



Parish Twinning Program of the Americas (PTPA)

Haiti Parish Visit Pilot – Consolidated Report

Phase 1 (North) & Phase 2 (South & Southeast)
Reporting Period: November 2025 – April 2026

Message to U.S. Catholic Parish Partners

This report is shared with deep gratitude for the entire PTPA community and your enduring commitment to parish twinning in Haiti.

While the findings presented here are drawn from the 18 Catholic sister parishes that participated in this pilot effort, they reflect a much larger, vibrant network of relationships. Across hundreds of twinings, your sustained prayer, solidarity, and generous support continue to nurture communities facing profound challenges, even amidst the constraints of limited travel. Your partnership is not abstract; it is lived each day, in classrooms, in parish life, and in the daily acts of care that sustain hope and resilience.

We are deeply grateful for your trust in PTPA and for the opportunity to walk alongside you in nurturing and strengthening these twinning relationships.

Building on the impact of the Haiti Parish Visit Pilot, PTPA remains committed to extending these services to additional regions, communities, and departments across Haiti as conditions allow. We recognize that, at present, access to many areas remains limited due to ongoing security challenges. Travel by road to certain regions can be difficult and, at times, unsafe, while current air travel options are largely concentrated in the North, South, and Southeast. Even in the face of these constraints, PTPA will continue to closely monitor the situation and actively explore safe and innovative ways to expand this work in the future.

To those U.S. Catholic parish partners whose sister parishes we have not yet been able to visit, we offer this message of encouragement: **do not lose hope**. The findings from these visits reaffirm that parish twinning relationships are a true lifeline; sustaining not only financial support, but also nurturing faith, strengthening education, and preserving the vitality of parish life. Your continued presence, commitment, and accompaniment remain deeply meaningful and impactful, even from a distance.

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We are sincerely grateful for your continued trust, engagement, and generosity. Together, we remain united in mission; accompanying one another as one Church and working with hope toward a future where these relationships can be strengthened even further.

With sincere appreciation,
The PTPA Team



Figure 1: Ste Rose de Lima - Gris Gris

1. Introduction: A Shared Mission

One of PTPA’s core commitments is to accompany parishes in building strong and lasting twinning relationships; especially during times when distance, uncertainty, and hardship make connection more difficult. The Haiti Parish Visit Pilot Program was launched with this commitment at its heart, as a tangible expression of solidarity and accompaniment when in-person encounters have not always been possible.

Led by the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas (PTPA), the pilot initiative was carried out on behalf of U.S. Catholic sister parishes to document parish realities, review ministries, and deepen mutual understanding. Implemented in two phases, the visits reached 18 parishes across the North, South, and Southeast departments of Haiti, offering a broader and more unified view of parish life across regions.

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These visits strengthened longstanding relationships while also reinforcing accountability and transparency between sister parishes. Just as importantly, they provided a deeper and more holistic understanding of the daily realities, challenges, and opportunities facing parish communities. Across every region visited, one truth remains clear: the Catholic Church continues to serve as one of the most stable and trusted institutional presences; often sustained in large part through the enduring commitment of parish twinning partnerships.

Throughout all parish visits, one consistent message emerged: parish twinning is a vital lifeline. It sustains essential ministries, supports education and basic services, strengthens local leadership, and promotes dignity, stability, and hope within communities navigating profound hardship. The presence and commitment of U.S. Catholic parish partners are not only appreciated; they are deeply felt in the everyday life of each parish.

The Haiti Parish Visit Pilot Program is a powerful reminder that even when physical travel is not possible, relationship endures. Through faith and partnership, solidarity continues to be lived, strengthened, and shared across borders; bearing witness to the unity and mission of the universal Church.

2. The Reality Across Regions

Across both phases, parishes face consistent challenges including geographic isolation, limited infrastructure, and economic hardship. Travel to essential services can take hours, and during the rainy season access is sometimes impossible. These realities directly affect education, healthcare access, and parish life.

Across all regions visited, the findings reveal:

Significant Challenges

- Geographic isolation and limited infrastructure
- Economic hardship and food insecurity
- Limited access to healthcare and public services

Enduring Strengths

- Strong pastoral leadership
- Active parish life rooted in faith
- Dedicated teachers and community volunteers
- Responsible governance and transparency

Families rely on:

- Small-scale farming

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- Fishing (in coastal areas)
- Informal local commerce

Income is:

- Seasonal
- Unpredictable
- Insufficient to cover basic services

Shared Priorities Across All 18 Parishes

Highest Priority Needs

1. School construction and rehabilitation
2. Water and sanitation systems
3. Church and rectory repairs

High Priority

4. Transportation (vehicles)
5. Solar and electricity systems
6. Teacher support and training

Critical Emerging Needs

7. School feeding programs
8. Healthcare services

All of these areas are interconnected; progress in one strengthens the others.

3. Catholic Education: Core Mission Impact

Catholic Education remains central to parish mission, serving thousands of students. Schools depend heavily on U.S. parish funding to sustain operations, teacher salaries, and facilities.

What We Observed

- Every parish operates at least one school
- Total enrollment (Phase 1): **4,991 students** (Phase 2): **2885** Students (data from 5 out of 8 parishes)
- Schools often serve entire communities

What This Means

Your partnership directly sustains **access to education for thousands of children.**

Parents consistently expressed a deep commitment to education; even when they cannot afford fees.

These schools are more than institutions; they are places of stability, hope, and faith formation.

How to Read the financial data in the tables

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Salary figures are presented in both **Haitian Gourdes (HTG)** and **estimated U.S. Dollars (USD)** to support shared understanding. Conversions use an average exchange rate of **1 USD ≈ 131 HTG (April -May 2026)**. All figures are approximate and intended for **contextual understanding**, not precise accounting. All figures in the table below are reported as monthly salaries.

Category	HTG (Monthly)	USD (Approx.)	Key Insight
Minimum Range	6,250 – 7,500	\$48 – \$57	Lowest reported
Common Range	11,500 – 13,000	\$88 – \$99	Most frequently reported salaries
Average	13,475	~\$103	
Median	15,000	~\$115	Midpoint salary level
Upper Range	15,000 – 19,000	\$115 – \$148	
Maximum	19,000	\$145+	Highest reported
Secondary Level	~18,050	~\$138	Secondary school teachers

4. Health and Nutrition

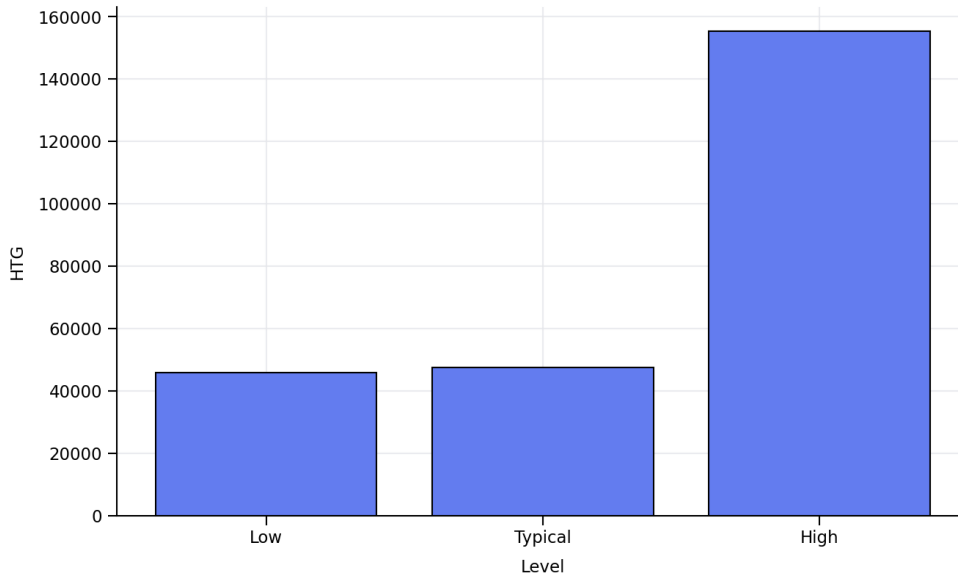
Healthcare services are limited and rely on small clinics and periodic outreach. Nutrition programs are essential, yet underfunded, with many children depending on school meals as their primary food source.

Level	HTG/Monthly	USD/ Monthly
Lowest	45,850	\$350
Typical	45,000–50,000	\$344–\$382
Highest	155,500	\$1,187

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Healthcare Compensation (HTG)



5. Infrastructure and Priority Needs

Infrastructure needs remain the most urgent across both phases, including classrooms, water systems, church buildings, transportation, and energy. These needs are interconnected and directly impact all ministries.

Infrastructure is the most urgent and consistent need across all 18 parishes.

Common conditions include:

- Churches and rectories damaged or deteriorating
- Incomplete or overcrowded classrooms
- Lack of sanitation facilities
- Minimal or unreliable electricity

6. Impact of Parish Twinning

Your partnership sustains education, healthcare, and parish life. It allows ministries to continue where resources are otherwise unavailable. Parish leaders consistently expressed deep gratitude for long-standing relationships with U.S. parishes.

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Figure 2: St Joseph Cotes de Fer

7. Conclusion

Across all regions, communities continue to face hardship yet remain deeply rooted in faith. Parish twinning remains foundational, sustaining ministries, dignity, and hope. The continued solidarity of U.S. Catholic parishes ensures that parish life endures even in the most difficult circumstances.

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