

**St. Elizabeth  
de Perodin**

# Haiti Brief

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## Archdiocesan Connection

Many Projects are being planned at the Archdiocesan Level.

1. A group has been formed to explore the possibility of a medical mission to Haiti.
2. We continue to contact parishes throughout the Archdiocese to explore the possibility of their becoming a sister parish. Presently 17 parishes are involved in the program.
3. We look for young people to travel to St. Marc, Haiti for a 2 week period in the

summer to work with the children of the Bon Samaritan school.

If interested in any of these projects please contact Suzanne Cooley at 410-867-8976 or leave name and phone contact at the parish office.

The Gala of Hope 2008—The Archdiocesan fundraiser to benefit the Bon Samaritan school was held on November 8, 2008. The proceeds for this year's event totaled \$125,000. The money raised will be used to construct a high school to continue the education of those less fortunate in the St. Marc area.

## Mission Statement

“To promote, and maintain a permanent relationship between the communities of OLPH an SEHP through mutual sharing of our time, talent, treasures and trust in the daily living of our Christian values.”

## Haiti Outreach Prayer

Lord, we dedicate ourselves to you. May we give witness of your care and concern for each other, recognizing you in ourselves and others.

May we always live to love and serve you, remembering especially the disadvantaged of the world by coming together as a community of faith in support of our Haiti Outreach Project.

Grant us the courage and wisdom to move forward in meeting the challenges of uniting ourselves with St. Elizabeth de Hongrie of Perodin.

Lord, continue to guide us through life until our journey ends with you.

Amen

# Above and Beyond

The Haiti committee wishes to say thank you to the following people who have generously given to our project.

**Sami Wolf:** On her own she walked her neighborhood to collect money for our sister parish not once, but twice. She composed a letter letting people know about our sister parish, their needs, and her reasons for wanting to make a difference. She collected over \$40.00

**Deborah Wallach and Sophie Smith:** This year for their birthday celebration, these two young ladies asked their guests to forgo presents, and offer money for the children of our sister parish. Deborah raised over \$400.00 and Sophie was able to collect enough money to sponsor a child.

**Tyler Phillips and Sam Smith:** Both are members of our committee. They continue to work on ways to help improve the lives of the children of St. Elizabeth. They recently contacted the president of Croc Corporation hoping to get a donation of shoes. They anxiously await his answer.

**Michael Goff:** For volunteering countless hours to our projects, attending the speaker's bureau, setting up the blog for our medical mission, and taking minutes of our meetings.

**OLPH Parishioners:** For your continued support of our efforts whether by pur-

Smile, and the world smiles with you.

chasing a Haiti 100 ticket, donating generously to our projects, and your prayers. Without your support we could not continue our efforts.

**Father Joe:** For your support, your dedication, and your trust in our efforts.

**Suzanne Cooley-** For everything

To all the generous anonymous donors whose generosity helps us to put smiles on the faces of the poorest of the poor.

Thank you to all who have donated to our project and remember that every penny counts to these children.

## News From our Sister Parish

We keep in touch with Father Laneau our sister parish pastor, on a regular basis.

Most of the children have returned to school, under the direction of a new school director, Sister Alvanie.

Sister Yolane, the home economic teacher will be leaving Perodin in January for a new assignment. They hope to have a replacement for her.

They had their parish cele-

bration on November 17th the feast of St. Elizabeth de Hongrie, their patron saint. They had a crowd of over 2,000 people, many coming from neighboring parishes.

The generator is still being fixed but hopefully it will be back to working order soon.

They received more rain and unfortunately it brought on the collapse of another chapel. They have now lost 3 chapels in the last few months.

Market has resumed, but a much limited basis.

Father Laneau looks forward to coming to OLPH for a visit and is excited about bringing parishioners from OLPH to Perodin.

He continues to assure us of the prayers of all his parishioners.

## Letter From the Editor

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Haiti committee I would like to thank you for your continuous support of the Haiti project. If you would like to donate you can buy a Haiti 100 ticket when they are for sale again for the 2009-2010 drawings or you can donate your extra money to the Change Haiti buckets found in the two foyers in the church. Your donations have totaled about \$30,000 already which has gone to help rebuilding

the church and school, paying for the feeding program at the school, sponsoring children at the school, and much more. Haiti has been suffering very much since they were hit with tropical storms, hurricanes, and floods that has ruined much of their belongings and homes. I was at the Gala of Hope recently and they had pictures of the children that needed to be sponsored. All of the stuff that they don't have, and they always have a smile on their faces

and are very content with their lives. Our parish has sponsored a kindergartener recently and we hope to hear from him. These people have nothing and are perfectly content. We have everything and are always wanting more. So next time you really want something, see if you can live without it and donate that money to Haiti, to the people who have nothing.

Sam Smith

# Speaker's Bureau

Parishes involved in the Archdiocesan sister program have formed a speaker's bureau which meets on a regular basis, to share information about their sister parishes, projects underway, and also to look at ways to create awareness of the program to all parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, under the hospices of the Mission's office of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

At a recent meeting the group discussed projects underway in different parishes, opportunities for traveling to

Haiti and also shipping goods to our sister parishes and the possibility of establishing Internet communication.

There is presently discussion taking place between some of the speaker's bureau members and Hughes Net the Internet provider in Haiti.

A shipper has been identified and we will continue to pursue the best way to make shipments available to our sister parishes.

Some parishes have begun a sponsorship program for the children of their sister parish's

school.

These meetings are truly an exchange of ideas among those involved in the programs. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. For more information or to join in on the discussion please contact Mike Goff for more information and upcoming meeting dates. You can leave your name and phone number at the office:443-203-1002.

## What's going on the trip?

You now know that some of our parishioners are going to Haiti with Father Laneau but many ask the question "What are they taking with them" This article is here to answer that.

- Solar Panels
- Solar Cooker
- Car/Truck Inverter
- Spices
- Frisbees
- Yo-yo's
- Soccer Balls
- A Pump
- Jump Ropes
- Laptop for Fr. Laneau
- Flashlights
- Re-Chargeable Batteries

- Medical Books
- Medical Kit
- Digital Thermometer
- Camera With Cleared Memory
- Tape Measure
- Rice
- Beans
- Galvanized Nails With Washers
- Sharpies
- Spiral Notebook
- Tripod
- Children's Books
- Backpacks
- Composition Books
- Pencils

- Simple Card/Board Games for the Rectory/Convent
  - DVD's for Fr. Laneau
  - Walking Sticks
  - Herb Seeds
  - Slates
  - Pencils Sharpeners
  - Hard Candy
  - Long-Handled Spoons/Ladles/Potholders
  - Beads And Beading Supplies
  - Canned Meats
  - Can Openers
- Thank you to all those who donated some of these items.

# Upcoming Event

Mark your Calendar for our first ever Chili Cook-off

Sunday February 8th at O.L.P.H.

Games for the family!

Big 6 Wheel!

Race track for kids and adults

Chili Corn Bread and Desserts!

If you wish to enter the chili contest contact Nadine Smith at

All proceeds will go to help the feeding program at our sister parish.

Special guest: Father Laneau, Sister parish pastor

**We Need a Name!**

We are in search of a name for our newsletter.

Submit your entry and receive a special mention in our next newsletter.

To submit your entry contact the office at 443-203-1002 and leave your name and phone number or email Mike Goff at [mikegoff@gmail.com](mailto:mikegoff@gmail.com)

## A Committee Welcome

We are proud to be able to keep you up to date on our project through the presentation of our newsletter.

We will be publishing information on a quarterly basis.

Let us know how you like it, what you would like to see discussed in it, and your thoughts and comments.

Thank you for your support of our Haiti project.

## Plans

Plans are now underway for a visit from our sister parish pastor and also for parishioners from OLPH to return to Haiti.

We have a traveling date of February 6th through the 11th for Father Laneau's visit and from February 11th through the 20th for our team of parishioners returning with him to our sister parish.

## Haiti 100 Winners

### October 2008

Barbara Butler

### November 2008

Robin Robb

### December 2008

David Skwara

### January 2009

The Bonaccorsy  
Family