



HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY (HTM) NEWS LETTER April 2019



1. **ST GABRIEL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**—As part of our Covenant (see below) with St. Gabriel, our 11-years-old twinning relationship, the members of HTM prayed a Novena for St. Gabriel's Feast Day. Parishioners were encouraged through a note in the church bulletin to keep St. Gabriel in prayer during this festive time. Fr. Ady, his Parish Pastoral Council, & Planning Committee met all winter long to prepare the nine-day festivities in and out of the parish. There were ten priests, & numerous deacons at the celebrative Mass. The St. Gabriel Choir (one of ten) sang beautiful hymns, the children danced, the church was packed with dignitaries, and the faithful.

Joint Vision Statement & Covenant

God has called both Sacred Heart and St. Gabriel parishes to a unique relationship based on spirituality, solidarity, and an equal and mutual partnership. We accompany one another with respect, and deep listening, towards a fuller love, compassion, and healing. By getting to know one another, we become one in Jesus Christ.

- **Relationships** are developed through regular and reciprocal visits and communication to share our support and care of one another and to learn each other's language and culture.
 - **Faith** is increased by sharing the Eucharist, participating at daily Mass, praying together and for one another, faith reflections. *We celebrate both Feast Days.*
 - **Equal and Mutual Partnership** is developed through deep listening and respect of both sets of partners.
 - **Assessing** the success of the mission based on whether the capacity of the partner to lead their own future development has been enhanced, and not on how many projects were completed. We wish to embrace the whole person by supporting our brothers and sisters with jobs and education. A short report will be shared on how the students in scholarship continue their education after graduation from high school.
 - **Promotion of twinning in both parishes** with visits, bulletin notes, announcements, banner, tri-fold/articles, dinners, and website.
2. **ADMINISTRATION**--HTM is currently evaluating its ten Annual Goals July 2018-June 2019, and building its Annual Calendar July 2019-June 2020.

- **Annual Goals July 2018-June 2019—Support of Education and Jobs**

Goal 1 Continue Growing in a Faith Community

Goal 2 Continue Building Reciprocal Community-to-Community Relationships

Goal 3 Continue Informing/Communicating with Sacred Heart Parishioners and the Larger Community

Goal 4 Sustain Active Membership

Goal 5 Members' Participation & Support of SHC Ministries & Events—Connectivity

Goal 6 Plan & Support Fund Raising

Goal 7 Formation: Catholic Social Teaching (The Dignity of Work), Haitian Creole & Culture, To Fool the Rain by: Stephen Werlin, Goal 8 Support & Document Progress & News

Goal 9 Maintain Financial Accountability, Goal 10 Administration

- **Annual Calendar July 2019-June 2020**—The calendar will be ready May 1st.

SAVE THE DATE

The Haiti Twinning Ministry will celebrate Sacred Heart Parish's 12th Anniversary in twinning at the May 8th meeting, 6:30 pm with a simple dinner, cake, clips and pictures. All are welcome! RSVP to Patricia.

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