

# Twin Parish News

October 2024

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



## **Don't put too much faith in the media.** *Father Faustin explains why.*

As we approach the “Fête for Haiti,” a time when we combine our efforts, our thoughts, and our hearts to raise the funds for the parish of Saint Joseph for 2025, I am writing to express all my gratitude to you. **Your faithful support and kindness helps us to weather these difficult times.**

For several years now gangs have been sowing terror in Haiti, specifically in Port-au-Prince, our capital. Thankfully, distant towns like Côtes-de-Fer are spared.

People here carry out their daily activities. Children are going to school. People walk the streets at all hours without fear. **Since the gangs prevent free movement and travel out of the capital, products such as medicines, construction materials, and basic necessities have difficulty reaching us.** This has a huge impact.



**Don't put too much faith in what the media says.** In search of sensational news, they forget the rest of the country and focus only on Port-au-Prince.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize your work in Côtes-de-Fer. Thanks to you, villages that never had drinking water now benefit from clean water. The latest well was started in July.

**Your efforts on our behalf are not in vain.** Your continued support helps us keep moving forward. It makes sure that our children keep going to school, that we continue the agricultural forestry program, that we can continue to care for our sick, our elderly, and our desperate. Your impact on our community can be seen and the changes felt. I can assure you that every cent donated is spent wisely and carefully.

**With your support and your prayers during these difficult times Côtes-de-Fer will survive.** We will not give up because we know God is with us. Like Joshua at the battle of Gilgal, we look to His presence, His Power and His unwavering support.

May God bless you and keep you safe,

*Father Islaire Faustin*

*Don't miss this one!*



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Live Auction - at the event

Silent Auction - at the event

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Evy meets Timote in Brunswick, June 2024

**Presentation by  
Timote Georges  
Co-Founder of the  
Tree Currency Program**



**Evy Marshall**  
**President**

# A Few Thoughts...

Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si'," or "Praise Be to You" is an urgent call to tackle the current ecological crisis by making a paradigm shift that will allow all human beings to live sustainably in dignity. It is the most comprehensive Vatican document to date on environmentalism, ethics, and Christian faith. Our new Agroforestry program in Côte-de-Fer, fulfills the spirit of the encyclical. It encourages the farmers to plant trees in deforested areas. In so doing they are creating income opportunities for themselves through improved farming techniques, new tools, and better seeds. The goal of the program is to help the farmers in the program rise out of poverty and become self sufficient. "Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature." (LS 139)

The dignity that comes with being able to feed your family and being financially solvent is immeasurable. Thanks to God, Msgr. Kenneally, and the many volunteers over the years, Helping Hugs has played an important role in the survival of St. Joseph parish. Over the last 14 yrs the poorest children in St. Joseph parish have received an education, a daily hot meal, and hope for a future. The fourth well being built is not only providing clean drinking water, it is ensuring a measure of health for a poor community. As we continue to tackle the endemic problem of hypertension, by funding a traveling nurse and medication, we are grateful to have extended the quality of life of hundreds of poor elderly parishioners. We are blessed to be able to provide the parish with safe, dry places to worship our Lord through our infrastructure program.

All this is thanks to you, our faithful donors. Your holy endeavor in Côtes-de-Fer has made a huge impact in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Blessings and gratitude,

*Evy*

# Exclusive Preview of Auction Items

## Live Auction - October 26

Woodside Restaurant: **Chef's Table** for 4 with wine pairings

Spirit of Saint Simons: **Sunset Sail** for 4 on 36 ft. Catamaran

Barrier Island Baskets: Basket-Weave **Charcuterie Board**

Westin Hotel, Jekyll Island: **Two-night stay** in deluxe accommodations

## Silent Auction - October 26

The Grove Company SSI: generous gift card for **Unique home decor**

**Over 30 Local Restaurants: money saving gift cards**

Village Inn and Pub: Exclusive **One-night stay**

Lakeside Studio: Hand woven **Alpaca and Silk Throw**

## Online Auction-October 19-27

Brunswick Country Club: **Round of golf** for 2 with cart

Dorothy's Cocktail & Oyster Bar: **Gift Card**

Billy Bee Charters: **Fishing Adventure** up to 6 people

Holiday Inn, Jekyll Island: **Two-night stay** on the beach!



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