

Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



Monthly Newsletter

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Reliable Transportation

How many years have you had your car? How often do you drive more than three hours on rough, rocky, rutted roads up on down mountains? On April 11, Father Raymond wrote, "I hesitate to tell you, the parish car is really starting to show signs of fatigue. After seven years of daily service, especially for the transfers of materials for the clinic and church constructions, its condition begins to be really critical for the challenging road. Breakdowns are on a daily basis." During the 20 years of our twinning relationship, we have purchased two vehicles for our Twin Parish through Begeca. This German non-profit organization helps in many wonderful ways; one being supplying project vehicles that have been obtained directly from the manufacturer that meet the specifications of the country concerned, thus ensuring there is no problem in obtaining spare parts. These vehicles are rugged versions that can drive through water, carry an extra gas can, and have removable bench seats. Begeca obtains the vehicles at reduced prices and even arranges



the shipping to Port-au-Prince. The parish car is the only vehicle available in the community. It serves as the ambulance and is taken into Port-au-Prince to purchase food for the school, medicine for the clinic and other supplies. It is needed to drive to the bank to pick up your donations to pay the school teachers, cooks, nurses, and housekeeping staff. We will soon know how much will be needed to purchase a new vehicle for our Twin Parish.

News from Chauffard:

"I respectfully greet you in the name of Jesus who won the victory over death and over sin. Happy Easter to the whole parish of St. Michael and St. Peter who never stop helping us in Chauffard. All is well for us here in Chauffard by the grace of God. There is only the problem of insecurity which ravages the country."

Father Raymond, Parish Priest

Upcoming Events:

June 12-13: Haiti Speaker weekend
& Second Collection

July 10-11: Bottle & Can Drive

For more information
about any event, call
Kate McMahon at 315-214-1569.

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

The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Chauffard, Haiti



Thanks to your donations, the parishioners of our Twin Parish now have a safe, beautiful church in which to worship. The new church will accommodate 600-650 parishioners at a time.

On April 11, Father Raymond wrote, "The work is still going on. We are almost at the end. We have only the ceiling, the choir area to secure, and some small alterations to do." It is a great joy to Father Raymond, abbe Savio, and the people of Chauffard to see this project finally being completed.

Here are some photos of the new Church of the Immaculate Conception.

