

## A letter from our Sister Parish— St. Rock Haiti

*Fr. Romuald, wrote us on February 28, 2018:*

Dear Fr. Douglas, Angelique, and Bob,

Greetings of peace and love during this season of Lent! We hope that you are doing fine despite the huge amount of snow-fall in your place. We received your message and we understand that your parishioners would like to know our priorities now.



Concerning our roads, our government is planning to do something about it these coming months. Since we have seen that they are sending the equipment for the road work to Fort Liberte, we think that they are not far from starting the rehabilitation project. The roads from Saint Suzanne, Dupity, Grosse Roche,



until Vallières form a part of the project. So, we believe that it is better for us to wait for the government's intervention before we act, so that we will not waste neither time, effort,

and money.

As of this moment, if we have the financial resources, we would like to increase the salary of the teachers first, just as we told you.

The parish needs donations for the children and their teachers. The parish struggles paying the salaries of their teachers and has difficulty retaining them. The parish can only pay their teachers \$55.00 per month when the public schools pay four times that. The parish school of St Rock serve 250 kids that walk from 20 minutes to 2 ½ hours—one way.



We would also like to start with the project of changing the roof of our Church. This month, we will be preparing the wood coming from the pine trees offered by the parishioners which will be used for the frame (*roof trusses*). We are encouraging people to support the purchase of metal sheets, concrete steel, sand, gravel, and stone. For us to start seriously the project, we do not have yet enough fund to pay for the workforce. We continue motivating people for their contributions and we hope that we can start the (*church roof*) project before our Jubilee celebration this coming August 16.



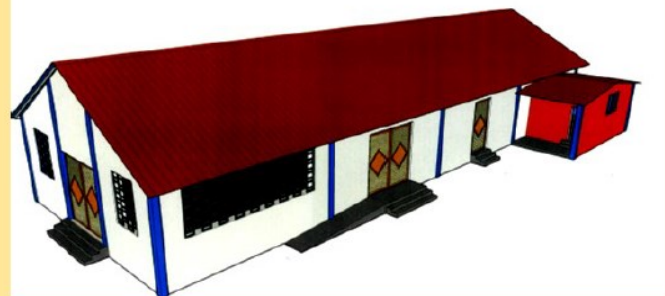
We are united with you in prayer. Please send our regards to the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Seton. Yours truly,

Rev. Fr. Romuald Pierre, CICM

Rev. Fr. Adrian Louie Atonducan, CICM

The parishioners would like to put a truss roof on the church, strengthen the walls to support the new roof and add a sacristy. On our trip to St. Rock, the parish provided us these drawings of their church project.

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