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2023 Report



Tarasse, Haiti



Barbed wire installed to keep out animals



New second floor classrooms started



Fr Merat visits Hershey in July



Parish vehicle repaired



Students celebrate Christmas



School reopened in Jan after being closed for 3 months

3 WAYS TO DONATE

- **Ash Wednesday Collection:** 100% will benefit our Sister Parish in Haiti
- **Online:** stjoanhershey.org/store/p68/donations-haiti.html or scan QR -->
- **Any Sunday:** Write "Sister Parish in Haiti" in memo of a check placed in collection



Haiti - Sister Parish Donation
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Life is very difficult, at times nearly impossible in Haiti. Sky rocketing inflation, gangs ruling the streets and anxiety of what might happen next plagues the Haitian people every day. Yet in the face of these immense struggles, the light of God can be seen in the students' smiling faces.

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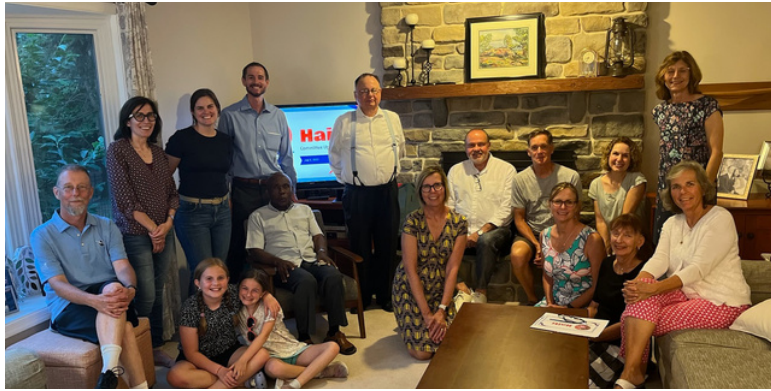


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In 2023, your contributions were used to repair the parish vehicle, install barbed wire on the enclosure, provide Christmas gifts for the students and make progress on the construction of the rectory, 2 new classrooms and a new school kitchen.

Fr. Jean Mérat, the pastor of our sister parish, bravely made his first visit to Hershey in July 2023 despite great personal risk to travel outside of Haiti. He was able to meet with our Haiti Committee and establish strong bonds of communication as well as speak at mass and visit our school.



Two new classrooms, kitchen and barbed wire

Thank you!



"A smile is a form of love, the gift that one can give most frequently, even when one is too poor and when one has nothing else to give."
-Fr Mérat



Did you know?

- We've been connected to our Sister Parish (Our Lady of Lourdes) & School (Sainte Jeanne d'Arc) in rural Tarasse, Haiti since 1983
- Our sister parish is 2 hours away & separate from Dr. Mortel's school in Saint Marc
- We fund teacher's salaries and food for ~300 students, along with construction projects

Eggs For Haiti

Starting Feb 10, there will be plastic easter eggs near the exits of the church.

Please take one and donate to our Sister parish in Haiti.

A donation of \$100 covers the education and lunch expenses of 1 student for the entire school year! All donations are greatly appreciated and go a long way in Haiti!



Volunteer: We are always looking for volunteers to join the Haiti Committee and would love to hear from you!
Email us: haiti-ministry@stjoanhershey.org or visit stjoanhershey.org/haiti-sister-parish.html