



Diocesan Resources – Office of Justice and Peace

Haiti Ministry

- **Diocesan Vehicle** – The Diocese of Richmond maintains a vehicle in Haiti and retains a Driver for the purpose of transporting Diocese of Richmond delegations while they are in Haiti. The cost for the use of the vehicle is \$150 per day plus gas at the end of trips. The vehicle schedule is on line and can be viewed from the comfort of your home or office. Contact Jay Brown at Jay.Brown@cccovfva.org for more information.
- **Haiti Pilgrimage Orientations** – The Staff of the Office of Justice and Peace and the members of the Diocesan Twinning Committee are available to provide orientations to prepare parish groups prior to the departure for Haiti. Orientations cover the Nuts and Bolts of travel to Haiti including up to date medical information and safety precautions. Additionally, orientations allow parish groups that will be traveling to start a process of relationship building that will last through the pilgrimage. For more information or to schedule an Orientation, contact Jay Brown at Jay.Brown@cccovfva.org
- **Planning your Ministry** – The Staff of the Office of Justice and Peace have developed a planning tool to help parish committees and teams develop long and short term goals, objectives, and action plans to direct their ministries. Well planned ministries can lead to greater buy in from Parish leadership and can help facilitate greater participation in your ministry. Contact Jay Brown at Jay.Brown@cccovfva.org or your OJP Regional Coordinator for more information.
- **Battaglia Fund** – The Battaglia Fund is a matching grant program that provides to Parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond who are involved in a Twinning relationship in Haiti through the Sustainable Development Committee of the Diocesan Haiti Ministry Commission for projects which provide economic sustainability for Haitians; which are themselves economically sustainable after the implementation period; and which are ecologically sustainable. For more information, see this year's request for proposals in your Annual Gathering Information Packet or contact Neil Walsh, Chair of the Sustainable Development Committee at neil@sacredheartnorfolk.org.
- **Haitian Education Fund** - Would you like to see information and statistics regarding the success rate of students at your Twin parish's school? Would you like information on the performance and education levels of the teachers at your Twin parish's school? The Haitian Education Fund can provide this information and more to help you evaluate and plan for future efforts. Contact Paul Fuhs, the Chair of the Haitian Education Fund at paul.fuhs@vcu.edu for more information.
- **Sustainable Development Committee** – The Sustainable Development Committee of the Haiti Ministry Commission seeks to educate parish communities and twins in the best practices in small scale sustainable development. They have resources and information to help plan programs and projects that are economically and environmentally sustainable. For more information, contact Neil Walsh at neil@sacredheartnorfolk.org.
- **Twinning Committee** – The Twinning Committee is available to assist current twins with issues and concerns that are arising in the course of a Twinning Relations, to consult about how best to develop a healthy and lasting twinning program at your parish, and to assist parishes that are interested in Twinning to start a parish ministry. For more information, contact Sheryl Burrell, the Chair of the Twinning Committee, at Sheryl.Burrell@gmail.com.

