

Haiti Mission Brief Announcement Fundraising Update

Weekend of December 21-22, 2024

Good Evening / Morning

On the weekend of October 26-27 we presented our annual appeal and update on our mission of supporting the education of 900 youth in St. Gabriel church in Beau Sejour Haiti. With the continued violence and controlling gangs in Haiti Fr. Jude has shared that the access to food had become very challenging and expensive and that the students were coming to school hungry and malnourished.

Responding to this most basic need to feed the children Fr. Jude has found a way to provide 3 nourishing meals per week to the students while they are in school with a cost of \$ 1,000.00 US per month. In our report to the parish while acknowledging the importance of our continued commitment to assist with the teacher salaries we invited our parishioners to open their hearts to respond to this urgent appeal to help feed the students. Your Twinning Committee remained hopeful that the level of response would inform our ability to respond to this additional appeal for financial support.

Well, our response to this appeal as at the end of November was a remarkable \$ 11,383.69 and the Twinning Committee at

its meeting on December 11, 2024 emboldened by this most generous response unanimously approved the following actions. An additional \$ 3,000.00 US above our current commitment to assist with the teacher salaries will be provided to Fr. Jude to help feed the hungry children. An immediate transfer of \$ 1,000.00 US has already been initiated to Fr. Jude with the hope that he will be able to start the new year with funds to feed the students. In addition each of the next two scheduled transfers in February and May 2025 will also include an additional \$ 1,000.00 US to help feed the children through this current school year which concludes in June 2025.

The situation in Haiti remains quite unstable and our brothers and sisters there need our continued prayers and support. To each and every member of our parish who has supported this mission of hope with their prayers and financial support, know that your love and compassion has and continues to bring some comfort and care to those in need. Next time you go for an extended period without a meal remember how it feels when you do have something to eat and picture the smile that will be on the faces of our young students in Haiti as they nourish their body and mind. Please continue to support this mission with a donation with the blue envelope located in the Narthex and or through the parish website. Thank You