

Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



Monthly Newsletter

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Solidarity & Partnership



Parishioners Pat Sovocool and Tom Abbamont with a Haitian patient during a medical mission to Chauffard, Haiti

The director of the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas, David Siler, has spoken about the importance of twinning relationships; saying “It will be the best decision your parish has ever made. Parishioners, the parish as a whole and your twin parish will be enriched in ways that you cannot imagine.” He continued, “Throughout the entire history of our Church, we have been called to regard the inherent dignity of every human person. A twinning relationship with a parish that is extremely poor. . . is a very real way for Catholics to express this regard. . . The twinning relationship is one of solidarity and partnership. It is more about the connection with one another than the material support.”

Siler spoke about when he visited his home parish’s Twin Parish in Haiti, and a teacher said to him, “When we see your smiling faces here, it brings us great hope.” He feels the mission trips, like our nine medical missions to Chauffard, have a great impact on people.

Of his visits, Siler said, “I have been privileged to see the very face of God, and the mark that this has left on my heart and soul is immeasurable. . . Many travelers, upon seeing the profound poverty and life challenges that they could never before imagine, are moved so deeply that they want to remain involved in nurturing our relationship with our sister parish. Even if your heart is only partially open, it is impossible for you not to be touched deeply by the faith and joy of the people in Haiti. . . in spite of their struggles.”

From Our Parishioners

Question: Why do you support our Twin Parish?

Answers: “I have an interest in trying to better the lives of others around the world and Haiti needs much help.”

“We think God takes the Corporal Works of Mercy very seriously – they are important to our ultimate salvation. We are very grateful for the many blessings we have received as a result of these efforts.”

“Because it’s the right thing to do.”

“The Haitian people are are our brothers & sisters.”

Upcoming Events

November 4-6:

Book & Bake Sale, Church Hall
FOR SALE: gently used books, games,
CDs, DVDs, home baked goods,
and Haitian oil drum art

January 7-8: Bottle & Can Drive
Velasko Road parking lot

For more information, call
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**Supporting the Church of the Immaculate Conception,
Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond, Parish Priest**