☙ Some Fundraising Ideas ❧

Parish Twinning Program of the Americas

- Sponsor a Haitian dinner -- a simple meal of rice and beans.

- Have a pancake breakfast.

- Hold a rummage or garage sale.

- Have a picnic of hot dogs, bratwurst or hamburgers (etc.) after last mass on Sunday.

- Sell Haitian Christmas cards between October and December.

- Invite guest speakers to parish to speak about Haiti or your sister parish.

- Make Haitian Christmas ornaments to hang on a tree in the back of church for specific donations (for example, one parish made pew ornaments and sold them for $60 each to build pews in their sister parish in Haiti).

- Sell Haitian crafts (which can be obtained during a visit of parishioners to Haiti).

- Collect materials to assemble school kits for Haitian children in sister parish school.

- Collect over-the-counter medicines and/or medical supplies for Haitian parish clinic.

- Sell individual blocks of a cardboard house or school in order to raise money to build a house or school in Haiti.

- Hold a Fast-A-Thon for Lent -- fasters get sponsors for each hour (of 24 or 30 hours that they fast). Provide on-going slide show, discussion of poverty, etc.

- Print t-shirts with names of twin parish and your parish to sell (or to send to sister parish).

- Throw a "Tool Time" Game Party (bridge, hearts, bunko, Trivial Pursuit). Admission price is a tool. Shovels, hammers, rakes, etc. are then sent to your sister parish.

- Raffle a Haitian painting (obtained during a possible visit of parishioners to Haiti).

- Have a CYO Breakfast -- a great way to get teenage parishioners involved.

- During Lent, challenge parishioners to prayer, fasting and almsgiving in solidarity with their sister parish. Each parishioner fasts once a week during Lent and donates the money saved from fasting.

- Have a "Coffee House" night. Talented singers in the parish perform, local coffee shops donate coffee, and parishioners provide dessert. Set admission at a reasonable price such as $5.00, with all proceeds going to your sister parish.