

Passionist News Notes

St Paul of the Cross Province



Jubilee's of First Profession and Priestly Ordinations

Da	May Ordinations
2	DUNN, Stephen
	MCEACHERN, Bernard
3	BONEY, Vincent
4	RICCARDI, Salvatore
12	SEGOTTA, Vincent
	POWERS, John
	JOERGER, Robert
13	GREENE, Michael
	RUTTLE, Paul
	LANDRY, Francis
	WARD, Mark
	BURKE, Richard
14	AWARD, Richard
	DOUGLAS, John
16	TIEDEMANN, Neil
17	MONACO, David
	FRECHETTE, Richard
18	CARBONNEAU, Robert
	WIERICHS, Paul
19	GRACE, Peter
	WOLANSKI, Edward
	KERBER, Justin
21	OMOLO, Gilbert
25	COONEY, Theophane
26	BONACCI, Thomas
	WARE, Donald
	CHENOT, Paul
28	GILLETTE, James
	ESPARZA-PEREZ, Hugo
29	NALEPA, Richard
30	SEDLEY, Joseph
	KRISTOFK, Terence
	VITALI, Theodore
	SALVAGNA, Michael
	BARRY, James
31	VAETH, Paul
	FINNIGAN, Francis
	BRISLIN, Thomas
	BRACKEN, Jerome
	DOUGHERTY, Charles

70th of Profession	Michael Stomber, C.P.	8/16/51
	Jerome McKenna, C.P.	7/17/51
	Gregory Paul, C.P.	7/17/51
60th of Profession	Jerome Bracken, C.P.	8/15/61
	Thomas Brislin, C.P.	8/15/61
	Leo DiFiore, C.P.	3/4/61
	Charles Dougherty, C.P.	8/15/61
	Francis Finnigan, C.P.	8/15/61
	Paul Vaeth, C.P.	8/15/61
60th of Ordination	Edwin Moran, C.P.	4/7/61
50th of Profession	August Parlavechio, C.P.	8/22/71
	Neil Tiedemann, C.P.	8/22/71
25th of Ordination	David Cinquegrani, C.P.	6/12/96
	Salvatore Enzo DelBrocco, C.P.	4/13/96
	Lionel Pacheco, C.P.	12/27/96

Da	May Birthdays
1	MAGUIRE, William
	RAMOS, Jonathan
2	LOPEZ GALARZA, Luis Alfredo
3	LANDRY, Francis
4	RODRIGUEZ RODRIGUEZ, ANIBAL (ANDY)
5	SEDLEY, Joseph
21	MORAN, Michael
23	OMOLO, Gilbert
24	NALEPA, Richard
25	RECANA, Brando
26	FITZGERALD, Timothy
27	SENA, Angelo

Renamed Passionist retreat house reflects Berry's call to heal the Earth

by Peter Feurherd, National Catholic Reporter , Earthbeat

Seeing Fr. Thomas Berry's portrait on the walls of the Passionist monastery and retreat house in Jamaica, New York, it is difficult to imagine a time when the priest who helped enshrine the environment as a central concern in Catholic thought was relegated to the job of doorkeeper.

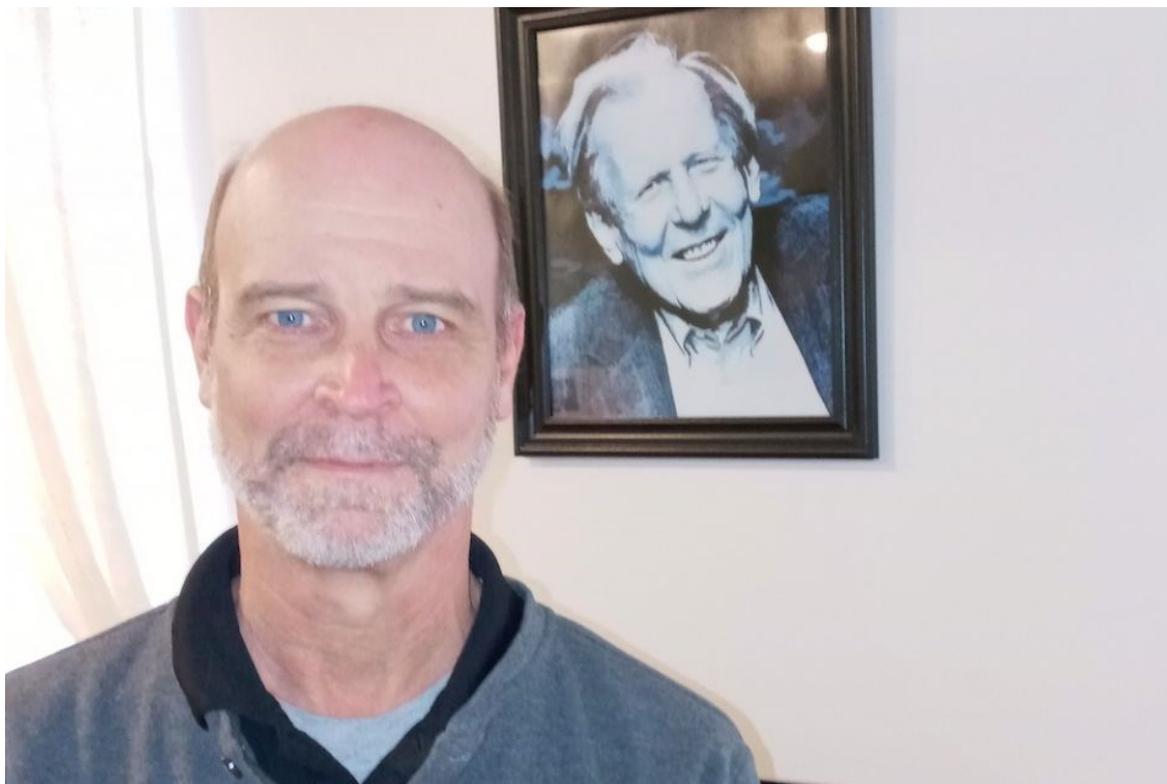
At the time, in the mid-1950s, Berry's religious superiors considered the philosopher priest's ideas more pantheistic than Christian, too embracing of Eastern philosophy with not enough emphasis on Catholic doctrine.

Despite the conflict, all accounts from his confreres indicate that Berry, who died in 2009 at 94, was a gracious host.

Now the musty, old monastery building is being rehabilitated, a reflection of the way in which the Passionist community has come to embrace his teachings.

The order has renamed the retreat house, previously named for former Brooklyn Archbishop Thomas Molloy, in Berry's honor. The Reconnect job center operating in the building prints out T-shirts bearing the priest's name and some of his sayings, including "We Are Born of the Earth" and "Healed by the Earth."

The cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth, often invoked by Latin American liberation theologians, were also joined by Berry. As a Passionist priest, he saw a parallel between the degradation of the environment and the crucifixion of Christ, which is at the center of the Passionist charism.



Much of the time he preached his environmental gospel to secular audiences. But he now has entered mainstream Catholic thought, his theories about a wounded Earth and the need for redemption echoed in Pope Francis' encyclical "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home."

Berry's insights were rooted in a mystical experience he had at age 11 in a North Carolina meadow near his childhood home. There, immersed in natural beauty, he realized that in its efforts to tame the Earth, Western civilization had committed terrible sins that called out for redemption.

Passionists who listened to him acknowledge that although they did not always understand him — his interweaving of cosmology and ecology have been compared to those of another mystic and philosopher, the Jesuit Fr. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin — they nevertheless were fascinated.

Berry recognized "that the Passion lives out in the world," said Fr. James O'Shea, provincial of the Passionists' Eastern Province, who has played a central role in bringing Berry's thought into the mainstream of his religious community.

O'Shea was among the seminarians who, in the 1980s, sought out Berry's informal lectures, sometimes to the chagrin of their superiors. By that time, though, the older priest was returning from his metaphorical exile and gaining more acceptance in his community.

As a reflection of Berry's influence, the retreat house, now undergoing extensive renovations, will reopen next year with a renewed ministry aimed at offering an environmental and social response to the cries of both the poor and the Earth.

Located in Queens between affluent Jamaica Estates — the childhood home of Donald Trump, the political and business anti-Berry — and the struggling immigrant and Black communities off Hillside Avenue, it will include an indoor hydroponic garden, solar panels, the Reconnect headquarters and a residence for women leaving the prison system. Produce from the garden will provide plant-based meals for retreat-goers.





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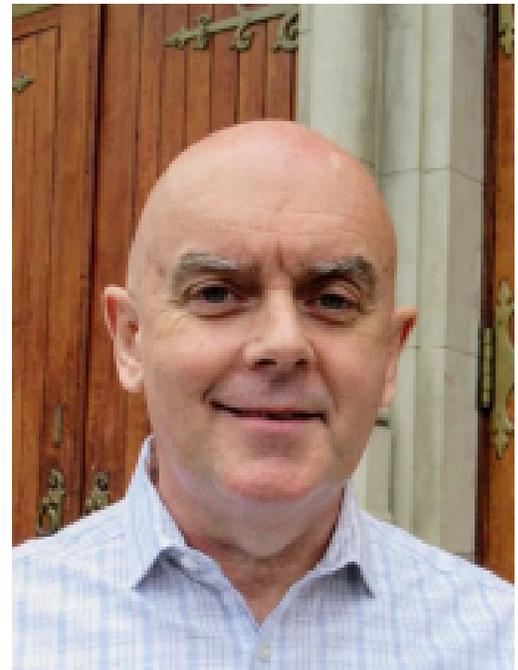
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March 23, 2021

Dear Brothers, Associates and Friends,

Together with the Provincial Council, I am very happy to announce that **Anthony Mullen** has been selected as the founding Director for *Thomas Berry Place*, Jamaica, NY.

I have known Anthony for the past 10 years in his capacity as North American President of Porticus, an international foundation with special interest in supporting Catholic works, particularly those related to justice issues, the environment and Hispanic ministries. I had actually approached Anthony for a grant for our new ministry and after I presented the vision for *Thomas Berry Place*, not only did he want to secure monies for it but he was interested in applying to be the Director! After a period of prayerful discernment, Anthony was offered the position.



Anthony's background serves this ministry extremely well. Born in Ireland, he joined the Holy Ghost Fathers and after ordination served primarily in war-torn Angola where he collaborated in the re-location of refugees with Caritas Angola. Upon returning to the States, Anthony made the choice to marry and now, with his wife Andrea, is raising their two children in Brooklyn. For ten years, he was the Chief Community Officer for Catholic Charities, Rockville Centre, NY and from there was recruited to lead the North American operations of Porticus International. Anthony has a Bachelor of Divinity, Maynooth, a Master of Theology, St. John's University, NY, a Doctor of Ministry in Mental Health Counseling, Hebrew Union, NY and certification from the Executive Management Program at Columbia University.

As important as his professional and educational credentials are, even more important is that Anthony is a man of prayer, humility, and integrity. He has a great and growing respect for Paul of the Cross, the Charism and the Passionist community.

It is my sense that we are all blessed to have come to this relationship and I am grateful that Anthony is willing to take this risk, in faith, and join with the Passionists in creating this new ministry so rooted in our emerging charism. In closing, I will share some of Anthony's words from his letter of interest to the Province:

When I took a leave of absence from ordained ministry in 1998, the Passionist parish in Jamaica was a place where I frequently sought and received spiritual nourishment and challenge in the Sunday Eucharist. I struggle with the Church, and yet I love it deeply! When it is consumed by its

own sense of power and importance it can and does inflict much suffering and serves as a counter-sign to the Reign of God. Yet on a daily basis all over the world the Church bears witness to the love of Christ in the midst of incredible suffering. It's always at its best at the foot of the Cross. When it does this – when it is at its best - it is a profound reflection of the possibilities of what things might look like if we were to fully live in God's image and in right relationship with each other and the earth. My strong sense is that Thomas Berry Place has the potential to be a new Passionist ministry where this needed imagination can flourish and where intentional plans can take root and grow. It can be a place where seekers are welcomed, the Word proclaimed, Bread is broken, and where justice is lived in a real and challenging way. It can become a beacon.

May Anthony be welcomed, blessed and supported as he assumes this role of leadership.

In JXP,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim O'Shea". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large loop at the end.

Fr. Jim O'Shea, CP
Provincial

Love — Father Victor preaches an age-old message in a modern world

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Father Victor Hoagland, C.P., believes Prophecy is not a thing of the past but a desire for people today. From his home at the monastery in Jamaica, New York, Father Victor shares the good news far and wide in his published writings and his online blog and websites.

“There’s a thirst for Prophecy today,” he says. “Everyone is puzzled about the world where they live.”

Looking back, Father Victor sees the Second Vatican Council as a prophetic influence in his life. As a young priest studying in Rome during Vatican II, he was empowered by the work done in the Council.

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“I said, ‘This is it. This is what I am going to give my life to,’” remembers Father Victor. “Today I see that motivation in Pope Francis. I personally believe

the pope is a prophetic man.”

Although people turn to religious men and women for Prophecy, Father Victor believes all of us are called to be prophets in the world today and can find inspiration from Pope Francis. “To be a prophet today, you have to have a deep sense of prayer,” he emphasizes. “Prophecy is thinking and speaking in the Spirit. And this is possible for those whose prayer is joined to the life and world around them. Pope Francis anchors Prophecy firmly in prayer. Recently, he wrote to our community telling us to have a great devotion to the word of God and a great openness to the signs of the times.”

A great prophet visual for Father Victor comes from watching the tugboats do their work. He remembers being amazed watching tugboats push huge ocean liners toward the ocean.

“I think the prophets are like little tugboats – pushing the ship of the Church and the ship of the world,” shares Father Victor. “It’s a long haul, a long path and a long journey. The Lord has a patient love for us. Keep going, don’t abandon the ship.”

Being a prophet in today’s world, we need the Holy Spirit. Inspiring others requires more than finding knowledge through books or classes. We must live in the world to grow in the Spirit. “The Holy Spirit is telling



Father Victor records video for a project while riding on the Staten Island Ferry.

me to do my job day-by-day," Father Victor believes. "There's no way to learn the Holy Spirit except by what we do. Make sure your day-by-day learning is as fruitful as you can make it. Every day has its own revelation."

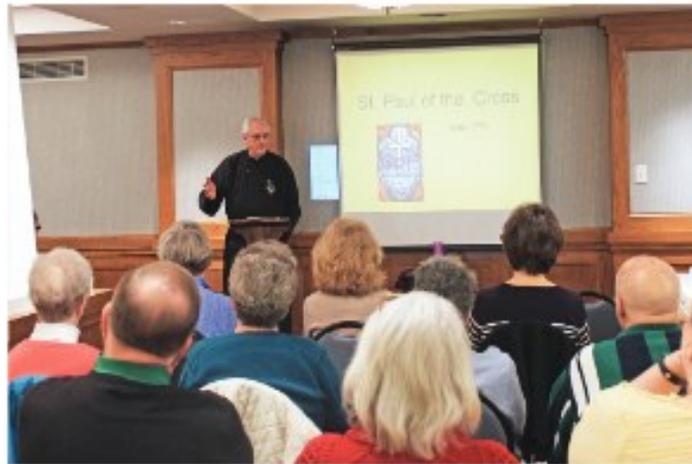
Father Victor has embraced technology and the

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internet in his ministry, which is rooted in prayer. The team aspect of maintaining websites appeals to his need for community.

"Every day, I say my prayers. I have to keep reflecting on the world I see," Father Victor says. "I have four websites that I'm working on now. Every day, I give my best to them. I really think social media is an important way we communicate today. It points to where we should be in the future. It draws in all kinds of people."

St. Paul of the Cross urged people to pray and focus on God's unconditional love expressed in the Passion. Father Victor believes we need to carry on St. Paul's



Father Victor gives a presentation on the life and ministry of St. Paul of the Cross in Louisville, Kentucky, 2017.



Father Victor preaches at Mass at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

work. The world continues to challenge us with poverty, strife and illness.

"Believers are saying, 'What about God? Where is God in all of this?'" explains Father Victor. "Sometimes, the cross is awful to look at. We have to study it to see something more. We're always going to have to deal with the cross in the world and in our lives. To function in this world, we need to pray."

*For more from Father Victor about
Prophecy and the Passionists, watch his video on
www.passionist.org/hoagland/*

Father Victor Hoagland's websites

www.vhoagland.wordpress.com

www.ourmarygarden.com

www.ourchildrenpray.com

www.youtube.com/c/VictorHoagland

Passionist Mission News from Haiti.

MISIÓN PASIONISTA HAITI

By Fr. Hugo Esparza, C.P.

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THE RESURECCION OF JESUS IS STRUGLE by Hugo, CP

Our offices were target it for the 10th time in two years. A group of thieves, youngmen and that we probably know on a personal basis, broke into our home. They tight up Roi our security guard with a wire, broke a wall with a metal rod and stole eight of the twelve 70 lbs. batteries that provide solar power to our office, hospitality house and pastoral center. Everything was well planned.

I was called at 3 am in the morning (so, did Fr. Rick), so we went immediately out to the back of our property where the thieves entered. We found a few diesel containers and a battery that the thieves left behind. Through the wall I was assured by the security guard that he and the young women who live in our hospitality house were fine. My heart was relieved. Roi, however, still had the metal wire on his right

hand. He could not cut it off. In the middle of the early morning light I found a some pliers and was a ble to cut the wire from Roi's hand. I threw the wire inside my truck and went off venting

though he was going to be shot.

The wire, that the thieves used to tight Roi's hands, layed around my truck and, eventually, in my office for a while. I forgot about it for some time. We fixed wha the thives broke. However, I kept runing into the wire againg and again. After two weeks, all the anger and desperation I felt the day fo they broke in to our home came back. I thought that my prayer for the thieves and my poisus intersations for them was enough to let go of those feelings. They were not. Around that same time, Marthine, a young woman battling cancer, who I had

helped for almost two years, passed away. She went into a coma for 4 days and lost her battle against cancer. I am sure that the level of care, all that we could afford in Haiti, was a major factor for her death. We did all we could. This, however, may not be enough for her three kids and husband. I felt empty and confussed.

After russeling with deep desolation for some days, I found

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myself in my office. The wire used to thigh Roi's hands came looking for me that day. The anger of beig robbed and the frustration at Marthine's death came back. All I could do was to sit there holding the wire and my heavy heart in silence. Of course, I turned to Him on the Cross.

After some time of quiet prayer and in the deepest moment of my despair, there was a loud knock on my door. I composed myself and went out to see who it was. An older man about 60 years had come to see me. He suffers from asthma and needed help. He did not asked for money but for work. I had neither. I spend sometime talking to him and heard his story. No job, a few hungry kids and yet still willing to do anything to find some money for his medecine.

IN THIS EDITION

- Our Mission
- New Initiatives of SPPHaiti.

All I had was about a dozen empty yellow cooking oil containers left over from our food program. Most people in Haiti used this five gallon containers to carry water or even gasoline.

I asked the Man if he could sell them. Immediately, he said, Yes! He needed about 5 of the containers to pay for his medicine. I gave them all the gallons and the few dollars I had in my pocket. The only problem we had now was the transportation of all 12 gallons. They are not that heavy but they are bulky. I could not find any rope laying around in my office. The man had to travel a few miles away and there was no way he could take them all at the same time. He could only take four of them in his hands and arms. We considered our options for a few minutes. Then, I remember that blessed wire that tormented me. It was sitting on my desk. It was about 10 feet long. I brought it out and together we antangled it. It was perfect. The wire fit through the handle of the containers. In a few minutes we made two bundles that the man could easily carry. The man went away. I had resolved his problem for maybe a few weeks, who knows. I stayed and continued my grieving process.

There was no magic or a happily ever after to my feelings and reality. No gushing happiness came to my heart or formula that would solve the misery that Haiti endures which is the root of most of its problems and mine. The thieves, my brothers, that broke

into our office needed some money.



Most likely, they used the earnings to pay for basic things. It will not be able to live in luxury from what they stole. Marthine's life could have been prolonged perhaps with better care. Or, at least, her agony would have been tended with less pain and more dignity.

As we enter into this blessed time of Easter, I have come to experience His Resurrection as a deep struggle. My life in Haiti flirts with desperation all the time. I am invited to accept His victory over death not in a triumphalistic way that will undermine his suffering. I must humbly accept it because my reality allows me to only see the deep wounds of His Passion in his resurrected body. It is from this vantage point that I am invited to struggle against my unbelief and desperation.

In the midst of my anguish, I have the option to transform it into a life giving source or to let darkness eat me up alive. I had no other option than to turn the wire

that tortured Roi for a few hours into a necessary means for a man who needed to buy his medicine. This is how I can live and experienced the Resurrection. Does this limit the power of the Resurrection? I do not know.

All I know is that happy thoughts or nice Godtalk will not transformed our reality here in Haiti. The thieves will go hungry again and will be tempted to rob us again. Healthcare will not be available to most women in Marthine's situation, even with a priest willing to help her with a few hundred dollars here and there.

The only sign of the Resurrection I can experience and witness is when I do not fall into despair. I just cannot see and feel the fullness of His Resurrection. Yet, the marks of His suffering do point me towards it and help me cling to this essential mystery of our faith... also, because He promised it to us.

A blessed Easter Season to All!

Nuestra Misión Pasionista en Haití



Our Passionist Mission began in 2015 in Port Au Prince Haiti. Through our journey here we have discerned how we are called to accompany and preach Christ Crucified with our brothers and sisters. Our Mission is for and with the Poor and the Young in Haiti.

Sant Pastoral Pasyonis Haiti

SPPHaiti is a project of the Passionist Community in Haiti. Our vision is to become **MANY HANDS AND ONE-HEART** as we carry out our mission to create local alternatives to **SERVE, UPLIFT, and EMPOWER** our Neighbors.

This work began in 2017. Through relationship building with our neighbors, a few of their needs were addressed. We began helping people better the quality of their homes by sharing building materials with them. We also began to address the needs of the sick in the community. Through this work, other possibilities were addressed. This prompted us to open a physical space for the community to carry out our initiatives. Hence, SPPHaiti

NUEVAS INICIATIVAS DE SPPHAIITI

ST. GABRIEL'S HOSPITALITY HOUSE

As of February 2021, we turned the seminarians' house into hope for young women who are working or studying. This will provide for them safe and dignified place to live. In return they will offer a few hours of work each week. So far we have 4 young women in residence.



WHEELS OF HOPE

Moto-taxis are very common in here in Haiti. We are providing lessons for our young adults who are interested in learning how to drive a motorcycle. This will provide another tool that will open opportunities for our members. The training will have 3 parts, safety, behind the wheel experience, and more safety.

ACTIVITIES



Our program Laced Hands finished the training with two business owners. They qualified for a grant that will allow them to continue their business.



Despite COVID-19 and the political upheaval in Haiti, our Youth and Children celebrated the Carnaval with lots of music and dancing.



The construction of our multipurpose arena is in progress. We can't wait for it to be finished.



With great sorrow, SPPHaiti, laments the passing Marthine Joseph (1983-2021). Marthine battled breast cancer for two years. We, through our benefactors, had the privilege to accompany her. To all her family we offer our prayers for consolation and for Marthine may the Light of the Eternal One shine upon her.

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SUPPORT OUR MISIÓN

For 300 years, The Passionists have provided ministry, hope, and support to those our Founder, St. Paul of the Cross, said are the “crucified” of today. He wanted to keep the Passion of Christ alive in the words and actions of all Passionist Priests, Brothers, and those connected through their work with the Order.

Please consider making a one-time or recurring gift to our Mission here in Haiti. A recurring gift goes a very long way to the ongoing support of our work.

You can find the opportunity to give via credit card on our safe and secure form through our Congregation’s website:

www.spphaiti.com/donate

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SPPHAITI WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PASSIONIST ALUMNI COUNCIL

The Alumni Council provides the planning and leadership for the activities of the Passionist formation alumni. Membership on the Council is voluntary and includes representatives from the alumni and the provincial office plus a liaison to Holy Cross Province. The Council meets bi-monthly via video conference call.

In 2020 decided to help us fundraise for our Food Solidary Program (Pi Pre Fanmi) We are going into our second year. Every month we help 100 vulnerable families in our area with a little bit food.

Through an interactive internet tour of Haiti, participants pledged money for the miles they would acquire by walking, running or cycling at their home.

The Passionist Alumni Council was able to collect almost 20K for our food program. Thank you for all your creativity and work.

YOUR GENEROSITY IS HELPING LOVELY FLEURY.



Lovely is 23 years old. She has been an orphan since 2009. Through the help of friends she was able to finish High school last year.

Due to the deteriorating situation in Haiti, she has founded very difficult to continue higher education. However, she has not stayed sitting at home. She has decided to attend a beauty school to perfect some skills she has already.

Her plan is to set up a business and continue to provide for herself and her dreams of becoming a nurse. Through your generosity, we decided to give her a scholarship for the nine month program she wants to attend.



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LA PASIÓN DE JESÚS NOS LLEVA A LA LUCHA DE LA RESURRECCIÓN por Hugo, CP

Nuestras oficinas fueron el objetivo por décima vez en dos años. Un grupo de ladrones, jóvenes y que probablemente conocemos de forma personal, irrumpió en nuestra casa. Ataron a Roi, nuestro guardia de seguridad con un alambre, rompieron una pared con una varilla de metal y robaron ocho de las doce baterías que proporcionan energía solar a nuestra oficina, casa de acogida y centro pastoral y cuyo peso es de aproximadamente 70 libras. Todo estuvo bien planeado.

Me llamaron a las 3 de la mañana (también lo hizo el P. Rick), así que salimos inmediatamente a la parte trasera de nuestra propiedad por donde entraron los ladrones. Encontramos algunos contenedores de diesel y una batería que dejaron los ladrones.

A través de la pared, el guardia de seguridad me aseguró que él y las jóvenes que viven en nuestra casa de acogida estaban bien. Mi corazón se sintió aliviado. Roi, sin embargo, todavía tenía el

derecha. No pudo cortarlo. En medio de la luz de la mañana, encontré unas tenazas y pude cortar el cable de la mano de Roi. Tiré el cable dentro de mi camioneta y salí ventilando con el guardia. Estaba asustado. Pensó que le iban a disparar.

El cable, que los ladrones usaron para amarrar las manos de Roi, estuvo en mi camioneta y, eventualmente, en mi oficina, por un tiempo. Lo olvidé por algún tiempo. Arreglamos lo que rompieron los ladrones. Sin embargo, seguí tropezando con el cable una y otra vez. Después de dos semanas, todo el enojo y la

desesperación que sentí el día en que irrumpieron en nuestra casa regresó. Pensé que mi oración por los ladrones y mis intercesiones piadosas por ellos eran suficiente para dejar de lado esos sentimientos pero no lo eran. Para ese mismo tiempo, Marthine, una joven que luchaba contra el cáncer, a quien había ayudado durante casi dos años, falleció.

Ella entró en un coma durante 4 días y perdió su batalla contra el cáncer. Estoy seguro de que el nivel de atención, todo lo que podíamos pagar en Haití, fue un factor importante en su muerte. Hicimos todo lo que pudimos. Sin embargo, esto puede no ser suficiente para sus tres hijos y su esposo. Me sentí vacío y confundido...

Después de estar unos días en estado de profunda desolación, me encontré en mi oficina. El cable que se usaron para atar las manos de Roi vino a buscarme ese día. El coraje del robo y la frustración del fallecimiento de Marthine regresaron. Todo lo que pude hacer fue estar allí sentado, con el cable en mis manos y mi corazón abrumado, en silencio. Por supuesto, recurrí a Él en la cruz. ...

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- NUESTRA MISIÓN
- NUEVAS INICIATIVAS EN SPPHAITI.

... Después de un tiempo de oración en silencio, y en el momento más profundo de mi desesperación, alguien llamó a mi puerta con fuerza. Me recompuse y salí a ver quién era. Un hombre mayor, de unos 60 años, había venido a verme. Sufría de asma y necesitaba ayuda. No pidió dinero sino trabajo. Yo no tenía ninguno. Pasé algún tiempo hablando con él y escuché su historia. Sin trabajo, con algunos niños hambrientos y, sin embargo, todavía está dispuesto a hacer cualquier cosa para encontrar algo de dinero para sus medicinas.

Todo lo que tenía era alrededor de doce contenedores vacíos de aceite de cocinar que quedaron de nuestro programa de comida. La mayoría de las personas en Haití usan estos contenedores de cinco galones para transportar agua o incluso gasolina. Le pregunté al hombre si podía venderlos. Inmediatamente, dijo: ¡Sí! Necesitaba alrededor de 5 de los contenedores para pagar su medicamento. Le di todos los galones y los pocos dólares que tenía en el bolsillo. El único problema que teníamos ahora era el transporte de los 12 galones. No son tan pesados pero sí voluminosos. No pude encontrar ninguna cuerda en mi oficina. El hombre tenía que viajar unos kilómetros de distancia y no había forma de que pudiera llevarlos todos al mismo tiempo. Sólo podría tomar cuatro de ellos en sus manos y brazos. Consideramos nuestras opciones durante unos minutos. Entonces, recordé ese bendito cable que me atormentaba. Estaba aún en mi escritorio. Tenía unos 10 pies de largo. Lo saqué y

juntos amarramos los contenedores. Fue perfecto. El



hicimos dos bultos que el hombre podía llevar fácilmente. El hombre se fue. Había resuelto su problema durante algunas semanas, quién sabe. Mientras tanto, yo me quedé y continué mi proceso de duelo.

No había magia ni un feliz para siempre para mis sentimientos o para la realidad. No llegó a mi corazón ninguna felicidad efusiva ni fórmula que resolviera la miseria que sufre Haití, que es la raíz de la mayoría de sus problemas y de los míos. Los ladrones, mis hermanos, que irrumpieron en nuestra oficina necesitaban algo de dinero. Lo más probable es que usaran las ganancias para pagar cosas básicas. No podrán vivir lujosamente de lo que robaron. La vida de Marthine podría haberse prolongado quizás con mejores cuidados. O, al menos, su agonía habría sido atendida con menos dolor y más dignidad.

Al entrar en este tiempo bendito de Pascua, he llegado a experimentar Su resurrección como una lucha profunda. Mi vida en Haití coquetea con la desesperación todo el tiempo. Estoy invitado a aceptar Su victoria sobre la muerte no de una manera triunfalista que socave su sufrimiento. Debo aceptarlo

humildemente porque mi realidad sólo me permite ver las heridas profundas de Su Pasión en su cuerpo resucitado. Es desde este punto de vista que se me invita a luchar contra mi incredulidad y desesperación.

En medio de mi angustia, tengo la opción de transformarla en una fuente de vida o dejar que la oscuridad me coma vivo. No tuve otra opción que convertir el cable que torturó a Roi durante unas horas en un medio necesario para un hombre que necesitaba comprar su medicamento. Así puedo vivir y experimentar la Resurrección. ¿Limita esto el poder de la resurrección? No lo sé.

Sólo sé que los pensamientos felices o las palabras bonitas acerca de Dios no transformarán nuestra realidad aquí en Haití. Los ladrones volverán a pasar hambre y estarán tentados a robarnos de nuevo. La atención médica no estará disponible para la mayoría de las mujeres en la situación de Marthine, incluso con un sacerdote dispuesto a ayudarles con algunos cientos de dólares aquí y allá.

La única señal de la Resurrección que puedo experimentar y presenciar es cuando no caigo en la desesperación. Simplemente no puedo ver y sentir la plenitud de Su Resurrección. Sin embargo, las marcas de Su sufrimiento me apuntan hacia él y me ayudan a aferrarme a este misterio esencial de nuestra fe... también, porque Él nos lo prometió.

¡Que tengan un bendecido Tiempo Pascual!

Nuestra Misión Pasionista en Haití



Nuestra Misión Pasionista comenzó en 2015 en Port Au Prince, Haití. A lo largo de nuestro camino hemos discernido cómo estamos llamados a acompañar y a predicar a Cristo Crucificado con nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Nuestra misión es para y con los pobres y los jóvenes de Haití.

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SPPHaiti es un proyecto de la Comunidad Pasionista en Haití. Nuestra visión es convertimos en **MUCHAS MANOS Y UN SOLO CORAZÓN** mientras llevamos a cabo nuestra misión de crear alternativas locales para **SERVIR, ELEVAR y POTENCIAR** a nuestros vecinos.

Este trabajo comenzó en 2017 a través de la amistad con nuestros vecinos. Se atendieron algunas de sus necesidades. Comenzamos a ayudar a las personas a mejorar la calidad de sus hogares compartiendo materiales de construcción con ellos. También comenzamos a atender a los enfermos. A través de este trabajo, se afrontaron otras necesidades. Esto nos impulsó a abrir un espacio físico para que la comunidad llevara a cabo nuestras iniciativas. En consecuencia, SPPHaiti.

NUEVAS INICIATIVAS DE SPPHAIIT

CASA DE HOSPITALIDAD

Sn. GABRIEL

A partir de febrero de 2021, convertimos la casa de los seminaristas en una esperanza para mujeres jóvenes que trabajan o estudian. Esto les proporcionará un lugar seguro y digno para vivir. A cambio, ofrecerán algunas horas de trabajo a la semana. Hasta ahora tenemos 4 mujeres jóvenes en residencia.



RUEDAS DE ESPERANZA

Los mototaxis son muy comunes aquí en Haití. Estamos brindando lecciones para nuestros jóvenes adultos que estén interesados en aprender a conducir una motocicleta. Esto les proporcionará otra herramienta que abrirá oportunidades para ellos. La capacitación tendrá 3 partes: seguridad, experiencia detrás del volante y más seguridad.

ACTIVIDADES



Nuestro programa Manos Entrelazadas pudo entrenar a dos nuevos pequeños empresarios y acompañarles mientras trabajan duro para mantener su fuente de ingresos y labor operando.



A pesar de la pandemia y la agitación política en Haití, logramos celebrar la vida con nuestros niños y jóvenes durante nuestro Carnaval 2021.



La construcción de nuestras facilidades deportivas multiusos continúa. No podemos esperar a que el trabajo esté completado. Esto nos permitirá tener un mejor espacio para nuestros programas.



Con gran dolor, SPPHaiti, lamenta el fallecimiento de Marthine Joseph (1983-2021). Marthine luchó contra el cáncer de mama durante dos años. Nosotros, a través de nuestros benefactores, tuvimos el privilegio de acompañarla. A toda su familia ofrecemos nuestras oraciones pidiendo consuelo y para Marthine que brille sobre ella la luz eterna.

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APOYA NUESTRA MISIÓN

Durante 300 años, los Pasionistas han brindado ministerio, esperanza y apoyo a aquellos que nuestro Fundador, San Pablo de la Cruz, llamaba los “crucificados” de hoy. Él quería mantener viva la Pasión de Cristo en las palabras y en las acciones de todos los Sacerdotes y Hermanos Pasionistas y aquellos conectados a través de su trabajo con la Congregación.

Por favor considere hacer una donación única (o recurrente) a nuestra misión aquí en Haití. Un obsequio recurrente contribuye en gran medida al apoyo continuo de nuestro trabajo.

Puede donar mediante tarjeta de crédito en nuestro formulario seguro a través del sitio web de nuestra Congregación:

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SPPHAITI AGRADECE AL CONSEJO DE ALUMNADO PASIONISTA

El Consejo de Exalumnos proporciona la planificación y el liderazgo de las actividades de formación de los exalumnos Pasionistas. La membresía en el Consejo es voluntaria e incluye representantes de los exalumnos y la oficina provincial, más un enlace con la Provincia de La Santa Cruz. El Consejo se reúne cada dos meses a través de una videoconferencia.

En 2020 decidieron ayudarnos a recaudar fondos para nuestro Programa de Alimentos (*Pi Pre Fanmi*) Estamos entrando en nuestro segundo año con este programa. Cada mes ayudamos a 100 familias vulnerables de nuestra zona con un poco de comida.

A través de un recorrido interactivo por Haití los participantes se comprometieron a donar dinero por las millas que recorrieran caminando, corriendo o pedaleando desde sus hogares

El Consejo de Exalumnos Pasionistas logró recaudar cerca de \$20,000 para nuestro programa de alimentos. Gracias por su creatividad y por su labor.

SU GENEROSIDAD AYUDA A LOVELY FLEURY



Lovely tiene 23 años de edad. Ella ha sido huérfana desde el 2009. A través de la ayuda de amigos ella pudo completar la escuela superior el año pasado. Debido al deterioro de la situación en Haití, le ha resultado muy difícil continuar con la educación superior. Sin embargo, ella no se ha quedado sentada en casa. Ha decidido asistir a una escuela de belleza para perfeccionar algunas habilidades que ya posee. Su plan es establecer un negocio y continuar sosteniéndose a sí misma y continuar luchando por sus sueños de convertirse en enfermera.

Gracias a la generosidad de quienes apoyan nuestra misión, decidimos darle una beca para que pueda asistir a la escuela de belleza..