

# Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



## Monthly Newsletter

May 2024

### Living Day by Day

You are helping change the lives of Haitians in our twin parish for the better. Families see that their children are healthier with the nutritious lunch. Students focus better in class and are more successful. Teachers continue to work in Chauffard because we supplement their salaries. We need your donations for this vital support to continue.



Father Raymond wrote on May 7, 2024: "Several months no plane flights, no boats. So hunger really rages in Haiti. The cost of living only increases. Despite everything, we are still here, waiting for the deliverance of the country. Insecurity is getting worse. Our situation is catastrophic. We try to live day by day. Thank you a thousand times for your help and support, because if we eat certain times, if the teachers were able to be paid something, it's thanks to you. Only the God we believe in sees how useful you are to us. May He bless you again!"

*Photo of girls in their school uniforms in Chauffard taken by photographer Tara Polcaro.*

### News from the Associated Press:

"Haiti's main international airport reopened Monday for the first time in nearly three months after relentless gang violence forced authorities to close it. The reopening of the Toussaint-Louverture airport in the capital of Port-au-Prince is expected to help ease a critical shortage of medications and other basic supplies. The country's main seaport remains paralyzed. Gangs control 80% of the capital."

From AP article, by Danica Coto, May 20, 2024

### Upcoming Events:

**June 8-9:**

Speaker & annual second collection  
All masses SMSP & OLOH

**June 21:**

Doug's To Go for Haiti, SMSP parking lot

**July 13-14:** Bottle & Can Drive  
SMSP Parking Lot

For more information, call  
**Kate McMahon** at 315-214-1569.

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

# Church of St. Michael & St. Peter Haiti Committee

## 2023 Impact

**\$46,812** to buy hot lunches for 1,000 students five days a week during the school year

**\$10,000** to supplement the salaries of 31 teachers, 11 lunch cooks, 5 school property managers, 1 pharmacist, 2 nurses, and 1 lab technician

**\$1,500** to Smallholder Farmers Alliance for site visit for Tree Currency Program



## Donation Breakdown

- General Donations
- Second Collection
- Mittens & Crafts
- Book & Bake Sale
- Chicken & Biscuit Dinner
- Bottle Drives
- Trunk Sale
- Soup Suppers
- Coffee & Chocolate Sale
- Doug's to Go

