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Holy Thursday: an invitation to participate in God's love manifesting in the world.

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Love One Another...

There may not be many examples portrayed in social media or news reports of humble servitude these days. This way of "being" is not trending right now. However, we all know people who strive to walk this path and their example encourages us.



Through the humble act of washing the feet of his disciples, Jesus modeled humility and service. On this Holy Day, we ask God to break open the tomb of our hearts so our discerning minds can be guided into loving service, in our home, in our community, and in the world.

Jesus said, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)

May the gift of God's love for you be more than enough this Holy Week. May the preciousness of this gift guide you to participate in the ways God's love is manifesting in the world.

"Be a blessing to somebody." Maya Angelou

Preparing for Palm Sunday at St. Marc's Jeannette, Haiti



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Thank you to those who contributed to the Educators Empowering Educators initiative.

Due to heavy rains in Cap-Haïtien, a new cholera outbreak and concerns of zika virus, Edrice Felix, principal of St. Marc's high school reports that the teacher's professional development trip has been rescheduled for July. We are very close to our goal, you can still contribute to the trip by donating today. [Donate](#) [Read more about the trip](#)

The Diocese of Milwaukee Haiti Project marks 30 years of partnership with St. Marc's School and Health Clinic. From a one room structure without walls to a Preschool-High School campus in rural Haiti, the school has grown to 520 students.

Please share the E-News with friends in your parish so they can support this important ministry of the Episcopal Diocese.

Sunday, May 1 Pre-Mother's Day Haitian Garden Stake and Singing Rooster Chocolate and Coffee Sales

Project Mission Trip



The inaugural Global Service Learning Class at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy partnered with students from Kettle Moraine Global Charter School and Kettle Moraine Middle School Create House, and the The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee's Haiti Project, to learn about Haitian history and culture and to explore WaSH issues (Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation). Students spent 11 days in Jeannette, Haiti and explored water purification with Haitian students. Michael Herriman, Jenjenio Conserve and Jacson Leger, from the Gift of Water, did water purification education with students and assembled double bucket systems. **100 additional purification systems were delivered and will be sold to locals at a subsidized rate thanks to the Haiti Project's Matching Campaign for Clean Water held last summer.**

Students also made home visits to members of the community who had double bucket systems, visits that local water technician, Jacson Leger makes each month to 250 families. Students also explored community and individual water collection systems and cisterns. They even made the long and exhausting hike to a water source in the ravine of the mountain, a source that people must rely upon when there is no rain. At the close of the week students took an exciting tap tap ride down the mountain to the sea where Jacson and Robert Hall swam in the ocean for the first time. submitted by Dr. Jennifer Henery

For more information about Gift of Water <http://www.giftofwater.org/>

Special Thanks to Laurie's Fund for Haiti's Children (Laurie Purrington Ivens and daughter, Georgia, pictured below)

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Andrew's Madison, Grace Madison, St. Matthew's Kenosha, and Holy Communion Lake Geneva will all hold sales to benefit Haiti Project on May 1. These beautiful garden stakes are hand melded and hammered in Croix de Bouquets, Haiti. Support Haitian artists and farmers as well as St. Marc's School as you shop for gifts. Would you like to host Haiti Project at your parish? **contact Heidi Ropa at info@haitiproject.org or call (608)235-9393 to set a date for a visit.**

Diocesan Travel to Haiti



The Reverend Andy Jones, former Haiti Project Chair, Hon. Virginia Wolfe, Andrea Stomberg, Becca Hennen RN and Haiti Project Coordinator, Heidi Ropa, will attend the Haiti Connections Conference in Port au Prince April 6-8.

Upcoming Mission Trips:
Christ Church Whitefish Bay June 17-25 and
June 24-July 2
Diocesan Haiti Project November Trip is filling quickly. Please contact Mary Alice Eschweiler if you are interested in traveling and attend the April 2 meeting announced in this E-News.
Fall Trip: November 11-20
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In January, Pere Jean Lenord Quartorze, Priest-in-Charge at St. Marc's, contacted Food for the Poor, in order to address substandard housing in the community. The global non-profit was willing to build 10 homes for the most disadvantaged in the community at no cost. One major barrier remained. In Haiti, it is difficult to build on land unless you can produce legal documentation to prove you own it. Securing this proof is cost prohibitive for most Haitians. While Haiti Project felt the need was urgent, our mission is somewhat limited due to our obligation to funding the ongoing operating cost of the Preschool, Primary, Middle and High School Campus.



After learning there were children being bitten by rats at night in one substandard dwelling, **long-time friend of Jeannette, Haiti, Cathy Parrill**, pursued another avenue of funding. Cathy reached out to **Dr. Burt and Sandy Purrington of Marquette, Michigan, who have an established memorial fund in memory of their daughter, Laurie**. An occupational therapist known for her exceptional compassion and commitment to social justice, Laurie died of heart and lung failure in 2003. Over the years, **Laurie's Fund for Haiti's Children** has built homes, funded women's sewing cooperatives and aided Haitian children with medical procedures. **Laurie's Fund for Haiti's Children has provided the \$3,500 needed to pay for securing the legal documentation needed for the 10 families in the village to have homes built. The Haiti Project and the people of Jeannette are deeply grateful to Burt and Sandy Purrington for their compassionate gift and Cathy Parrill for her faithful friendship.**

Christ Church Whitefish Bay "Passport to Haiti" Sunday

The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee and Eau Claire have been walking along-side the community of St. Marc's, Jeannette, Haiti for 30 years. Christ Church Whitefish Bay recently helped St. Marc's after the 2010 earthquake destroyed 3 of their 5 water cisterns. This June, two mission trips are scheduled to travel to Jeannette and form an even deeper relationship in Christ. Christ Church held an Intergenerational Forum at the end of February so the congregation could learn about Haiti through 10 hands on experiences. (Carrying water from the river, get a taste of



Save the Date! Sunday, June 26



The St. Mary's Dousman Strawberry Fest will be held on Sunday, June 26 from 11:00 am-3:30 pm. Haiti Project will be selling new art from Haiti, jewelry, and Singing Rooster coffee. Stop by our table and enjoy the beautiful voices of the Bronner family who will sing during the afternoon. Plenty of strawberry desserts will be on hand.

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school lunch, about micro-loans, and attend a French/Creole language class and more). Submitted by Ira Leidel

<http://christchurchwfb.org/serving-others/global/>

Learning Circle with Cathy Parrill on April 2 at St. Mary's Dousman

Interested in traveling to Haiti? Come explore this question with us. What world view or pre-conceived notions do we have about Haiti or mission work? Please join Haiti Project trip participants on Saturday, April 2 at 1:00 pm at St. Mary's Dousman as we explore how to engage in meaningful partnership through Learning Circles work.

Haiti Project Steering Committee meets with Cathy 10:00 am

Lunch Break 12:30 pm

Haiti Project Trip Participants Learning Circle with Cathy 1:00-4:30 pm

Please contact Heidi Ropa at info@haitiproject.org or call (608)235-9393 if you have questions. I look forward to seeing you.

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