



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



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Wednesday, March 13th, 2019

Present: Patricia Britz, Neil & Pat Walsh, Susie Clapham, Silver Ibenye, Mike Stark, William Wallace, Ashley Snowden, and Francesca Smith **Guests:** Libby and Brady Snowden, and Mary Kwasniewski

Blessing & Simple Dinner: Ashley and Mary. We celebrated the return of the 4 pilgrims and Pat’s birthday.

Welcome, Thank You, Meeting Goals: Patricia thanked all present. She also thanked Brendan for leading the vigil for the pilgrims. **Opening Prayer:** Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Luke)—Susie **Prayer Intentions:** Pen Pals at St. Gabriel & their families—All **Special Intentions:** All

20th Pilgrimage (Winter) to Haiti (2/28-3/9/2019)—Pilgrims’ Stories & Pictures— The pilgrims have returned and shared their stories and pictures of our Haitian family:

- Susie shared: Fr. Ady extended wonderful hospitality to the pilgrims and served them delicious meals daily; visited with pen pals; were invited to Emaus Retreat Center; joined in with their celebration of Carnival before Ash Wednesday where there was singing/dancing/eating; and were warmly welcomed everywhere.
- William noted: the pilgrims daily did the following—Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Thanksgiving for what we have, Readings, Reflection Time, plus Ash Wed Mass, Rosary, and Adoration; visited several homes, Sister Marie-Noël, and school; and did a one day trip to the Dominican Republic. He was impressed by the priests and seminarians. Everyone was proud and happy. Time went by fast.
- Patricia shared: The major goals of the school is to offer a religious education, a rigorous curriculum, a nutritious meal daily, and some basic health care. The 1st floor of the school has grades 1-6 and it is named the Fr. Jacques Block School. The 2nd floor has grades 7-13, named Collège St. Gabriel. They visited: the campus (completely walled for safety) and saw the progress of the playground; the head of school; the school clinic and nurse; and the new cafeteria/kitchen where they visited the 3 cooks who gave the best welcome. They visited the school on 2 Fridays. 1st Friday was Grades 1-6 and they brought friendship cards from one of our local schools and St. Gabriel gave their cards for the pilgrims to bring back. They gave a backpack with some supplies to each teacher. The 2nd Friday was Grades 7-13. The students greeted the visitors and explained their programs in Haitian Creole, French, and English. “When did we see Jesus and Who were we Jesus to?”-she noted that when the pilgrims visited the market place, they looked for who were the least noticed people in the market and bought items or service from them. Evangelization is essential to Fr. Ady. He has the help of Fr. Adelin and Abbé Joseph. Both teach religious education at the school.
- Neil shared his reflections on projects/pictures to demonstrate solidarity (Catholic Social Teaching), supporting local leadership so that ideas/projects are community led, assist them on the path to become self-sustaining, independent (from Bishops of Haiti), and they lead their own future (CRS). SG decides their needs, provides their talents, and use Haitian labor/materials, and made their own decisions to lead their own future. SG always took the lead on deciding/starting projects with or without help: school, computer lab, latrines, clinic for school, water cistern, external chapels, farm project, solar power panels, radio station, etc. He listens to Fr. Ady and asks what things they cannot overcome and how can we assist. One thing is finances and helping them find a way to grow the economy with paying jobs. The



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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.

Good News: Susie shared the good news from both parishes: there were several birthdays at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) and St. Gabriel Parish (SGP); 2/28-3/9/19—20th Pilgrimage to Haiti; 3/1/19—6th Anniversary of the Dedication of SG School (2013); 3/5/19 2nd Anniversary of the Dedication of SG Cafeteria 1st Floor (2017); 3/16-24/2019 HTM and SG Novena for Feast of the Annunciation (daily prayer and reading); 3/30/2019—12th Anniversary of the SH Letter of Commitment to Bishop Dilorenzo on 3/30/2007; 4/12/19—Haiti Solidarity Stations of the Cross, 6-7 PM, followed by Simple Dinner in Commons.

Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Novena/Solidarity with SGP—March 16-24, 2019. Susie announced the Novena and will send members daily emails with readings and prayers.

Evening Prayers and Stations of the Cross in Solidarity with Haiti on Friday, April 12, 2019 Followed by Simple Dinner: Francesca reminded members the HTM Stations are on 4/12/2019 and **will start promptly at 6 P.M.** She gave a brief history of the Stations and passed a sign-up sheet for those who wish to read. The reading schedule will be emailed with the Station readings prior to 4/12/19 with some instructions so each reader can review his/her reading. No need to print out the Stations of the Cross Booklet; there will be copies available at church. **After the Stations, we will attend the Simple Dinner** in the **Commons** arranged by Amy Woods and Gina Vitale, who will prepare a meal from a **recipe from Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl (ORB)**. ORB is a Lent Campaign to assist 6 Central American countries to become self-supporting/sustaining—A Life Changing Lenten Journey. Rice Bowl materials were passed out. If you have any questions, please contact Francesca. For Operation Rice Bowl, see SH bulletins/TV in Commons.

Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST): Pat Walsh reported: Thank you to all who gave of their time, talent and treasure to support our week of sheltering our homeless sisters and brothers. Over 7 days we housed 128 different people, with over 80 guests each night. Many came for all 7 nights; some came only once. Several came late from work, several more get up early to go to work; 152 volunteers contributed over 870 hours of their time, mornings, evenings, and overnight. We fed nutritious dinners and breakfasts each day. 68 different people or families contributed food or money to purchase the food that we served. A list of all the volunteer names will be published shortly. Our guests were very grateful for the hospitality they received. Thank you for making it possible to care for some of the “least among us.”

Announcements:

Calvin Hoffler’s Viewing and Funeral, 3/14/19, 3 to 8 PM, 5873 Poplar Hall Dr, Norfolk, and 3/15/19 at 11 AM, New Hope Church (COGIC), 3232 Brest Ave, Norfolk.

Parish Lenten Mission Program with Mark Hoggard, 3/24-26, 2019 at 5:30 PM. See SH bulletin and website.
2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal. See SH bulletin and website.

Easter Flowers—Donations for Easter Flowers start 3/16 & 17/2019 at SH.

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



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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., April 14th 2019 to Francesca or HTM mailbox in Commons.

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

Next HTM Meetings, All are welcome!

Wed, April 10th, Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM (Soup-Josefa, Bread-Susie, Cake-Brendan, Prayer-Neil)

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

Wed, June 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)

March and April Calendar 2019

Feb. 28-March 9	Winter Pilgrimage to St. Gabriel, open to SH Parish & Community
March 1st (2013)	6 th Anniversary of the Dedication of SG School
March 5th (2017)	2 nd Anniversary of the Dedication of SG Cafeteria 1st Floor
3/6/2019	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 by HTM
Sun. March 25	St. Gabriel Feast of the Annunciation
Wed. April 10	Haiti Twinning Ministry Meeting-Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Fri, 4/12/19	Haiti Solidarity Stations of the Cross #7 @ 6:00 pm followed by Fish Fry-Knights/Columbus
4/14/19 Sun.	Palm Sunday
4/18-20	Triduum
Sun. 4/21/19	Easter Sunday
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