

Meet the new Priest in Charge at the Parish of Saint Marc in Jeannette Haiti

That is Pere Wisnel Dejardin there on the left. I was very privileged, as a member of the Diocesan Haiti Project Steering Committee, to travel to Jeannette and meet Wisnel as he begins his ministry at Saint Marc's. It was indeed very gracious of him to host us when he has only been in the parish for two weeks. He has a lot of work to do, a lot to learn, and he took a lot of time to get to know us and to begin a relationship that we hope will last for many years.

Pere Wisnel's arrival represents a new beginning for the Parish of Saint Marc's. They are not starting over, theirs is a strong, vibrant and growing community, but they are now in a place of self examination, reflection, and renewal. Moments like these are moments of joy and wonder at the possibilities and potential that lies ahead. I am very grateful to have been a part of their celebrations.

There are many ways that we can join our Brothers and sisters in Jeannette as we all celebrate the future that lies before them, Father Gary Manning, Rector of Trinity Wauwatosa is raising money for the Haiti Project by riding his bicycle around the perimeter of the Diocese of Milwaukee. You can support our partners in Haiti by making a pledge to the Toru de Diomil at: <http://tourdediomil.weebly.com/>. You can also support the people of Jeannette and their new priest by buying Singing Rooster Coffee or by sponsoring a student at the school in Jeannette. There is a lot of information about the Haiti Project at: <http://www.haitiproject.org/>

There is also something that you can do right away to help Pere Wisnel and his community. The church in Jeannette is in need of a sanctus bell and a thurible. I have asked the keepers of the Diocesan Altar Guild "Closet" and we don't have either item available at this time. Do you have a gently worn thurible or sanctus bell in your Altar Guild Closet that needs a good home? If so please contact Fr. Andy Jones at rector@standrews-madison.org. we will see that it gets to Jeannette!

Please keep the wonderful people of Jeannette, of Saint Marc's Parish and Pere Wisnel Dejardin in your prayers as they set out on the next stage of the journey together!

Peace,
Andy+

"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us..."
Hebrews 12:1

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