

# *Parish Twinning Program of the Americas - PTPA*

## Haiti Parish Visit Pilot Program

### FACT SHEET

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#### ◇ OVERVIEW

The Parish Twinning Program of the Americas (PTPA) launched the Haiti Parish Visit Pilot Program to sustain strong twin parish relationships at a time when many U.S. parishes are unable to travel to Haiti. The program ensures continued connection, accompaniment, and mutual understanding across distance.

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#### ● PROGRAM PURPOSE

**This initiative supports U.S. Catholic parishes by:**

- Maintaining meaningful connections with Haitian sister parishes
  - Providing firsthand insight into parish life and ministries
  - Strengthening mutual understanding and engagement
  - Promoting accountability and transparency in twinning relationships
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#### ◇ HOW WE SUPPORT YOU

**Through this program, PTPA helps you stay closely connected by:**

- Conducting in-person visits through our Haiti-based team
  - Providing direct updates on parish life, ministries, and community realities
  - Listening to parish leaders and elevating their voices
  - Strengthening trust, accountability, and transparency in your partnership
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#### ● HOW IT WORKS

- PTPA's Haiti-based team, led by in-country representative Domond, conducts onsite parish visits on behalf of U.S. partners
  - Visits include conversations with parish leadership, and documentation of parish and community realities using a data collection questionnaire developed by PTPA.
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#### ◇ REPORTING & FOLLOW-UP

**After each visit, U.S. parishes receive:**

- A detailed report including photos, key observations, and priority needs
- An opportunity for a follow-up conversation to deepen understanding

## ● IMPLEMENTATION & REACH

- PTPA currently conducts parish visits across the following departments: North, Northeast, Northwest, South, Southeast, Southwest, and Grand Anse
  - To ensure cost-effective implementation, a minimum of 10 parishes from the same region is required
  - Since its inception in November 2025, PTPA has reached 19 parishes across the North, South, and Southeast departments in two phases:
    - **Phase 1 (North):** November–December 2025
    - **Phase 2 (South & Southeast):** April 2026
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## ◇ KEY IMPACT

- For many, this was the first visit to their sister parish in several years
- Parish relationships were strengthened despite travel limitations
- Twinning relationships were reinforced as vital lifelines for ministries and communities
- The Church was highlighted as a stable and trusted presence
- Valuable information was gathered on parish life, community conditions, and priority needs, strengthening engagement with parish leaders

### | ★ KEY MESSAGE

**The commitment of U.S. parish partners is deeply felt and essential to sustaining hope and dignity.**

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## ● CURRENT STATUS & FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

- Ongoing security challenges continue to limit access to some regions
- Road travel can be unsafe, and air travel is currently concentrated in the North, Southern and Western regions with available local flights.
- Phase 3 is not currently planned

### **However:**

- PTPA may explore an additional round of visits in the Northern department for parishes that did not participate in Phase 1
  - A minimum of 10 participating parishes is required to proceed and maintain cost efficiency
  - PTPA will continue to monitor conditions and identify safe, mission-aligned opportunities for expansion
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## ◇ PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- Approval is required from both U.S. and Haitian parishes
- A separate application must be submitted for each twin parish relationship

## 🕒 PROGRAM FEES / COST

Program fees are based on the projected costs for each region, using current data and pricing. These include expenses such as transportation (rental vehicles, fuel), accommodation, air travel, meals, and incidentals.

PTPA does not generate profit from these visits. Fees are intended solely to offset implementation costs, particularly given that many parishes are located in remote areas requiring extended travel and time.

### **Fees for the first two phases were:**

- **Phase 1:** \$500 per parish
- **Phase 2:** \$600 per parish

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## ◇ WHY IT MATTERS

The Haiti Parish Visit Pilot Program demonstrates that even when travel is not possible, relationships endure. Through faith and partnership, solidarity continues to be lived and strengthened across borders.

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