



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Haiti Twinning Ministry Minutes
2018-2019 School Education with Playground



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Wednesday, February 6th, 2019

Present: Patricia Britz, Neil Walsh, Susie Clapham, Silver Ibenye, Mike Stark, William Wallace, Ashley Snowden, and Francesca Smith **Guests:** David, Libby and Brady Snowden
Blessing & Simple Dinner: Ashley: dinner. Together we celebrated the Success of the Annual Parish Haiti Cultural Dinner with pictures of the event.

Welcome, Thank You, Meeting Goals: Patricia **Opening Prayer:** Service Members/Pastoral Care in church bulletin—All **Vigil Prayer for Winter Pilgrimage to St. Gabriel (Feb. 28-March 9)**—Make me an Instrument of your Peace by St. Francis of Assisi: Brendan. He suggested to members to pray this prayer each day at 7:00 pm during the pilgrimage.

Good News: Susie shared the good news from both parishes: there were several birthdays at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) and St. Gabriel Parish (SGP); 2/2/19—The Presentation of the Lord; 2/7/19—Mr. Venel Lamy’s 1st Anniversary of his death—spiritual/musical leader in SG community & friend; 2/14/19—Valentine’s Day; 2/18/19—Father Ady’s Birthday and President’s Day in USA; 2/22/19—Anniversary of First SH HTM meeting on 2/22/2006; 2/13-20/2019—NEST at SHP; 2/28-3/9/2019—20th Pilgrimage to SGP, Haiti

20th Pilgrimage (Winter) to Haiti (2/28-3/9/2019)—Patricia noted that there will be 4 pilgrims: Neil, William, Patricia, and Susie.

- Neil noted that Patricia’s Newsletter provided the history. He said the pilgrimage is the concept of **being** in relationship with our family at our twin parish, **not doing**. He reminded all members to come up to the altar when Fr. Paul gives the blessing because all members are on pilgrimage. Neil added there will be daily reflections/prayers/bible readings, private time reflection, daily Mass, and focus on spirituality. The Pre Pilgrimage Retreat is Feb 23, 2019 and there will be a Post Pilgrimage Retreat.
- Susie shared the pilgrimage is a completely different experience—there are no competition and can be yourself. The people of St. Gabriel are receptive to what the pilgrims share.
- Patricia added they give and share with us and we sacrifice by being present to them and listening attentively. We reflect on When Did We See Jesus Today?
- William is excited to go—1st pilgrimage. He is looking forward to knowing the Haitian people & join them at Mass.

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 by Steven Werlin.

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

10th Annual Haiti Cultural Dinner, Sat. Jan. 26, 2019/Teachers: Neil, Patricia, and Nicolas will have a post meeting to evaluate the dinner. They agreed it was the Best Ever. It raised enough funds to support almost 6 teachers. Patricia thanked everyone who donated baskets, funds/items & who worked on the dinner. Due to everyone’s support, it contributed to a successful learning and fund raising event. Please email your comments to Patricia with a focus on “what do they (attendees) say?”

Save The Date—Stations of the Cross in Solidarity with Haiti Hosted by HTM: Francesca announced the Stations will take place Fri., Apr. 12, 2019 at 6 pm. Please mark your calendars. More information will be provided at the March meeting. POC: Francesca and Patricia.



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Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST): Neil announced that SH will host NEST from 2/13 to 2/20/2019. Volunteers are needed. Sign up to donate food: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2241944/false#/invitation>. Sign up to work 1 or more shifts: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2242008/false#/invitation>. Planning is going well. Please see the SH Bulletin and the Sacred Heart Church Norfolk web site: www.sacredheartnorfolk.org. Point of contact is Neil at 625-6763 Ext. 19 or neil@sacredheartnorfolk.org. The following toilette items are still needed: 100 men’s combs (small size), men’s deodorant (travel size), and shaving cream (small cans).

Alliance Française sponsored EVMS Global Health Community Narrative Series at EVMS, Feb. 5, 2019, 5:30-7 pm. Topic was Health Systems Strengthening in Haiti: When Physicians Commit. The speakers were: Dr. Lisbet Hanson, Dr. John Kenerson, Dr. Arthur Fournier, Dr. Jim Schmidt, & Richard Vander Burg (Moderator). Patricia, Susie, & Francesca shared their thoughts. What the Poor Die From by George Orwell was suggested. The 5 challenges in Haiti: immunization, malnutrition, hypertension, infectious diseases, and pre-natal care.

Can Can Collections—Ongoing: We collect soda/beer aluminum cans, and receive about 1c per can.

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., March 23, 2019, 2:00-4:00 pm. POC: William.

Consignment Shops: Donate women’s clothing, shoes, purses, & jewelry in clean/good condition to shops for cash. POC: Susie. **Pen pal notes:** turn in your notes to Fr. Ady & Pen Pals by Sun., Feb. 24th, 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, Mar 13th, Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM (Dinner: Ashley, Opening Prayer-Susie)

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

Wed, May 8th, 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, Meeting 7 to 8:30 pm (Guests Welcome)

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| 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 and President's Day in USA |
| Feb. 25 | Head of St. Gabriel School 7th-13th Grade, Mr. Fritz André's Birthday |
| Feb TBC | Pilgrims' Blessing |
| Feb.28-March 9 | Pilgrimage to St. Gabriel open to SH Parish & Community (Neil, William, Susie, Patricia) |
| March 1st (2013) | 4th Anniversary of the Dedication of SG School |
| March 5th (2017) | 1st Anniversary. of the Dedication of SG Cafeteria 1st Floor |
| March 6, 2019 | Lent starts—Ash Wednesday |
| Wed., March 13 | Haiti Twinning Ministry Meeting Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 pm |
| Sat. March 16-24 | Haiti Twinning Ministry Feast of the Annunciation Novena |