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Dear Fr. Fernand,

Greetings from Canada and our hope that our brothers and sisters of our Twinned Parish of St. Gabriel in Haiti are doing well. As the community of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Hamilton we celebrate in this year of 2018, our 10th anniversary of our Twinning mission with St. Gabriel Church in Beau Sejour, Haiti. We are indeed blessed and thankful for the wonderful opportunity that our Twinning connection has provided to grow in faith as a community and to live out our faith, by actions and prayers in service and support of others. Throughout our journey together over these past years we have come to know you and our brothers and sisters in Haiti as a people of great strength, endurance and deep faith. St. Margaret Mary Parish is especially proud of our work together and in recent years in providing support of the precious gift of Catholic education for many young students in the St. Gabriel, Beau Sejour region. Fr. Fernand, your courage, deep faith and witness to your community has been and continues the great legacy of those priests from Fr. Philippe through to yourself who have been the face and voice of St. Gabriel Catholic Church, to a people who have endured through many tropical storms, hurricanes and earthquakes. Our resolve and commitment to our Twinned parish St. Gabriel Church in Haiti remains strong and we are pleased to inform you of our promise for a renewed financial commitment in support of the Catholic schools and approximately 1,000 students throughout the Beau Sejour region.

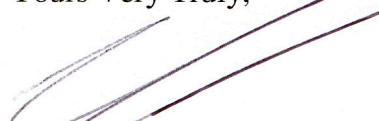
In a letter to you dated January 16, 2015, we communicated to you our commitment in support and to assist with the costs of providing a Catholic education, in the total amount of \$80,000.00 US funds for the 4 school years from 2014-2015, through to and concluding with the 2017-2018 school year. With our final transfer payment of \$5,000.00 US funds having been recently made, we are pleased to confirm, with the enthusiastic support of our parishioners our commitment to St. Gabriel church for another \$80,000.00 US funds to cover the four school years of 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22. As per our established schedule of payments a transfer of \$5,000.00 US funds will be provided in the months of August, November, February and May of each school year. Our first payment of this new commitment will be initiated in August 2018, with the funds transferred to the established account for your access and use in supporting the costs of providing a Catholic education to the many students in your care. We further request that you continue to provide at least 2 reports per each school year, providing details of how you have used the funds provided.

Fr. Fernand as you appreciate the financial commitment that St. Margaret Mary Parish has made and is now pledging, is significant and reflects the deep commitment and passion that we hold for

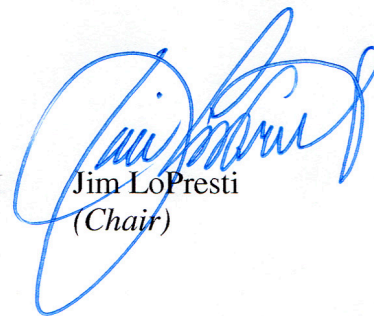
the gift of Catholic education. Your recent efforts in providing us with information through interviews with former students such as Magdalena has been instrumental and powerful in strengthening the connection and resolve of our parish community to the importance of our twinning mission. We encourage you to continue providing us with the wonderful stories of your students and their stories of how a Catholic education has enabled them to find their God given talents. We continue to share in your pride and joy of how the work of St. Gabriel Church is manifesting itself in the lives of so many in the Beau Sejour Region of Haiti.

May our Lord continue to bless you and our brothers and sisters in Haiti and indeed our special bond and relationship between St. Gabriel and St. Margaret Mary.

Yours Very Truly,



Father Oehring
(Pastor)



Jim LoPresti
(Chair)

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