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Wednesday, January 15th, 2020

Present: Patricia Britz, Mike Stark, Silver Ibenye, Susie Clapham, William Wallace, Ashley/Libby/Brady/David Snowden, & Francesca Smith

Blessing/Simple Dinner: Susie—soup, Brendan—bread, Ashley—cake
Welcome/Thanks/Goals: Patricia thanked all present & welcomed everyone. The why of the meeting: to fulfill the Diocese of Richmond OSM call, to continue long lasting relationship at SH & with SG, continue learning about Catholic Social Teaching, The Dignity of Worker & supporting leadership at SG with an improved education/nutrition/health care & employment. Thanked all who have supported the Haiti Dinner; attending Masses (Bishop's Mass); reviewing status of the Dinner for the dedicated teachers. **Opening Prayer:** William—"We Remember the Earthquake" by Ellen Renn **Prayer intentions** for SG Teachers & by attendees.

Good News from Both Parishes: Susie shared: several birthdays at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) & St. Gabriel Parish (SGP); **1/1/20**—Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God & Haiti Independence Day, **1/5/20**—Epiphany of the Lord, **1/12/20**—Diocese of Richmond Installation of Bishop--Barry C. Knestout—2nd Anniversary, **1/7-12/20**—Earthquake in Haiti/Foundations of SG School by Fr. Bernard—3/1/10, Silent Auction for 11th Parish Annual Haiti Cultural Dinner starts **1/18/20** with 11th Annual Dinner on **1/25/20**, and **1/18/2020**—**Diocese of Richmond 200th Anniversary Bicentennial Mass for Eastern Vicariate at SHP with Bishop Knestout.** SG playground area pictures showing land preparation with heavy equipment. Works continues.

Advent Giving Tree (AGT)—11/ 27/2019-1/5/2020: Francesca reported: there were 44 participants (3 out of parish) and it raised funds for classroom furniture (40 chairs & 2 teacher desks). Haitians will make the furniture and use Haitian materials (jobs). Money donated toward chairs serves a double usage purpose: the students and attendees for other meetings held in the new classrooms. See SH bulletins, Commons, & web site for more information.

M'Pale Kreyol/ I Speak Creole—Silver/All—In keeping with Covenant with SG & in preparation for Fr. Ady's visit., we continue learning Haitian Creole, simple sentences.

11th Annual SH Parish Haiti Cultural Dinner—Sat Jan 25th, 2020 at 6:30 PM for the Teacher Fund (Goal-6 Teachers--$100 pays 1 teacher for 1 month**):** Patricia noted the last Planning Committee for the dinner, in support of the Teachers Fund, met Sun. Jan.12, 9:00 am in the Social Justice Room & all planning parts are going well. Nicolas V. is the returning Chair,

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Dana & Les are returning Chef & Sous-Chef, Bob Kelly is the MC, and Brendan & Tim Giddens/GAM are the Auctioneers. Fr. Paul will attend. Fr. Ady Mytial is guest of honor & Keynote Speaker. There will be 4 or 5 dancers (new), a pianist (new)—see Dinner posters in Commons. RSVP to the dinner to Neil W. Members are welcome to help in the same way they did in past years. Dinner tickets sale, Jan. 11-19, 2020 before/after Masses. See Jan/Feb 2020 Calendar below.

Silent Action (SA)/Haiti Cultural Dinner: Francesca noted the SA will include about 40 gifts. Some donors opted to donate funds in lieu of a gift basket**.** Baskets were turned in 1/12 by noon**.** Francesca to assist with baskets & set up, & Brendan with admin. Preview of the baskets will start in the Commons Jan 18, 2020. See Jan/Feb Calendar below. Set-up and Decorations: Silver noted that he, Frances, Annette F., Susie & Tim will set the tables & take care of the decorations on both Fri. afternoon (1-5 PM), and Sat. (9 AM-2 PM) prior to the dinner. Silent Auction Team/Teens & Other Tasks meet Sat (1- 5 pm to dinner end). At 5:30 pm, Patricia, Nicole S. & Francesca will train teens who will serve the dinner. **All to meet in Library for final word & pictures with Fr. Ady (Fr. Paul?) at 5 pm.** Patricia will email the **Cleanup List** and noted what volunteers did last year will probably be the same. She will resend the Haiti Dinner Agenda of important action dates.

Fr. Ady's Fri. Welcome Reception—5 to 6:30 pm: Francesca & William will set up in community room & provide pizza/mixed salad. Fr. Paul will attend. Please give $5 to Francesca to cover cost of pizza.

21st Pilgrimage (Winter) to SG on 2/27-3/6/2020—All are invited: Patricia announced the next pilgrimage to SG, Haiti. The following pilgrims are going: Laura H. (3rd), William (2nd), and Patricia (21st). The Pre Pilgrimage Retreat for the prospective pilgrims & past pilgrim is Fri., 2/7, 11 am – 3:00 pm. Post Pilgrimage Retreat is TBD. Pilgrimage blessing on 2/23 TBC. 18 pilgrims have traveled to Haiti. Pilgrimages are twice a year and started 12 years ago. POC is Patricia. Brendan to cover "What is a Pilgrimage & Vigil" at next meeting. 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).

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Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST), Feb 19-26, 2020. Neil will have signup sheets in the Commons. Check SH bulletins, website, and Commons for more info. Patricia noted white tube socks and facial wash cloths are needed. POC: Neil.

Collections: Can Can—Brady, Penny Collection—Alison, Rosary Collection—Ophelie, & Working/Walking with William—William

Save the Dates:

- **Working/William In Social Ministry Room (12th)**—TBD, in support of NEST
- **Best Lent Ever from Dynamic Catholic** to start on Feb 26 (Ash Wednesday. Free sign up web site—late signups accepted.
- 1/26/20 **Brunch/Pot Luck** at Terry & Bob Kelly's, 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm, 427 Fairfax Ave.

Communications: Amy Woods (Dinner), Donors (Gift Baskets), Fr. Ady Mytial (Parish Daily Life), Fritz André (School), Susie (Greeting Cards), Susan D. Susan B. CeCe S. (gift wrapping), Choir (Dinner & Pot Luck Reception)

Announcements: **Pen Pal Notes:** turn in notes for Fr. Ady & pen pals by Sat. Jan.24 to Francesca or HTM mailbox/Commons. **Just Haiti Coffee/Fair Trade for sale**, $11 per bag. POC: Neil/Brendan.

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

Wed, Feb 15th, Simple Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM (Francesca/soup, Silver/bread, Ashley/Cake, William/O. Prayer, Silver C. Prayer)
Wed, Mar 11th, Simple Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM,
Wed, Apr 11th, Simple Dinner 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM
Wed. Mass at 5:30 PM (check bulletin), Adoration 6:00, Simple Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7 to 8:30 PM (Guests are welcome)

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Calendar January-February 2020

Mon. Jan. 1	**1804 Haiti Independence Day, Solemnity of the Virgin Mary**
Wed. Jan. 15	Haiti Twinning Ministry Meeting, Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 pm (We Remember the Earthquake Jan.12th, 2010)
Sun.. Jan. 5	**Epiphany of our Lord**
Jan. 11-12, 18-19	Ticket Sale before & after Masses, Parish 11th Haiti Cultural Dinner
Fri. Jan. 17	Silent Auction Set Up (8:00 am - 11:00 am)
Jan. 18-19	Ticket Sale before & after Masses, Haiti Cultural Dinner, Silent Auction Viewing
Jan. 24-27	Fr. Ady Mytial's Visit to SHP
Fri. Jan. 24	Haiti Cultural Dinner Set up 1:00 pm-6:00 pm Commons, Fr. Ady' small reception 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm (Community Room)
Sat. Jan. 25	Parish 11th Haiti Cultural Dinner, 6:30pm-9:00 Set up: 9:00 am- 2:00 pm, Use of the Library (teens) & Nursery (dancers)
28 Jan	**Fr. Paul's Birthday**
Wed. Feb. 13	Haiti Twinning Ministry Meeting, Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 pm (Vigil/Pilgrims/Announce Stations)
Feb. 18	**Fr. Ady Mytial's Birthday (1966)**
23-Feb	Pilgrim Blessing @ 11:00 am Mass TBC
Feb. 25	Head of St. Gabriel School, Mr. Fritz André's Birthday
Wed. Feb. 26	**Ash Wednesday, Lent Starts**
Feb. 27-March 6	Winter Pilgrimage to St. Gabriel, open to SH Parish & Community