



HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY (HTM) NEWSLETTER



Vision: We, the parishioners of the Sacred Heart have been called to enter in a twinning relationship with our brothers and sisters at Saint Gabriel, Haiti. Together, we follow the principals of Catholic Social Teaching to foster faith-filled relationships, self-sustainability and an end to dependency. **Mission:** End Dependency while following the principals of Catholic Social Teaching.

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During this time of the Coronavirus pandemic, and two months before the end of the fiscal year, the ministry is starting to evaluate its July 2019-June 2020 actions. They include mutually growing in faith, mutually growing in leadership, in relationship, and working on projects that support education (staff and scholarships), healthcare (lunch and medical support), jobs (building furniture and campus) and most recently, projects that are a source of revenue for St. Gabriel.

We are increasingly understanding the value of supporting St. Gabriel (SG) in projects that are sources of revenue to benefit the parish school 1st-13th. This month, Fr. Ady and his community are building a water system at the rectory, which will answer a serious need for potable water, create employment, and some funds for running the school. The water will be delivered by a reliable water company. The tank will be cleaned regularly, and a filter installed. The donations made in Memory of Neil Walsh made this project possible. Also, SG provided 10% of the cost.

Since SG church and school are closed, Fr. Ady has increased the capacity of the parish solar powered radio station. He and his team broadcast the Sunday Mass, daily prayers, the rosary, Coronavirus news and prevention, and reading lessons for the elementary school children.

After almost 13 years in twinning and much growth, we have reviewed our Vision, and Mission. See above. We have also evaluated our goals which have been fruitful again this year thanks to your support. If you wish to know more about SG Gabriel, please view our website.



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