francis of Assisi’s Feast Day.
- 10/7/2018—Our Lady of the Rosary
- 10/13 & 14, 2018—SH Parish Fall Sale (Goal: To assist Food Fund)
- 10/15/2018—St Teresa of Avila’s Feast Day
- SG Recreation Area pictures showing land preparation with heavy equipment as of 10/10/2018.

Feedback from the 11th Annual Haiti Gathering, Eastern Vicariate at St. Gregory the Great Church, Virginia Beach, VA—

Theme: The Dignity of Workers: Investing in People. Guest speaker: Fr. Jacques Volcius, CARITAS Director, held on 9/29/2018. Silver, Susie, Patricia, and Francesca shared their thoughts on the parishes’ presentations on their progress and Fr. Jacques’ presentation on what CARITAS does. Mike and Ashley also attended. Please see link to Caritas Hinche:

<https://caritashinche.page.tl/La-Caritas-d-h-Haiti.htm>, (Click on the American Flag for English translation.) Members are encouraged to attend next year and join the 20 parishes that are twinned with a parish/group in Haiti in the Eastern Region to network, update, and learn. This is a fun and informative event.

SH Parish Haiti Solidarity Month--September: Brendan, Patricia, and Susie reviewed activities SH did in celebration with Diocese of Richmond which declared Sept to be Haiti Solidarity Month. SH did the following to celebrate:

- 9/5/2018—HTM September Meeting: definition of solidarity; 6th Theme of 7 of Catholic Social Teaching, Paul VI, and handout on Marie J Giblin’s article on What Catholics Should Know About Solidarity. See HTM Sept minutes.
- 9/23/2018—AM Presentation to SH Religious Education: 2-4 & 5-7 Grades, Patricia, Brendan, and Emily
- 9/23/2018—Pilgrims Return Presentation with Potluck Supper at SH from 5 pm to 7 pm. Attended by 30
- 9/22 & 23 /2018 All Masses—Prayer of the Faithful
- 9/22-30/2018—HTM 9 Day Novena, St. Joseph/The Dignity of Workers. Susie sent prayers daily.
- 9/29/2018—Annual Haiti Gathering, Eastern Vicariate, St Gregory, VA Bch, 8:30-1:30.

Fall Book Study--To Fool the Rain-Haiti’s Poor and Their Pathway to a Better Life by Steven Werlin who works for Fonkoze:

Brendan led the study/discussion on Part II (pgs. 71-153) of the book with the following questions:

1. Steven Werlin talks about the importance of those he works with being able to write their names. Why is this so important? How does our ministry go about increasing the dignity of our family in Haiti?
2. In Part II of the book, we learn more and more about the lives of Haiti’s poor. What stories struck you the most? Was anything shocking? Where did you see goodness?

Discussion will continue at the Nov. meeting. He will send an email to read Part III (pgs. 157-200) for next meeting and questions for reflection.

Action for October Meeting: members gave a short presentation at the October HTM meeting:

Lunch Fund—Francesca and Silver, Staff Fund—Brendan and Emily, and Medical Assistance Fund—Susie and Patricia

Action for Nov. Meeting: members will give a short presentation on Building and Outfitting Fund—Ashley and Neil, and Scholarship Fund—William and Neil. Articles are on the SH website.

Oct 13th & 14th Sale: Silver reminded everyone of the upcoming sale in Oct. to benefit SG’s Lunch Fund. Jewelry Team: Francesca, Frances, and Susie. Bake Team: Patricia, Laura and Ashley. Craft Team: Patricia and William. Patricia sent schedule for volunteers to assist the weekend of the sale. Set up is Fri., Oct 12, 10 am-to completion. The sale will benefit the Lunch Fund.



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10th Annual Parish Haiti Cultural Dinner: Patricia announced the dinner will be on Sat. Jan. 26th, 2019. Nicolas called the committee for a meeting, late Sept.. They will meet monthly on Sunday after the 8 am Mass. The committee consists of Nicolas, Neil, Patricia and Silver. Brendan might join this year. She asked members for their assistance with ticket sale and volunteering the day of the event. Patricia also requested gift baskets for the Silent Auction to be turned in with donor sheet before Christmas.

Communication: Members shared who they have communicated about HTM in Sept.. Fr. Ady, TWS, Laura Harpring, Diane Casino, Penny, Pen Pals, parishioners, family, and friends.

Donations: Aluminum soda/beer cans—please rinse, crush and turn in to bin in the Neil. We get 1c per can. **US Postal Stamps** to support notes sent throughout the year.

Announcements:

- Turn in your notes to Fr. Ady and Pen Pal by Sun., Oct. 14th, 2018 to Francesca or the HTM mailbox in Commons.
- Acts of the Apostles at SH. POC is Amy Woods.
- Just Faith Modual: Cultivate Non Violence, Harvesting Peace kicked off Oct. 1st at SH, see Neil for details

Closing Prayer from God is No Stranger: Haitian Creole and English— Silver & All.

Next HTM Meetings, All are welcome!

Wed, Nov 14th, Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM (Soup-Francesca, Bread-Brendan, Opening Prayer-Neil
Wed, Dec 12th, Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM
Wed, Jan 16th, 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

October, 2018	
10/10	HTM Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Commons
10/12	HTM Sale Set Up 10:00 am-1:00 pm
10/13 & 10/14	HTM Sale Before & After Masses to Benefit St. Gabriel
November, 2018	
14-Nov	HTM Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Commons
11/24-25	Advent Giving Tree Display Week #1
December, 2018	
12/1-2	Advent Giving Tree Display Week #2
12/3	J&P Advent Potluck Dinner, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm--Commons (All Ministries Invited)
12/8	Advent Giving Tree Display Week #3
12/9	Fr. Ady's 4th Anniversary of Installation at SG
12/15	Advent Giving Tree Display Week #4
12/12	HTM Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Commons