

Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



Monthly Newsletter

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The Earth Trembled



On January 12, 2010 less than 30 seconds changed the lives of over 1.5 million Haitians forever. A 7.1 magnitude earthquake shook the island with the epicenter very close to our twin parish. According to the United States Geological Survey, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake creates more explosive energy than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. Across Haiti, the official reports say that between 200,000 and 300,000 people lost their lives while over 300,000 people were injured.

In Chauffard, the church and clinic buildings suffered enough earthquake damage that after a couple of hurricanes, they became unsafe to enter. Through your donations, we paid for the reconstruction of the medical clinic in 2017. You also funded the rebuilding of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in the spring of 2021. The school building was damaged enough to

be no longer usable the day of the earthquake. Deacon Greg Cross visited Chauffard in the spring of 2010 to assess the damage. He noted, "Temporary, wood frame classrooms covered with plastic tarps are being constructed in the former school courtyard." The Chauffard school was rebuilt in 2014 by the charity CARITAS Swiss.

January will bring the 16th anniversary of the earthquake. Your donations have made a real impact on the daily lives of the people of our twin parish. You have built the church where they worship (new church in Chauffard, Haiti is pictured above). They have a medical clinic because of you. Thank you.

News from Chauffard:

"Many children have not yet returned to school as they suffer from post traumatic stress and fear being near the school buildings. Teachers who suffer the same persevere in support of the students; some were physically injured by falling debris from their homes."

Deacon Greg Cross
April 2010

Upcoming Events:

December 19: Doug's To Go,
SMSP parking lot

January 3-4: Bottle & Can Drive, SMSP lot

January 31 - February 1:
Coffee & Chocolate Sale OLOH

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**

Haiti Benefit Bottle & Can Drive

January
3 and 4

All Day Saturday
Sunday until 4 pm



Church of St. Michael & St. Peter

Can also leave donations at any time at: Western Lights Bottle
Return at 4639 Onondaga Blvd across from Wegman's.
Give them our account name: St. Michael/St. Peter's.