

## **St. John's Catholic Church Haiti Mission Trip April 21-27, 2018 Led by Father Rick Nagel**

**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will be taking mission trip to visit our sister parish St. Nickolas in Mole, Haiti. Haiti is arguably the poorest country in the western hemisphere. The mission is open for application from all St. John parishioners. The mission of the trip is to:**

- + Build relationships between St. John's Community and St. Nicholas Parish, in Mole
- + To seek Christ in our Haitian brothers and sisters and to be Christ for the poor
- + To bring the HOPE of Christ to a suffering people of God
- + To grow missionary hearts
- + To learn more about the Catholic Social Justice Teaching
- + To answer the Church's call to have a preference for the poor

### **Commitment to Apply:**

- 1) Willingness to live outside of comfort.
- 2) Passport and proper medical prep/vaccinations
- 3) Willingness to make personal sacrifices and be low maintenance
- 4) \$1500 for the trip. All funds must be submitted prior to the trip.

**Please submit a letter of desire for the Haiti Mission Trip by January 31<sup>st</sup> by answering the following questions:**

- 1) Why do you desire to travel on this Mission Trip with Father Nagel?
- 2) What do you feel you could contribute to the mission?
- 3) What do feel you have to gain/grow from the mission?
- 4) Have you been on a mission trip before? If so, to where and what was a highlight for you?
- 5) What has been your commitment to the Haiti Mission prior to this trip?

**Please send letters of application by January 31st to:**

Father Rick Nagel  
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
126 West Georgia Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46225  
c/o Haiti Mission Application

### **Haiti Mission Facts:**

- + St. John's has been in relationship with St. Nicholas since 2010
- + Most people of Haiti live on less than \$2 per day
- + We provide a daily nutritional meal for the students of our Sister Parish, St. Nicholas. This is the only meal many of these kids receive each day.
- + We also help provide teachers' salaries. When we first started the mission, the teachers were making only \$30 per month! We have been able to double this so that they can provide for their families.
- + We provide over \$30,000 in student scholarships each year for high school, college and seminarian education.
- + We have helped to replace the roof on the school after a hurricane, installed water purification systems, helped to build a convent for the sisters who teach in the schools and built a church. We are currently helping to build a chapel for a nearby community.
- + Future needs include monthly support for meals and salaries, the addition of the second floor of the rectory for seminarian housing, and new support for mountain villages in the area that have no resources from the developed world.
- + About 85% of Haiti is Catholic and 90% of the people rely on developed country support for survival daily.