



ST. CHARLES
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HAITI COMMITTEE
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SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS IN HAITI

Education • Nutrition • Health

For more than 30 years, St. Charles parishioners have helped support our sister parishes in greater Cavaillon, an agricultural area in southwestern Haiti. The pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Msgr. Ignace Coissy, has responsibility for three schools in Cavaillon, Roche-Delmas, Immaculate Conception and Notre Dame, and over Father Lyonel Innocent of St. Joseph Parish, with its two schools, Berrette and Mission, and Father Lucien Xantus, in Flamands, with one school. In the past we have supported as many as 800 students at the cost of \$100 for tuition per student per year and \$50 for school lunch, which is sometimes the only meal the student has in a day. For the last few years, we have only been able to provide funding for about 400 students. Yet, given the challenges this year, including a drought, political instability in Haiti, increasing childhood malnutrition, and the current pandemic, Cavaillon's needs have grown exponentially.

This past year the St. Charles Haiti Committee has sent funds:

- for student tuition, lunches, and teacher salaries
- for the repair of a village pump that services Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Immaculate Conception School in the center of Cavaillon
- for construction of a school in St. Martin de Tours, a remote area that was devastated by severe storms, then punished with significant drought, so many of its subsistence farmers have been unable to rebuild. Pictures on the back page show Msgr. Coissy (blue shirt) arriving in St. Martin by motor taxi, a temporary classroom, and the new structure your generosity is building.

Please, if you can, help support the school children in our sister parishes and Msgr. Coissy as he ministers not only to his people's spiritual needs but also to their most basic physical needs. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti have nothing but faith, hope, gentle hearts—and the help we have given them for some 30 years.

How Your Donations Were Used

In 2020-2021, we provided over \$78,000 in total support for education, nutrition, and general parish needs, including:

- **Education:** \$40,000 for school tuition costs, and \$7,800 for new school construction at St. Martin de Tours.
- **Nutrition:** \$20,000 for school lunch programs across our sister parish elementary schools.
- **General Parish Needs:** \$8,900 for sister parish general needs and \$1,300 for repair of a water pump that serves the parish and the townspeople.

Interested in Supporting Our Haiti Ministry?

- Become a Haiti Committee member
- Support the Catholic School Program
- Donate to General Parish Needs
- Purchase Fair Trade Haitian Coffee

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Msgr. Coissy approaches St. Martin de Tours along the rugged terrain by motor taxi.



A temporary classroom in St. Martin de Tours before construction of the new school (pictured below).

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About the St. Charles Church Haiti Committee

Just as Jesus educated, fed, and healed those He encountered in and around Galilee, so do we at St. Charles—through the generosity of parishioners, family, and friends—work to help educate, feed, and foster good health for the families in greater Cavaillon in these ways:

- **Education:** Provide the opportunity for more of the children to attend Catholic schools by funding part of the costs to operate the elementary schools run by our sister parishes.
- **Nutrition:** Provide a nutritious school lunch for the children, purchased insofar as possible, from local farmers and the agricultural cooperative.
- **Health:** Provide safer water for our sister parish schools by funding such projects as well-drilling, water pump repair and maintenance, installation of water pipes, latrines, cisterns, spigots; by fostering health awareness; by teaching good hygiene; and by supporting the local agricultural cooperative.



Construction of the new school in St. Martin de Tours.



Children enjoying a nutritious lunch provided with your help!



The Cardinal Chibly Langlois, bishop of the Diocese of Les Cayes marries 15 couples in Cavaillon.