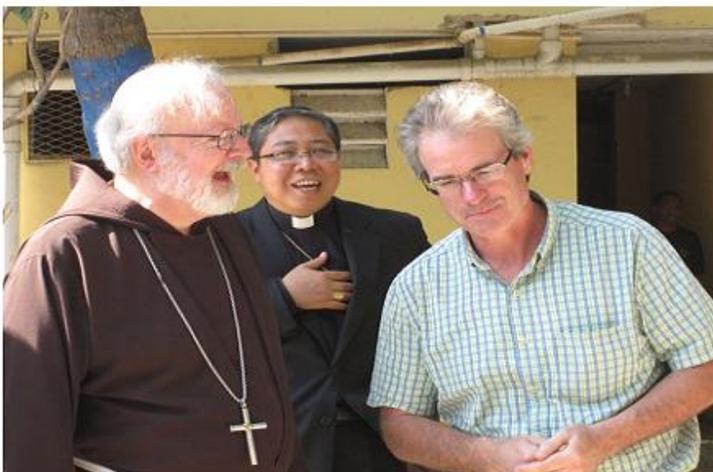
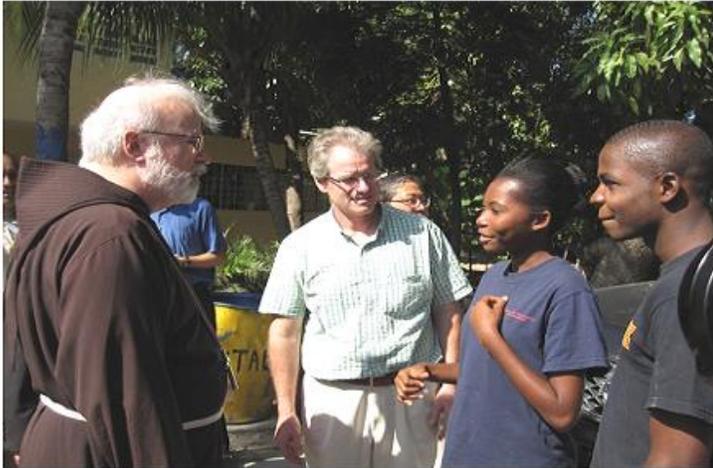


The Haitian Project, Inc.

Community Update: A Cardinal Day

Note: Due to The Haitian Project's Annual Meeting and today's special midweek update, there will not be an update on Friday.



Yesterday, Sean Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap, Archbishop of Boston, visited the campus along with USCCB Delegation head Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, Archbishop of San Antonio. The Nuncio kindly arranged this visit. He felt it would add hope. And, LCS did not disappoint.

Preparation for breakfast with the Cardinal began early with LCS Volunteer Peter Ulrickson, master math teacher and baker, hard at work at 5:15 AM. Robert Moynihan, Stecie Midi (LCS Junior Staff) and Meg Smith (LCS Volunteer) helped out, making the

scrambled eggs at about 7:30 AM, according to Christina's recipe [top right photo]. I did my best to pitch in on house cleaning before heading out at 6:30 AM to catch up with the entourage.

The tour included a walk through the neighborhood and visit to the house we are building in the community. LCS students dazzled the Canterbury Tales of guests with their language abilities [top left photo] and Christina's Ti moun (children from the zone in LCS's developmental program) stole hearts with their songs. There is no doubt that the delegation came to see a school and went away having met a village--the THP village.

Early preparation and team work made it a wonderful day. I think you can see that in all of our faces--students, bishops and deacon.

After the school tour, we left the school and went to Archbishop Miot's grave, where I proudly told the Cardinal that the tomb's cross was lettered by our very own Volunteer, Kristin Zeiler. After that, we presented a land purchase idea on behalf of the Local Church. It was a short, but distinct privilege to address Archbishop Gomez and Cardinal O'Malley on such an important matter. Patrick Brun and I are hopeful that this plan will come to fruition.

Today, I will have the pleasure of assisting Archbishop Gomez as he celebrates the Holy Eucharist for the Missionaries of Charity community from around Haiti, whose Mother Superior (Mother Teresa's fourth successor, I believe) will be present.

Peace, Patrick

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