

Twin Parish News

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



Students sit on the rectory porch, under the guidance of Father Islaire, writing letters of gratitude to you.

Letters of Thanks —

From the Heart of St. Joseph Students to You

Annual Education Campaign

Education remains a cornerstone of our partnership with St. Joseph Parish—supporting students from their earliest school years through high school.

Turn the page and meet the students you are lifting up — ready to learn, grateful to you, no longer forgotten.

Your generosity makes all of this possible.

In the pages ahead, you'll see what your gifts make possible—and why it matters.



Julanda Lorméus

Julanda wanted to thank you in her own voice.

She practiced.

She read each word with care.

She gathered her courage.

And she read her message in English — a beautiful achievement for a young woman whose first language is Creole and who studies in French.

To see her message, visit our donation page at helpinghugsinc.org or scan the QR code.

Stay with her to the very end.

It's a moment you won't want to miss.

This QR code
will take you to
Julanda's message.

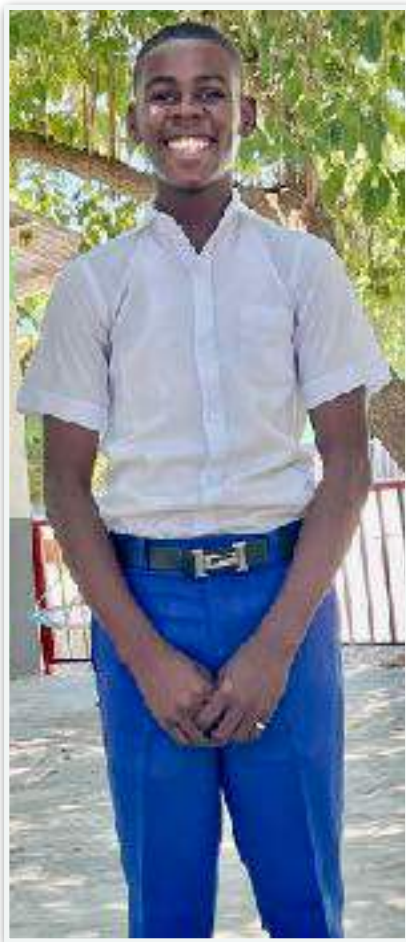


They Wanted You to Know

"I live with my mother. I don't have any brothers. My mother takes care of me. My mother doesn't work. Father Islaire pays for my studies. He gives me strength and courage to keep going. God saved me because if I had not met him, I would have most certainly stayed home without going to school. I thank him very much."

Mérisier Schenéïca

Age 16



"About myself, I am a young boy born into a family with little economic means. I don't have a father; I live with my mother.

My father died when I was 7 years old. And since then my mother has done everything so that I am not abandoned in the street.

God put a good pastor in my path, a trustworthy and generous man. This good pastor is Father Islaire. One day he asked me, "Where is your father?" I answered sadly, "He's dead." Then he asked me, "What does your mother do for a living?" I replied that my mother doesn't do anything. And he simply said, "Okay." I didn't know if this would be a turning point for me. I want to thank him. If Father Islaire hadn't agreed to pay for my school, my mother wouldn't have been able to send me to school because she wouldn't have had the means to pay for it. Thank you to Father Islaire and the benefactors."

John Rivensk ST. JUILLET

Age 16

Because of you, Father Islaire can say "Okay" — and mean it.

Education at Every Stage



Summer programs keep children learning and safe.



Early education builds literacy, confidence, and routine.



Continued support for high school students keeps teens in school as costs rise.



Father Islaire accompanies students through each stage of learning.

We Wanted You to Know:

Fifty Students. Eleven Graduates. Every Senior Succeeded

In September 2024, because of your generosity, Father Islaire was able to pay tuition for **50 high school students** at St. Joseph Parish.

- 12 ninth graders
- 14 tenth graders
- 13 eleventh graders
- 11 twelfth graders



Father Islaire teaching a philosophy class, 2018.

Fifty young lives were given the chance to stay in school.

And here is the line that should make every donor pause:

All eleven seniors graduated.

Every single one.

In a place where poverty and hardship often forces students out of school, these young men and women crossed the finish line.

Your support did more than cover tuition. It opened a door.

Help the Next Student Cross the Finish Line

Education remains out of reach for many families in St. Joseph Parish. Together, we can keep the door open.

This fall, Father Islaire hopes to say “Okay” again — to the next class of students waiting for their chance.

Your gift makes that possible.

\$80 one elementary student

\$130 one high school student.

Please give for one child — or for several.

Please mail your donation to:
Helping Hugs, Inc.
P.O. Box 24477
Saint Simons Island, GA 31522

Or give online at helpinghugsinc.org
(You may also scan the QR code.)



Thank You



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