

September
2022

Passionist News Notes

St Paul of the Cross Province



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| 2 | HAVEY, Lee |
| | POWERS, John |
| 4 | MOCCIA, Bonaventure |
| 5 | CUSACK, Paul |
| 8 | TURNER, Daniel |
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| | MCEACHERN, Bernard |
| 19 | CINQUEGRANI, David |
| 22 | JONES, Joseph |
| 23 | BECK, Edward |
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Pray for Haiti, it's People and Fr Rick & his Missions



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| 5 | SKORKA, Terence |
| 8 | TURNER, Daniel |

As Haiti sinks into pandemonium, the international community is silent

As Haiti sinks ever-deeper into pandemonium, with much of the capital [seized](#) by gunfire and gang warfare, it has received recent deliveries from the United States of two commodities that can only contribute to its meltdown: weapons and deportees. Those exports — one smuggled, the other overt — are the latest symptom of the world's callous disregard and moral myopia regarding the Western Hemisphere's poorest country. Haiti has no functional government, no democracy, no peace, no hope. And the international community's response is silence.

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| 10 | RYWALT, Lawrence |



VIDEO

Surging gang violence in Haiti's capital has left hundreds dead and thousands forced to flee. CNN's Nick Paton Walsh gives an inside look into the country's harrowing situation.

Consequences of new gang war on Saint Luke Foundation's Schools in the biggest slum of Haiti -Fr Rick July 30,2022

Two (2) weeks ago, a gang war started in "Cit  Soleil", the biggest and poorest slum in Haiti. This war includes many gangs from different neighborhoods. According to the United Nation (UN) and the "National Human Rights Defense Network" (RNDDH) in 13 July 2022 publication, more than four hundred (400) people have already been killed, and the war is still going on. Some people have narrowly escaped from their neighborhoods, but most of the population is blocked inside under gang pressure and are without food and water. The deceased had no access to first aid after being hit by bullets.

St Luke teams have already distributed water to thirty thousand (30,000) people, operated on one hundred twenty (120) injured people and held the funerals of thirty (30) victims. Unfortunately, one of the St Luke Foundation's schools was vandalized and burnt down.

The school year begins September 5th, but for these children in "Cit  Soleil" it will be practically impossible for their parents to find and then afford a different school due to inability to safely travel and increased lack of financial means for parents who already struggle to feed their families.

Nothing is operational in "Cit  Soleil". And our five (5) schools that have been providing academic education to kids in the "Cit  Soleil" and the surrounding areas, for many years, may no longer operational for the academic year 2022-2023. Those schools are:

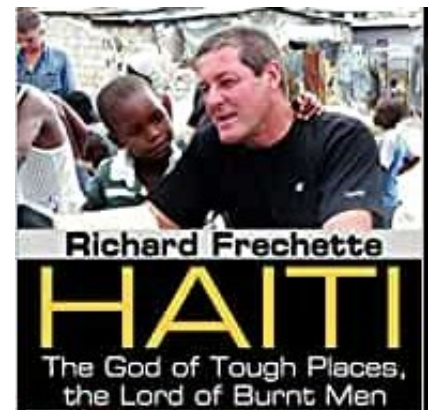
- 1) "Saint-Francois d'Assise" school with 150 girls and 157 boys;
- 2) "Saint-Martin de Porres" school with 109 girls and 92 boys;
- 3) "Petite Compagnie de Saint-Luc" school, with 194 girls and 156 boys;
- 4) "Saint-Patrick" school with 63 girls and 63 boys;
- 5) "Saint-Ambroise" school with 137 girls and 142 boys.

Fifty thousand (50,000) kids may not go to school in "Cit  Soleil" this rapidly approaching school year. St Luke Foundation intends to build some sheds to welcome the victims of this war and use them to continue providing education and will be providing school supplies such as backpacks, notebooks, pencils, pen.

Sending the students of our "Cit  Soleil" schools and other children in the areas of similar situations back to school is one of the biggest challenges for St Luke Foundation - especially the Outreach Program. We ask for your prayers and support as we try to prevent those children from losing the 2022-2023 academic year.

When these difficult and sad situations occur, our teams and those we serve have been blessed by your prayers and your generosity. Because of your support, St Luke educational programs have been able to provide thousands of students' educational training so far. And we pray you will always stand with us in difficult and challenging situations.

Cit  Soleil needs you more than ever .



A world wide canticle, for Mother Earth



Dear Family and Friends,

St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment, with his famous canticle "Brother Sun, Sister Moon", expresses profound love for nature as precious gift from God.

He is probably the original Earth Day prophet.

Pope Francis, his namesake, repeatedly advocates in the strongest way for the healing of the earth, especially in his encyclical "Laudato Si'" (which are the first words of "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" in the original Italian.)

A few months ago, St Luke Foundation in Haiti was asked by Global Music to add our voices to a worldwide call to commit to healing the earth.

We share with you our song on behalf of troubled earth, and our practical motivation to be "earthmovers" for the healing of nature, here in Haiti.

We share this with you with Easter joy, and as part of the worldwide celebration of Earthday, April 22, 2022.

[Here is the song](#) from Haiti, the combined choir of St Luke Foundation and Nos Petits Freres et Soeurs.

The songs of the nations are in this album and can be found [here](#) and [here](#):

Thanks for your passion for our mother earth!
We wish you all the blessings of this Holy Season.



Fr Richard Frechette CP DP Port au Prince April 22, 2022

Fr Rick receives the "Commitment to Empowerment" Award



August 2022

Committed to Empowerment



Jeremy Irons, Jacqueline Gautier, M.D., and Sinéad Moira Cusack

We would like to congratulate [Fr. Rick Frechette, CP, D.O.](#), and [Dr. Jacqueline Gautier](#) for receiving the "Commitment to Empowerment" Award at the 2022 Allora International Festival of Music and Art, held in Ostuni, Italy, on June 26.

The award celebrates and recognizes their dedication and commitment to serving on the front line for over 30 years to support the most vulnerable members of the Haitian population through NPH's [St. Damien Pediatric Hospital](#), and the St. Luke Foundation.

Jeremy Irons, Jacqueline Gautier, M.D., and Sinéad Moira Cusack

PASSIONIST FAMILY FORMATION e-LEARNING 2022-2023

Holy Cross and St. Paul of the Cross Provinces
Office of Mission Effectiveness



August 4, 2022

Dear Passionist Family:

We are excited to announce a second series of Passionist Family Formation e-Learning (PFFeL) for the next season (2022-23). The format will remain the same: second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM–8:00 PM (Central Time); Zoom link will be provided; presenters will be from Catholic Theological Union; there will be time for presentation and discussion; presentations will be recorded; registration is required. We look forward to seeing you again and welcoming new participants.



2022

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| September 8 | Gazing on the Face of Jesus | Robin Ryan, CP |
| October 13 | The Triune God: Source of All Life and Love | Donald Senior, CP |
| November 10 | Church: Community of Missionary Disciples | Stephen Bevans, SVD |

2023

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| January 12 | Personal Ethics | Paul Wadell |
| February 9 | Social Ethics of the Prophets | Dianne Bergant, CSA |
| March 9 | Prayer | Robin Ryan, CP |



REGISTRATION

Use this link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/212516545289158>

If you have any questions, contact Fr. Don Webber, CP, at pffel2223@gmail.com

Looking forward to serving you with this special resource that will support and strengthen us in our mission as a Passionist Family.

May the remainder of summer be a blessing to you and your family.

Fr. Don Webber, CP *Fr. David Collier, C.P.*

May the Passion of Jesus Christ Be Always in Our Hearts

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Profiles of Passionists: Fr. John McMillan, CP's Venerable Ministry & Virtuous Life



[VIDEO](#)

The 1st installment in our Profiles of Passionists series by Fr. Victor Hoagland, CP. We present the incredible ministries and lives of older and young Passionists. Hear about the selfless and humble lives our religious lead and why you will want to know more about our ministries!