

Twin Parish News

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A partnership between St. William and St. Joseph, Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti



IMPACT: A Nurse's Care, Your Gift of Hope

Because of You, Healing Comes to Them

Data provided by Diame Smith, Medical Care Coordinator

Photos provided by Father Islaire Faustin, Pastor



Patients wait to see Nurse Angella during a hypertension screening—made possible by your support.



With quiet strength and a compassionate heart, Angella—our parish nurse and a native of Côtes-de-Fer—makes a five-hour journey by rented motorcycle from Port-au-Prince to care for patients in our twin parish.

During her April visit, she provided vital care at St. Joseph Church and at four remote chapels in Meteyer, Mayette, Morne Blanc, and Boucan Moran—traveling by motorcycle to reach each community.

On this trip, Angella served 121 patients, including 23 new participants, checking blood pressure, offering counsel, and bringing comfort where it's needed most.

We are especially grateful to our partners in the Hypertension Program, the Brunswick Chapter of The Links, Inc. Their international committee—spearheaded by Dr. Shirley Wilson—has been instrumental in supporting the medical care facet of this ministry.

Thank you to YOU—and to THE LINKS—for making this life-saving outreach possible.



ONE CHURCH: A Shared Journey of Faith and Heritage

A Historic First—and a Prayer for Haitians



Cardinal Chibly Langlois, the first Haitian cardinal, stands among his peers as he takes the oath of secrecy and fidelity before voting for the new pope.

In an extraordinary moment for the global Church—and for Haiti—history unfolded in the Sistine Chapel. When the doors closed and the cardinals gathered to elect the successor to Pope Francis, two “firsts” quietly echoed through the sacred space:

✦ *Cardinal Chibly Langlois*, the first cardinal ever from Haiti, cast his very first vote in a papal conclave.

✦ The man he helped elect, *Pope Leo XIV*, is the first pope with Haitian ancestry.

This is more than history. It’s a holy convergence of faith, heritage, and hope. For those who have prayed and worked for Haiti's dignity and development, this moment feels like a divine affirmation that Haiti has not been forgotten.

And yet, we know Haiti continues to suffer. The people of our twin parish live with hardship daily—poverty, hunger, and insecurity that too often go unnoticed by the world.

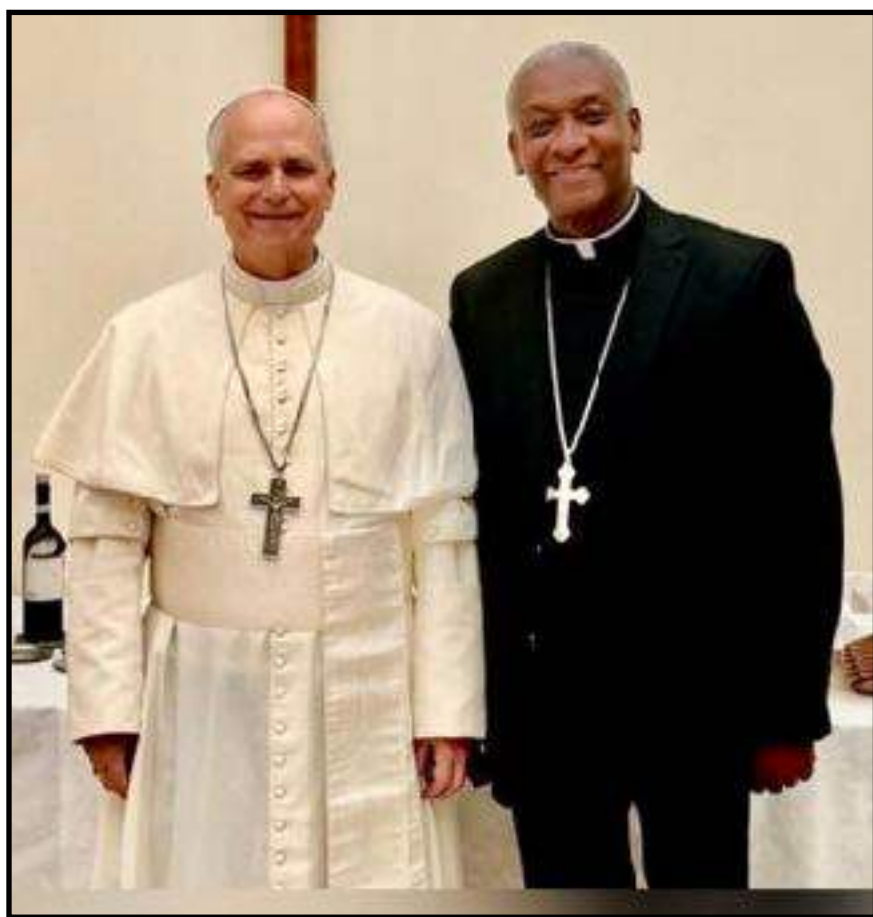
Many Haitian immigrants and refugees are facing hardship and uncertainty as they seek safety and stability. As a community of faith, we are united in spirit with them.

Please join us in prayer this month for:

- 🌿 protection and peace for those on the move,
- 🌿 strength for families separated or in transition,
- 🌿 and communities that offer welcome, dignity, and hope.

May our prayers be a source of light and comfort. May those who journey in search of a better life know they are seen, loved, and never alone.

"It is not just about migrants: it is about our humanity."
— Pope Francis



Growing Together in Charity

In the words of Cardinal Chibly Langlois, Haiti:

"The Parish Twinning Program is a blessing from God."

It maintains communion, leads to sharing, provokes conversion and a change of heart and it develops mutual understanding. Through the sharing of human spiritual and material resources, both twinned communities grow together in charity."

Pope Leo XIV & Cardinal Chibly Langlois. Photo courtesy La Vallée de Jacmel church. From The Haitian Times.

Mission Morsels: You Made it Happen



BI-MONTHLY COLLECTION, May 2025 = \$1,548

Year to Date = \$4,845

Thank you for your continued generosity in support of the operating expenses of St. Joseph Parish.

Sherie Welch, Treasurer



INFRASTRUCTURE – Thanks to your generosity, \$2,000 was sent to Father Islaire on May 1 to purchase paint in advance of a chapel renovation planned in our 2025 budget. Your support is helping prepare for this much-needed work, which will begin after the rainy season.

Robert Hochwald, Infrastructure Coordinator



WATER - RENARD WELL

Thanks to your support, progress continues on the Renard well project. Our drilling partner, Water for Life, has appointed a new project manager, Dr. Hernsie Petit-Frère, MD. Bob Hochwald has been working closely with him to move the project forward.

On May 16, Father Islaire completed construction of the cistern that will store and distribute water to the chapel. Water for Life will soon visit the site to determine the materials needed to connect the well to the cistern for distribution.

We expect the project to be completed in June and will share more details after the site visit.

Robert Hochwald, Water Coordinator



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