

Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



Monthly Newsletter

September 2025

PTPA National Conference

The Parish Twinning Program of the Americas (PTPA) has been connecting US churches with parishes in Haiti and Latin America for nearly half a century. These partnerships work in solidarity to support relationships as well as education, health, economic development and a multitude of other projects. Haiti Committee Chair Kate McMahon and longtime volunteer Susan Wulff recently attended the PTPA National Conference, held in Nashville, TN.

Cardinal Chibley Langlois of Haiti and Archbishop Thomas Wenski of Miami presented keynote addresses. Cardinal Langlois described church twinning as two groups “forming hearts beyond borders, rejoicing in diversity. In times of trouble, twinning becomes a channel of hope, just as in times of blessing it is a cause of shared joy. Let’s build together what neither of us could build alone.”

Kate and Susan attended presentations on solar energy, education, Starlink, the Tree Currency Program and fundraising ideas. They spoke to the new PTPA director, and met our new contact at Food for the Poor. They learned that due to the “taxes” charged by gangs, prices for basic foods are very high. There is widespread food insecurity throughout the island. The parishes in Haiti depend on our support more than ever. They are very grateful for our financial assistance and our prayers.

We can support our twin parish in Chauffard thanks to the parishioners who contribute to our fundraisers and the many volunteers who make them happen. Thank you for all you do for our twin parish!



Kate McMahon talking to Haitian Cardinal Chibley Langlois

News from Chauffard:

“In Chauffard, thank God, we are still alive. God is guarding our lives. The security situation in the country and in Chauffard is always threatening. We are not safe. Every day we have mass as usual. Unlike other surrounding parishes that are closed because people have left those places. In Chauffard, the faithful are present.”

Father Raymond, August 23, 2025

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 3:** Doug’s To Go, SMSP parking lot
- Oct 4:** Trunk Sale, SMSP parking lot
- Oct 11-12:** Bottle & Can Drive, SMSP lot
- Oct 17:** Doug’s To Go, SMSP parking lot
- Oct 17-19:** Book & Bake Sale, SMSP church hall

For more info about any events, call **Kate McMahon** at 315-214-1569.

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

Trunk Sale for Haiti

(A garage sale from your car)

Saturday October 4th

10 am - 3 pm

**St. Michael's & St. Peter's
Church Parking Lot**

West Seneca Turnpike,
Onondaga Hill



**Only \$30 for vendors
& keep what you earn!
Sign up to sell by 9/27.**

**Call 315-673-1429 to
register or for more info.**

*To benefit our twin parish
in Chauffard, Haiti*