

The Haitian Project, Inc.
Community Update: Open the Doors and See All the People
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Top: Archbishop Poulard of Port au Prince celebrating the first mass at a new church. Bottom: Former Volunteer Adam Osielski working as sound technician while students perform Godspell after mass.

Coincidentally, Archbishop Poulard of the Archdiocese of Port au Prince and I made a similar remark in our homilies this past weekend. Archbishop Poulard was celebrating the first mass in the new church built by the Scalabrinii priests who serve our LCS community as well as the seminary located near us. At the same time, I was preaching

at St. Bernard's in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. The comment we both made is that it is the people who make the church. I am sure Archbishop Poulard put it more eloquently than I.

St. Bernard's worship space is a newer church as well. It is designed very simply to evoke the charism of St. Bernard. Since I was preaching at all the masses, I noted that, when empty, the church was very stark like an enlarged bare manger. But, as the people came in and sat in the pews, the place became resplendent with color, attentive and prayerful faces, and an almost palpable spiritual ambiance. It was indeed the people that made the church beautiful.

LCS was pleased to have a hand both in the construction and the celebration of Mission St. Thomas, the new worship space at Kan Koray(Camp Coral), located north of our LCS community. The electrical system was installed by Energy Central, a local solar power firm created and co-run by former LCS alum, Solomon Asmath, and a former THP Volunteer, Adam Osielski. The day of the event, Adam also took on the role of amateur sound technician – proving that he retains the spirit of a true THP Volunteer. The cast of *Godspell* also brought their show on the road, performing after the mass. The abridged version of the show was well-received by the community, who quickly recognized the story and parables of Christ's ministry.

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