

## HOW PTPA SUPPORTS YOU

We will help you build and sustain your relationship with your twin parish on an ongoing basis by providing information, resources and consultative services. You will also benefit from other services available through PTPA:

- Medical mission and healthcare support,
- Biannual financial reports from your twin parish to ensure accountability,
- Networking opportunities and conferences to share best practices and learn from other parish twinings,
- Annual sea container shipments of needed supplies and materials to Haiti,
- Guest house accommodations at Matthew 25 House in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

## CONTACT US TO FORM A TWINNING RELATIONSHIP

Please join us in making a difference in impoverished parishes in Haiti and Latin America. Contact us now!

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PARISH TWINNING PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAS

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*The Parish Twinning Program symbolizes for me the unity of the universal church. The Program allows those involved to live the Gospel. We appeal to people of good will to help us fly with our own wings.”*

**Haitian Pastor Père Joachim Anantua**

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*We have made lasting friendships at our sister parish. We know the people, spend time together, work together, care about and truly respect each other. These relationships are enriching...they are the key to change.”*

**Gini Eckert, Parishioner,  
St. Peter Catholic Church, DeLand, FL**

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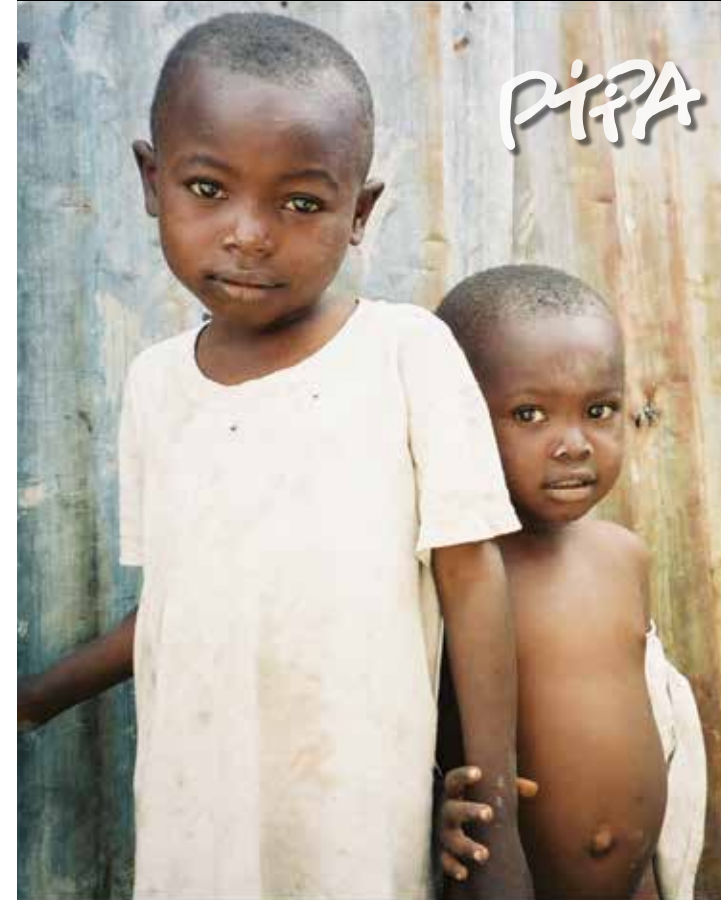
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*For those parishes not yet twinned with another, I encourage you to consider the blessing you're missing... a broadening of what it means to be part of a universal family.*

**U.S. Bishop Emeritus William Higi**

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EMPOWERING FAITH COMMUNITIES  
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## OUR MISSION

The mission of PTPA is to live the Gospel by seeking, building and maintaining twinning relationships between parishes in the U.S. and parishes in Haiti and Latin America.

We strive to fulfill this mission through a faithful commitment to the following goals:

- To deepen cross-cultural understanding in twinning relationships that builds solidarity and respect between parishes,
- To transform lives and enrich spiritual growth through shared faith,
- To achieve sustainable and lasting impact through our programs and initiatives,
- To share resources and knowledge about effective solutions to alleviate poverty, and
- To be compassionate, caring and loving stewards of God's kingdom.

## OUR HISTORY

PTPA was co-founded in 1978 by Harry Hosey and Theresa Patterson with a focus on Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Over the years, PTPA has evolved and grown to become the largest, most significant organization of its kind in the U.S. with more than 350 twinings between Catholic parishes in the U.S. and parishes in Haiti and Latin America.

PTPA works collaboratively and in solidarity with the people of Haiti and Latin America to create relationships that are mutually enriching and liberating.



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*The Parish Twinning Program is a blessing from God. It maintains communion, leads to sharing, provokes conversion and a change of heart, and it develops mutual understanding. Through the sharing of human, spiritual and material resources, both twinned communities grow together in charity.*

**Cardinal Chibly Langlois, Haiti**

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## HOW YOU AND YOUR PARISH CAN GET INVOLVED

All you have to do is contact PTPA and we will help you get started, supporting you every step of the way. We will:

- Twin you with a parish or project that meets your resources and interests;
- Work with you to introduce the new twinning relationship to your parishioners and to your new sister parish;
- Create a committee in your parish to encourage communication and involvement;
- Accompany parish representatives on the first visit to your sister parish.



## HOW A TWINNING RELATIONSHIP WORKS

Every twinning relationship is unique and different. It is a parish-to-parish endeavor based on the needs and assets of both parishes. It is a very personal relationship enriched by visits, on-going communication and a mutual commitment to understand one another and work together. There are no programmatic requirements or specific financial commitments. All you have to do is say "yes" and dare to get involved.