

# Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



## Monthly Newsletter

September 2024

### Tree Currency Program

The Tree Currency Program has begun! Three hundred farmers from the Chauffard community started their training from a Smallholder Farmers Alliance agronomist. Together, they have built a tree nursery of lemon, avocado, papaya, cedar and oak trees, among others. The agronomist says the challenges are, “unavailability of biomass to make compost and difficult access to get supplies to Chauffard.” He went on, “The farmers of Chauffard welcome the agroforestry program with great enthusiasm. They get together to volunteer their time working at the nursery.”



*Farmers in Chauffard fill tree bags for seedlings as part of the Tree Currency Program.*

Father Raymond wrote, “The tree nursery project is starting well. The agronomists have been on site for over a month. The nurseries are progressing seriously. We hope that everything will continue without any difficulty. There is an agronomist who remains on site. He is doing good work.”

In the coming weeks, the participating farmers will receive agricultural tools and be lent seeds to cultivate in their home plots. They will also construct composting sites. The timing of the tree plantings will depend on hurricane season. We look forward to this program preventing erosion, increasing crop yields, and giving farmers fruit and extra crops to sell. This will help prevent malnutrition and better the health of our friends in our twin parish. Plus, the new trees will provide shade during the long, hot summers.

#### News from Chauffard:

“By grace we are very well in Chauffard, even when the country is still on fire with the phenomenon of insecurity. Classes resume in the coming days. We are in full preparation. The clinic provides its services. The doctors are available to serve the community. Only sometimes we do not have enough money to offer them. Despite everything, they do not resign. We say thank you to the Lord for all his graces and to you also for all your blessings.”

From Father Raymond, Sept. 4, 2024

#### Upcoming Events:

**October 5:** Trunk Sale, SMSP parking lot

**October 18:** Doug’s To Go, SMSP parking lot

**October 18-20:** Book & Bake sale, SMSP

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Bottle & Can Drive, SMSP parking lot

For more information about any events or to volunteer, call **Kate McMahon** at 315-214-1569.

**Supporting the Church of the Immaculate Conception,  
Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond, Parish Priest**

# Trunk Sale for Haiti

(A garage sale from your car)

## Saturday October 5th

### 10 am - 3 pm

**St. Michael's & St. Peter's  
Church Parking Lot**

West Seneca Turnpike,  
Onondaga Hill



**Only \$30 for vendors  
& keep what you earn!  
Sign up to sell by 9/29.**

**Call 315-673-1429 to  
register or for more info.**

*To benefit our twin parish  
in Chauffard, Haiti*