

Twin Parish News

A Partnership between St. William (St. Simons Island, GA) and St. Joseph (Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti)

Thank You, for all you do for us.



Father Islaire reports that he has emptied all the boxes from the shipment sent last month and that items were distributed to “choirs, chaplains and other people. They are very happy!”

At left, the chapel directors, who meet monthly with Father, show off their new caps and visors offered by the Davis Love Foundation. Thank you, parishioners and community for your donations to our spring shipment.

Father Islaire’s Pastoral Programs Run the Gamut

Children, youth and adults all benefit from Father Islaire’s loving concern. He has had a busy month, tending his flock, and we thank him for sharing his story and photos with us.



See you Sunday at 4!

These children are among the poorest in Côtes-de-Fer. Since March, Father has arranged for them to meet every Sunday “for a little time of animation, prayer and relaxation. We also give them something to eat as well.” The program is conducted by one of the women in the parish and he visits with them when he can.

“We cannot see these children and remain indifferent.”



Father says, “they are children who live in subhuman conditions and do not get enough to eat. There is a very high pregnancy rate in the village where they live. I want to give these marginalized and poor children the possibility of becoming a good and honest person.” Father plans to meet with their parents and ask them to send them to St. Joseph school next fall.

St. Joseph Youth Visit Mupanah

A trip to the capital city, Port-Au-Prince, is a huge undertaking for a one-day trip, but Father Islaire was up to the challenge. On May 27th he escorted 50 youth and 5 adults to visit the Musée du Panthéon National Haïtien, a museum featuring the heroes of the independence of Haiti and Haitian history and culture. For some youth, it was their first visit to Port-Au-Prince and they all found it very interesting. The museum opened in 1983 and suffered little damage during the earthquake because it is partially underground.



Seventy Farmers and Breeders Receive Training



Father Islaire offers a very supportive program for the adults in his community. Breeding and planting was the focus of the June 10th meeting pictured at the left. Seventy participants from the ten chapels and Côtes-de-Fer gathered at the St. Joseph compound to learn how to choose goats, feed them and care for them. The program was financed 50% by Caritas. The remainder, by you, our faithful and supportive parishioners. Thank you.

Caritas Sends Gift of Goats

Caritas shares the mission of the Catholic Church to serve the poor and to promote charity and justice throughout the world.

From the founding of the first Caritas in Germany in 1897, to the setting up of Caritas Internationalis in 1951, until today, Caritas has a rich history of listening respectfully to the suffering of the poor and giving them the tools to transform their own lives.

Father reports that the goats are part of Caritas' economic recovery of the population after Hurricane Matthew.

Residents of St. John the Evangelist chapel area receive the first 50 goats. Each family receives a female goat and the offspring will be shared with another family. "Improved breed goats" will be given to the chapel director. At a later date, residents of the St. Lawrence chapel area will receive a goat.



Father's 50 overnight guests at the rectory!



Goat Transportation is NOT a problem in Haiti



1. Check the fit of goat to basket.



3. Extra goats lay across the lap.



2. Gently insert goat into basket and tie onto motorcycle.



5. Three men, two goats on their way home.



4. Two men, three goats on their way home.

World Water Relief Trains Five St. Joseph Parishioners



Samy, Douna, Jean Brunel, Yves, Suzette



Douna secures the filter.

The clean water system is in good hands in Côtés-de-Fer. Father Islaire selected five parishioners to be trained in the maintenance of the system.



Summer Campaign for Education Begins June 15th

Help us reach our goal of 225 Students

Lovensky, a student at St. Joseph school, is our “Poster Child” for the 2017 Education campaign. Be on the lookout for a special letter via email, bulletin announcements and flyers asking for your support now through August 15th. Every child deserves a chance with a good education. **You can make that happen!** \$50. supports one child for one year. Visit www.helpinghugsinc.org or mail a check to Helping Hugs Inc. P.O. Box 24477, St Simons Island, GA 31522. **THANK YOU**



Chalorin Tibroz, Sacred Heart

These are the men that guide the two schools of St. Joseph parish at the chapels. Meet chapel directors, aka school principals, Chlorine Tibroz and Honel Librun.



Honel Librun, St. Anthony



The magnificent Flamboyant Tree now in full bloom at St. Joseph church in Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti