

Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



Monthly Newsletter

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Haitians Living on Luck and God



The men and women living in our Twin Parish are safe in their small homes in Chauffard, but fear to go to the capital city, Port-au-Prince, where they would usually trade their produce for goods. The city is being taken over by gang violence. The following is taken from Jacqueline Charles' 7/8/22 article in The Miami Herald: "Even in the daylight, there's still a high risk," said Cedrice Joseph, 18, attending his high school graduation in late June. "I won't say it's safer at day than at night; really, it's anytime you go out or are at home."

Following the assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moise a year ago, his school closed its door and went indefinitely on remote learning due to security concerns. Those concerns have only deepened during the past year amid reports of students and parents elsewhere being kidnapped and held hostage by gangs demanding ransom. "It's been pretty hard knowing sometimes you can't go to school, or you're not sure if you're going to be able to come to school and learn or if today is your last, or if you're going to get kidnapped every time you're in the streets," said Joseph. Describing what living in a captive country is like, he said, "It's luck and God."

News from Chauffard:

"Thank you very much for thinking of us poor Haitians on this day recalling the assassination of our president. The situation in Haiti is getting worse day by day. Today, we Haitians do not live in hope. The high cost of living and insecurity; they are big things to think about. These are our two major sources of suffering. Given the situation in the country, we cannot speak of an election. It's almost impossible right now."

Father Raymond, parish priest 7/11/22

Upcoming Events:

August 24: Doug's-to-Go, 11am to 6pm
in Velasko Road parking lot

September:
Collection of school supplies for children
in Chauffard schools

September: TRUNK SALE

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**Supporting the Church of the Immaculate Conception,
Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond, Parish Priest**