

**The Haitian Project, Inc.
Community Update: 8 X 23
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Mission trip members Tony Biell (left) and Eldon Schaffer teach an economics class; Shaffer and Beill working with Volunteer Meghan Shackford, mission trip member Paul Laudick and LCS students during a work hour project; Deacon Patrick Moynihan and Fr. Jerome Koutnik celebrate morning Mass.

This week we had the pleasure of hosting a visit from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Crystal Lake, Ill. Father Koutnik and his team of seven parishioners bring zeal, joy and spiritual boost to our community every time they come. I think you will find their words inspiring and fresh:

"I was overwhelmed and honored to have the chance to meet Arch Bishop Guy Poulard, whose hospitality was only surpassed by his humility. I am hopeful that on my return visit in May I will be able to teach a class to the seminarians he works with." – Fr. Jerome Koutnik

"I've learned a lot from the students in their self-discipline to their education and work." – Paul Laudick

"I am impressed with the respect the students have, not only for their professors, but for each other." – Tina Gawerecki

"This week is my validation that happiness is not related to economic wherewithal." – Jeff Ladd

"The students' gentle and warm demeanors are proof of the love they have for this school." – Deanna Follmer

"The students have a spirit of openness, curiosity, and a strong commitment to learning that I have not seen often in teenagers. The number of languages they are able to use to engage in conversation is an impressive preparation for them in their life's journeys." – Eldon Shaffer

The Haitian Project is fortunate to have over 40 supportive parishes in 7 different dioceses throughout the U.S. Not every parish gets a chance to visit Louverture Cleary School and so we certainly appreciate those "who have not seen and have believed"!

If you would like to involve your parish community more deeply with THP, please contact us. Growth of our community is paramount to the success of our mission and the expansion of our ability to serve.

Peace, Patrick--

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“What you receive as gift, you must give as gift.”
“Se gratis nou resevwa, Se gratis tou pou nou bay.”

---Matthew 10:8