

# PTPA National Conference & 40th Anniversary Celebration

August 24-26, 2018

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Dear friends,

Welcome to the **2018 PTPA National Conference & 40th Anniversary Celebration!** Thank you for your participation and your ongoing efforts to serve the poor in Haiti and Latin America through twinning relationships.

Together, we have made great strides in addressing basic needs in Haiti and Latin America over the past 40 years. That said, these countries remain impoverished with critical needs that deserve the attention of all of us seeking to serve the poor.

I hope the next two days will heighten your spiritual awareness and help you identify more effective ways of serving the poor through your parish twinning relationships. The program agenda was created to share best practices and learn from each other about how to build on strengths and avoid pitfalls in our work. We want everyone to walk away with a better understanding of the spiritual, cultural, social and economic factors that impact our ability to effectively serve the needs of our sister parishes.

As you know, working with people of another culture is a constant learning experience. We need to better understand poverty as a structural problem and we need to open ourselves to new ways of addressing this problem, such as focusing on a community's strengths more than its needs and the gifts and talents of the poor. As in life, we all have much yet to absorb and learn in promoting self-reliance and seeking sustainable solutions. We also have a responsibility to raise our voices in defense of the poor. Through our plenary sessions and workshops, we hope everyone will consider how we can more effectively fulfill this responsibility.

And, lastly, we must always remind ourselves that God is the head of the mission and we need to follow God's lead, not ours. We must have the heart of a servant and practice humility as we listen to the poor, hear their needs, and find more effective ways to empower them.

It is a gift to be able to share this time with you. I thank God for all you are doing for your sister parishes and for your willingness to spend time helping to identify new and better ways to serve the poor.

With love and appreciation,

THERESA PATTERSON

Executive Director

Parish Twinning Program of the Americas





## Overview

#### 2018 PTPA National Conference & 40th Anniversary Celebration

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Registration/Check-in, Catholic Pastoral Center

12:30 – 2:40 p.m. Opening Keynote Session

 "The Blessings of Twinning," Msgr. Raymond East, Pastor, St. Teresa of Avila in Washington, DC, twinned with St. Antoine Church in Vieux Bourg, Haiti

 "Seven Principles of Faith-filled Twinning Relationships," Deacon Gerry Keenan, Divine Mercy Parish in Winnetka, IL, and President of Zanmi Sasye-Partners with Sassier

2:40 - 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Best Practices Workshops, Session #1

Microfinance & Economic Development
 Building Solid Twinning Relationships
 Sustainable Agriculture-Aquaculture

• Addressing Women's & Children's Health Issues

4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own.

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Networking Reception, Hospitality Suite, The Inn at Opryland

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 25**

Breakfast on your own.

8:30 – 10:15 a.m. Morning Keynote Session, Catholic Pastoral Center

"Serving the Spiritual Needs of God's People," Bishop Guy Sansaricq,
 Diocese of Brooklyn, USCCB Haiti Advisory Group

 "Understanding & Living our Mission: Before, During & After," Msgr. Raymond East, Moderator, with Julie Lupien, Director of From Mission to Mission, and Rich Gosser,

Executive Director of Rich in Mercy Institute

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – Noon Best Practices Workshops, Session #2

Clean Water Strategies

Approaches to Education Sponsorship

• Technology Education & Community Development

Noon – 12:30 p.m. Break. Box lunches served.



# Overview (Cont.)

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Afternoon Keynote Session

- "Building Sustainability and Prosperity through Justice," Brian Concannon, Executive Director of Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti
- "Changing the Way We Care: Support for Family-based Systems and Structures for Vulnerable Childrem," Kim Lamberty, Director of University and Mission Engagement, Catholic Relief Services

2:00 - 2:15 p.m. Break

2:15 - 3:45 p.m. Best Practices Workshops, Session #3

Youth Involvement

- Medical & Dental Missions
- Sustainable Business Opportunities

3:45 - 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Special Topics Roundtable Discussions

Choose from 16 topics of interest

5:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

6:00 - 9:30 p.m. PTPA 40th Anniversary Celebration, The Inn at Opryland

Reception, Dinner and Program

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 26**

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Closing Session and Celebration of Mass, Catholic Pastoral Center



# Agenda 2018 PTPA National Conference & 40th Anniversary Celebration

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 12:30 – 2:40 PM
OPENING SESSION – CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTER - ASCENSION AUDITORIUM

# Opening Remarks

- Introductory Remarks Theresa Patterson, PTPA Founder and Executive Director
- "One Are We" Musical performance of theme song, Marc Endy Saintil from St. Bertin,
   Petit Bourg de Port Margot, Haiti, and Doug Blake from Our Lady of the Lake, Hendersonville, TN
- Opening Prayer Bishop of Nashville Mark Spalding
- Welcome & Introduction Father Tom Clegg, President, PTPA Board of Directors, Conference Emcee

# Keynote Addresses



#### "THE BLESSINGS OF TWINNING"

Msgr. Raymond East, Pastor, St. Teresa of Avila, Washington, D.C. Nationally-known speaker; parish twinned with St. Antoine Church in Vieux Bourg, Haiti

#### "SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF FAITH-FILLED TWINNING RELATIONSHIPS"

**Deacon Gerry Keenan,** Divine Mercy Parish, Winnetka, IL President of Zanmi Sasye-Partners with Sassier



FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 3:00 – 4:30 PM
BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOPS, SESSION #1

#### MICROFINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Ascension Auditorium

This workshop concentrates on the elements of successful microfinance programs and the impact these programs have on economic development in poor communities in Haiti and Latin America.

### Speakers:

- · Clauvice St. Hilaire, Vice President, Haiti Solidarity Network of the Northeast, Jersey City, NJ
- Yves Archambault, member of St. Brendan in Cumming, GA, twinned with Our Lady of Fatima, Bassin-Zim, Haiti, and HaitiReach Leader
- Gini Eckert, member of St. Peter Church in DeLand, FL, twinned with Our Lady of the Rosary,
   Honduras; St. John Bosco, Cuba; Infants of Jesus Orphanage and St. John Paul II Orphanage, Haiti



#### **BUILDING SOLID TWINNING RELATIONSHIPS – St. Joseph Chapel**

This workshop focuses on best practices for building and maintaining strong twinning relationships with impoverished parishes in Haiti and Latin America, including spiritual and cultural considerations.

### Speakers:

- Christine Brokaw, member of Holy Spirit in Indianapolis, IN, twinned with San Francisco de Asís in Honduras since 2010
- Diane Huggins, member of Our Lady of the Lake in Hendersonville, TN, twinned with St. Bertin in Petit Bourg de Port Margot, Haiti since 1982
- Deacon Gerry Keenan, Divine Mercy Parish, and President of Zanmi Sasye-Partners with Sassier
- Frances Sosadeeter, Latin America Coordinator for PTPA, involved in Haiti since 1986

#### SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE-AQUACULTURE - CPC Education Room

This workshop highlights sustainable agriculture and aquaculture as effective approaches to achieve increased food production, improved nutrition, job creation and self-sufficiency in impoverished communities.

## Speakers:

- **Edsel Redden**, Agriculture Consultant for KORE Foundation and Associate for Environmental and Global Health International Development, University of Florida
- **Bob Snyder**, Member of St. Gregory parish in Smithville, TN, twinned with Riviere Mancelle in Haiti; co-founder with wife Denise of The Haiti Project: Your Partner In Haiti.

#### ADDRESSING WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S HEALTH ISSUES - Spirit Center

This workshop focuses on strategies to advance women's and children's health in developing countries through effective education, prevention and treatment.

### Speakers:

- Bob Hilgers MD, MA, CAE, President & CEO, WGCA: Women's Global Cancer Alliance
- Lytitia Shea, MD, Pediatrician and Pediatric Critical Care Medicine specialist; President, Board of Directors of Visitation Hospital Foundation
- Katherine Hall, DDS, volunteer dentist with preventive pediatric dentistry program Be Happy Haiti

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 7:30 – 9:30 PM
THE INN AT OPRYLAND, 2401 MUSIC VALLEY DR.

Networking Reception hosted by PTPA Board of Directors at Hospitality Suite



SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 8:30 – 10:15 AM MORNING SESSION – CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTER – ASCENSION AUDITORIUM

## Remarks & Introductions

- Theresa Patterson, PTPA Executive Director
- Father Tom Clegg, President, PTPA Board of Directors, Emcee

# Reynote Addresses



#### "SERVING THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF GOD'S PEOPLE"

**Bishop Guy Sansaricq,** Diocese of Brooklyn USCCB Haiti Advisory Group

## "UNDERSTANDING & LIVING OUR MISSION: BEFORE, DURING & AFTER"

Msgr. Raymond East, Moderator

Julie Lupien, Director of From Mission to Mission

Rich Gosser, Executive Director of Rich in Mercy Institute





# SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 10:30 AM - NOON BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOPS, SESSION #2

#### **CLEAN WATER STRATEGIES – Spirit Center**

The speakers in this workshop will share proven approaches to provide clean water in communities that lack access to safe, uncontaminated water sources.

### Speakers:

- Michael Herriman, Program Manager, Gift of Water (GOW)®
- Sister Larraine Lauter OSU, Executive Lead, Water With Blessings, Inc.
- Pat Rehovsky, member of St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Community, Antioch, TN, twinned with St. Agnes parish in Beaumont, Haiti



#### APPROACHES TO EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP - St. Joseph Chapel

This workshop addresses different approaches to sponsor and support quality education, the single most important way to overcome poverty and create a brighter future in third world countries.

### Speakers:

- Sue Carlson, MD, Executive Director and Board Member, Raising Haiti Foundation and Chair, Haiti Committee at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Arlington, VA, twinned with St. Joseph parish in Medor, Haiti
- **Kevin Rogers**, member of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Jeffersonville, IN, twinned with St. Raphael in St. Raphael, Haiti.
- Lee Franey, member of Sts. Joseph & Paul Catholic Church in Owensboro, KY, twinned with St. Joseph Parish in Lalomas, Haiti

#### TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Ascencion Auditorium

Speakers in this workshop will address effective strategies to improve education, ensure academic success and enable economic change and development in communities through the use of technology.

### Speakers:

- Gary Boice, founder and Board President, Tek4Kids
- Patrick Eugene, CEO, DigitalKap Technology and Energy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 12:30 – 2:00 PM
AFTERNOON KEYNOTE SESSION – <u>CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTER – ASCENSION AUDITORIUM</u>

# Keynote Addresses



"BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY AND PROSPERITY THROUGH JUSTICE"

**Brian Concannon, Jr., Esq.,** Executive Director Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti

"CHANGING THE WAY WE CARE: SUPPORT FOR FAMILY-BASED SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN"

Kim Lamberty, Director for University and Mission Engagement, Catholic Relief Services





## SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2:15 – 3:45 PM BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOPS, SESSION #3

#### **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT – Spirit Center**

This workshop focuses on best practices related to effective engagement of youth and young adults in twinning mission activities to ensure succession planning and facilitate on-going involvement and support for parish twinning relationships.

### Speakers:

- · Roy Lanham, Director and Campus Minister, Eastern Illinois University Newman Catholic Center
- Mike Deely, Headmaster, Pope John Paul II High School, Hendersonville, TN
- Rex Rund, Director of Music and Liturgy, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Carmel, IN, twinned with St. Antoine de Padoue Parish, Petite Riviere de Nippes, Haiti

#### MEDICAL & DENTAL MISSIONS - St. Joseph Chapel

This workshop examines the fundamentals for effective medical and dental missions, including organization, preparation and logistics, as well as clinic operation and the diagnosis and treatment of medical and dental health issues.

### Speakers:

- Jack Hale, MD, Medical Committee Chair and Board Member, Friends of Haiti
- Donald LaFont, MD, provider of medical mission services in Haiti since 1998
- David Thompson, DDS, Dental Director and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, Friends of Haiti

#### SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES - Ascension Auditorium

This workshop will provide foundational information and success stories about creating sustainable businesses and job opportunities in impoverished communities.

### Speakers:

- Molly Nicaise, co-founder and CEO, Singing Rooster Inc.
- Deborah Couri-D' Amico, founder and Executive Director, Women of Milot Entrepreneurial Network
   & Haiti Babi, Cap Haitien, Haiti
- · Damon Wallace, founder and President, Claybird Bee Education Association / Hives For Haiti



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 4:00 - 5:00 PM - SPECIAL TOPICS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTER - ASCENSION AUDITORIUM

#### **SELECT FROM THE FOLLOWING TOPICS AND MAKE THE ROUNDS:**

- Strengthening Twinning Relationships/ Communication & Accountability
- 2. Microcredit & Loans
- 3. Education
- 4. Construction Projects
- 5. Agriculture & Reforestation
- 6. Water
- 7. Cultural Considerations
- 8. Advocacy

- 9. Fundraising
- 10. Sustainable Projects
- 11. Spirituality
- 12. Solar Energy for Communities
- 13. Sustainable Coffee Business
- 14. Regional Medical Networking
- 15. Medical Missions
- 16. Dental Missions

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 6:00 – 9:30 PM 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – THE INN AT OPRYLAND, 2401 MUSIC VALLEY DR.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Reception – Atrium

• Appetizers and Open Bar

7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Dinner and Presentation – McGavock Ballroom

Plated Dinner and Wine

• Anniversary Celebration Presentation - Fr. Tom Clegg, Emcee

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 8:30 – 10 AM – CLOSING SESSION & CELEBRATION OF MASS CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTER – ASCENSION AUDITORIUM

#### **CLOSING**

- Remarks Fr. Tom Clegg and Theresa Patterson
- Celebration of Mass
- Adjournment



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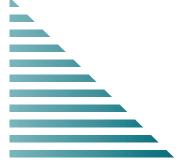
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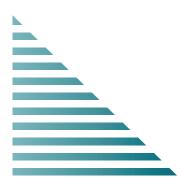
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# PARISH TWINNING PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAS

ON YOUR 2018 NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

MAY THE LORD GUIDE YOU IN ALL YOUR ENDEAVORS.



FROM BISHOP J. MARK SPALDING
AND THE PRIESTS, DEACONS, AND FAITHFUL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE

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- His Holiness Pope Francis

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to be the hands and feet of Christ to the
church in the developing world."



**Leopoldo José Cardinal Brenes Solórzano, Archbishop of Managua (Nicaragua)** "I urge my brother Bishops and Archbishops around the world to join Food For The Poor and to open the doors of their dioceses to Food For The Poor. Under this union, they will efficiently respond to the Holy Father's petition of coming together for the good of the poor."

**Charles H. Dufour, Archbishop Emeritus of Kingston in Jamaica** "It is quite impossible to find the words to express the appreciation for Food For The Poor, for the invaluable assistance given to all the dioceses I served over the last 36 years in Jamaica."

#### Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu, Apostolic Nuncio to Trinidad and Tobago, Antilles

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