



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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Wednesday, January 16th, 2019

Present: Patricia Britz, Neil Walsh, Susie Clapham, Silver Ibenye, Mike Stark, William Wallace, Josefa Rojo Hassett, Ashley Snowden, and Francesca Smith **Guests:** David, Libby and Brady Snowden
Blessing & Simple Dinner: Susie—soup, Francesca—bread, Ashley—birthday cake

Welcome, Thank You, Meeting Goals: Patricia (John 1:35-42), **Opening Prayer:** All (SG Teachers)/Dedication of SG School Prayer (Ellen Renn, We Remember the Earthquake)—Brady.

Reflection/Call to Service: All—In pairs members had an opportunity to discuss their call to service & how they answered it.

Good News: Susie shared the good news from both parishes: there were several birthdays in Jan. at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) & St. Gabriel Parish (SGP), 1/1/19—Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God and Haiti Independence Day, 1/6/19—The Epiphany of the Lord, 1/12/19—Diocese of Richmond Installation of New Bishop--Barry C. Knestout—1st Anniversary, 1/7-12/19—Earthquake in Haiti/ Foundation of SG School by Fr. Bernard—Anniversary, Silent Auction for 10th Annual Haiti Cultural Dinner starts 1/19/19 with 10th Annual Dinner 1/26/19. SG playground area pictures showing land preparation with heavy equipment as of 10/10/2018. Advent Giving Tree--66 participants (2 out of parish), raised funds for playground (create jobs/help Haitian economy/curriculum development).

M’Pale Kreyol—I Speak Creole—Silver and All. We continue learning the basic of the Haitian Creole Language.

Feedback on HTM Newsletter: The ministry agreed t it was worthwhile and to continue.

Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST): Neil announced that SH will host NEST from 2/13 to 2/20/2019. Volunteers are needed. Please see the SH Bulletin and the Sacred Heart Church Norfolk web site: www.sacredheartnorfolk.org or sign up at <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2242008/false#/invitation>. Point of contact is Neil at 625-6763 Ext. 19 or neil@sacredheartnorfolk.org. Thank you.

10th Parish Haiti Cultural Dinner, Sat. Jan. 26, 2019/Teachers: Nicolas is the returning Chair of the Planning Committee. Neil, Silver, & Patricia shared the planning is going well & provided the following:

- **Guests and Volunteers Sign-up Sheets and Ticket Sales:** Patricia reviewed the sign-up sheets and noted the tickets sale started on 1/13/19. Please purchase your ticket by Sunday, 1/20/2019. Neil noted ticket sales will stop on that date. Please invite friends, family, and neighbors in and out of parish. See details on flyer attached. Contact Neil for tickets. Please make out checks to Sacred Heart and write Haiti Dinner Staff Fund on the memo line. The Silent Auction starts 1/19 and goes to 1/26/2019 and occurs before & after all Masses. Patricia contacted volunteers to man the ticket table and thanked those who covered 1/12 & 13/2019. Chris Palestrant will be the MC and Auctioneer.
- **Decorations & Set Up:** Silver noted that he & Frances have a team of volunteers to help with set up & decorations. Please contact him if you would like to help. Set up starts 1/25/19, 1:00 to 5:00 pm with a simple dinner to follow, & continues 1/26, 8:30-10:30 am & 1:30-5 pm until finished. Team will meet in the library to go over the event, prayer, & take a group picture.
- **Silent Auction Baskets:** Patricia noted there are 40 gift baskets ready for the auction. Susan Bechelli and Susan Daniel completed arranging the baskets and preparing the clear wrappings & bows on 1/15/19. The Silent Auction starts 1/19/19 in the SH Commons. If you have questions, please contact Francesca and Patricia.
- **Patricia Helpers with Teen Servers:** Laura, Susie, Francesca, Ashley, Libby. Brendan to take the Library Group picture. Laura McDermott will be the photographer. Allan & Nicolas to man the cocktail hut, Tim the wine bar, William & Brady the Kitty Bar. Assignments of teens and clean up were reviewed.

Winter Pilgrimage (20th) to Haiti (2/28-3/9/2019)—All Are Invited: Patricia noted that there will be 4 pilgrims: Neil, William, Patricia, and Susie. 2 retreats—Pre-Pilgrimage Feb 23, 2019 and Post-Pilgrimage in March after return. Brendan to



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prepare Vigil Prayer. In the past, 14 pilgrims have traveled to Haiti. Pilgrimages to SG are twice a year and started 11 years ago. The primary focus is to continue building good relationships & partnership, prayers, & helping each other to meet the Shared Joint Vision of SHP and SGP. This is in keeping with the oath in Dr Lupton’s books, Toxic Charity and Charity Detox, The Art of Accompaniment by Kim Lamberty, CRS, USA and Just Haiti, Inc. USA & Haiti Missiology: An International Review copyright The Authors 2014, Catholic Social Teaching, “Poverty Inc.” Documentary, and To Fool the Rain: Haiti’s Poor and Their Pathway to a Better Life (Steven Werlin).

Can Can Collections—Ongoing: SH is the drop point for the soda/beer aluminum cans.

Rosaries & Holy Card Collection—Ongoing. Please leave in the box on the Haiti credenza in the Commons.

Walking with William: The next walk is Fri. 2/1/19, 2:00-4:00 pm. POC is William.

Consignment Shops: Donate women’s clothing, shoes, purses, and jewelry in clean/good condition to shops for cash. POC is Susie.

Donations: Aluminum soda/beer cans—please rinse, crash and turn in to bin in the kitchen. We get about 1c per can.

Announcement:

- Turn in your notes to Fr. Ady & Pen Pals by Sun., Feb. 17th, 2019 to Francesca or HTM mailbox in Commons.

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

Next HTM Meetings, All are welcome!

Wed, Feb 6th, Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM (Soup-Patricia, Bread-Silver, Opening Prayer/Pilgrimage-Brendan)

Wed, Mar 13th, Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM

Wed, Apr 10th, Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM

Mon. Jan. 1	1804 Haiti Independence Day, Solemnity of Mary, World Peace Day
Wed. Jan. 16	Haiti Twinning Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 pm (We Remember the Earthquake Jan.12th, 2010)
Sat. Jan. 6	Epiphany of Our Lord
Jan. 12-13, 19-20	Ticket Sale before & After Masses, Parish 10th Haiti Cultural Dinner
Jan. 19-20	Silent Auction (Haiti Cultural Dinner) Viewing
Fri. Jan. 25	Haiti Cultural Dinner Set up 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Commons, simple dinner to follow
Sat. Jan. 26	Parish 10th Haiti Cultural Dinner, 6:30pm-9:00 Set up 8:30 am-10:30 am, & 1:00 pm to finish. Use of the Library (teens), 5:00 pm all meet in library for a prayer & group picture
28 Jan	Fr. Paul's Birthday
Wed. Feb. 6	Haiti Twinning Ministry Meeting Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Feb. 18	Fr. Ady Mytial's Birthday
Feb. 25	Head of St. Gabriel School 1st-13th Grade, Mr. Fritz André's Birthday
Feb TBC	Pilgrim Blessing @ 5:30 pm
Feb.28-March 9	March Pilgrimage to St. Gabriel, all are invited.



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