

About the Project

Following the earthquake that devastated Haiti in January 2010, the Sisters of St. Joseph in the United States and Canada partnered with Mission Haiti and pledged to help re-build the island and lives of its people by investing in the education of Haiti's most vulnerable citizens – its girls.

In 1998 Mission Haiti built Annunciation Grade School in Leogane, Haiti (18 miles west of Port au Prince). The school was destroyed in the 2010 earthquake.

The Sisters of St. Joseph in North America have pledged more than \$325,000.00 over 10 years in order to:

- support the education of 10 Haitian girls from primary through secondary school at schools run by the Sisters of the Company of Jesus in Leogane;
- provide three years of technical education for 10 girls;
- assist in the salaries for and certification of teachers; and
- provide partial financial assistance for building a secondary school in Leogane.

The Sisters invite you to join us in helping to educate the girls at Annunciation School. We can't fulfill our pledge to the girls and teachers of the school without your help.

You can join us in bringing hope, healing and an education to the girls at Annunciation with our *Sisters of St. Joseph Lenten Calendar*.

Each day you will learn about the grim statistics of education, poverty and unemployment in Haiti. Each day you will have an opportunity to pray, fast or support our dear neighbors in Haiti.

When you have completed your Lenten Journey, you may:

- Send your donation by check payable to

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston

c/o Office of Justice and Peace
Helen Sullivan, CSJ
637 Cambridge Street
Brighton, MA 02135

Ash Wednesday March 5	The literacy rate in Haiti is estimated to be 45-50%. Add \$1 if you can read and write.
Thursday March 6	The World Food Program reports that the food supply in Haiti covers only 55% of the population. Add 50 cents if your refrigerator is stocked and another 50 cents if you have a pantry with additional food.
Friday March 7	Nearly 4,200 Haitian schools were destroyed in the 2010 earthquake. Add 50 cents for every school within 1 mile of your home. If you are able, fast from all but one meal.
Saturday March 8	Taila is in 2 nd grade at Annunciation School. Add 25 cents if you are an elementary school student. Add 50 cents if you are a parent or guardian of a 2 nd grade child.
Sunday March 9 Day to Pray	Jamesly prepares 6 th grade students at Annunciation for entrance into secondary school. Add \$1.00 if you are or know a certified teacher. Pray for Jamesly and Taila.
Monday March 10	Unemployment in Haiti is estimated to be approximately 90%. Add 25 cents for each person in your household who has a job.
Tuesday March 11	Life expectancy in Haiti is estimated to be approximately 61 years. Add 50 cents if you have lived beyond Haiti's life expectancy.
Wednesday March 12	It is estimated that 50% of primary school age children in Haiti are not enrolled in any school. Add 10 cents for each elementary school grade level you have completed.
Thursday March 13	Haiti ranks among the worst 3 countries in daily caloric intake per person. Add 25 cents for each meal and 10 cents for each snack you'll eat today.
Friday March 14 Day to Fast	Kemberlie is in 2 nd grade at Annunciation School; Erline is her teacher. Recall your favorite teacher when you were in school. Add \$1.00 to honor him or her. If you are able, fast from all but one meal.
Saturday March 15	37% of Haitians are under the age of 14. Add 25 cents if you would be part of this statistic if you lived in Haiti. Add 50 cents if you would not.

Sunday March 16 Day to Reflect	Think about what you're learning about Kemberlie's and Erline's life on your Lenten journey. What would you want to talk with them about if you had the opportunity?
Monday March 17	Half of the people in Haiti have no access to safe drinking water. Add 25 cents for every sink in your house.
Tuesday March 18	Between 75-80% of Haiti's 8.3 million people live on less than \$2.00 a day. Add \$2.00 to support 2 nd grade student Sheidna today.
Wednesday March 19	Half of Haiti's 45,000 teachers have only a 9th-grade education. Add 50 cents to support 1st-grade teacher Stephanie through her teacher training.
Thursday March 20	One-third of the girls over the age of 6 in Haiti never attend school. Add \$1.00 to help Sorina remain in school.
Friday March 21 Day to Fast	A total of 97% of Haiti's forests have been cut down. Add 50 cents for each tree on your household's property. If you are able, fast from all but one meal.
Saturday March 22	A total of 20% of the capital's (Port-Au-Prince) residents have telephones, many fewer in the countryside. Add 50 cents for each landline and cell phone in your household.
Sunday March 23 Day to Pray	Consider what you've learned this week about the lives of Sheidna, Sorina and Stephanie. How do they differ from your own? Why? Pray for all of them today.
Monday March 24	Girls in extreme poverty, such as Haiti, are particularly at risk as they are vulnerable to abuse and often confined to their houses. Add \$1.00 for each girl in your household.
Tuesday March 25	UNICEF notes that education for girls yields greater opportunities in life choices, workforce participation and political and economic decision-making. Add \$1.00 to help 2 nd grade student Geraldine achieve her potential.
Wednesday March 26	In Haiti, the enrollment rate for secondary school (grades 6-8) is just 20%. Add 25 cents for each 6 th , 7 th , and 8 th grade student in your household.

Thursday March 27	Teachers in Haiti have little or no access to updating or ongoing education. Add \$1.00 to support teacher training for Sandra and Jean Roberto.
Friday March 28 Day to Fast	A total of 90% of Haitians do not have running water. Add 10 cents for every faucet in your home, and 25 cents if you have hot water. If you are able, fast today.
Saturday March 29	Only about 5% of the children who start school in Haiti are likely to finish. Add 10 cents if you've finished elementary school; 25 cents for high school; \$1.00 for each degree.
Sunday March 30 Day to Reflect	What are your hopes for the children in your family or household? How do you think they differ from the hopes of Geraldine's family for her? How can you help them?
Monday March 31	Few children in developing countries have books for education or enjoyment. Add 50 cents for each of your favorite books.
Tuesday April 1	Without support, 2 nd -grader Ferlanda's parents would have to choose between buying food for her family or paying her tuition. Add \$1.00 to help Ferlanda and her parents.
Wednesday April 2	In Haiti, more than two-thirds of the labor force have no formal jobs. Add \$1.00 to support training for 6 th -grade teacher Joassin.
Thursday April 3	Many families in Haiti earn less in a year than the cost of tuition for one child. They often go without food so that their children can go to school.
Friday April 4 Day to Fast	Annunciation School students receive a noon meal, often their only meal in a day. If you don't fast today, add 50 cents for each meal you eat and 10 cents for each snack.
Saturday April 5	A total of 20% of children in Haiti under the age of 5 suffer from chronic malnutrition. Add 25 cents for every well-fed child you know under the age of 5.
Sunday April 6	Imagine what the school day is like for Ferlanda and Joassin. What challenges do you think they face? Pray for both of them today.

Holy Thursday April 17

Jesus washed his disciples' feet as a sign of His love and service. How can you be a sign of Jesus' love and service to the people of Haiti?

Good Friday April 18

Today we recall Jesus' suffering and death. How is Jesus' suffering like the suffering of the people of Haiti? How can it be relieved?

Holy Saturday April 19

Today we wait on the New Life that the Resurrection brings. Pray that the students and teachers at Annunciation will experience New Life through your efforts.

Monday April 7	UNICEF reports that education for girls results in greater participation of women in political and economic decision making. Add 50 cents to help 2 nd -grade student Princesse reach her full potential.
Tuesday April 8	Only 20% of Haitians have completed a 6 th grade education or better. For every year of education you have completed beyond 6 th grade, add 10 cents.
Wednesday April 9	A total of 55% of children in Haiti do not have access to any kind of education. Add 50 cents for each person in your household who attends or has attended school.
Thursday April 10	Almost half of the Haitian people are unable to read and write. Add \$1.00 to support 5 th -grade teacher, Cineus' teacher training.
Friday April 11	Only about 5% of Haitian children who begin school will finish. Add 50 cents to help 2 nd -grader Rose stay in school. If you are able, fast from all but one meal.
Saturday April 12	Only 10% of Haitian schools are public. The other 90% are run and funded by religious communities, faith-based groups and other charities. Add \$1.00 to help Annunciation School stay strong.
Sunday April 13 Day to Reflect	Think about what you've learned about the lives of children in Haiti. What are some factors that you think contribute to their circumstances? How can you make a difference in their lives.
Monday April 14	A total of 75% of teachers in Haiti lack adequate training. Add 50 cents to support 3 rd -grade teacher Sandra's training and computer instructor Garry.
Tuesday April 15	Only 10% of Haiti's population has electricity, often for just a part of the day. Add 10 cents for every appliance or electronic device in your home that uses electricity.
Wednesday April 16	A total of 30% of the children in Haiti will not make it to the 3 rd grade. Add 50 cents to help Laurie make it to the 3 rd grade and beyond.

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph
In a Lenten Journey
With Our Neighbors in Haiti



Jesus called his followers to the three practices of *prayer, fasting and almsgiving.*

During Lent these cherished practices help us to grow closer to God and to one another.

This Lent, journey day-by-day with our "dear neighbors" in Haiti – *praying, fasting and giving alms.*