

Letter to Diocese of Milwaukee from Haiti Project Coffee Coordinator

I am very excited to become part of the Haiti Project team. I really feel it is a calling from our Lord and I am looking forward to working with all of the parishes in the eastern part of the Diocese as the coordinator for Singing Rooster Coffee Sales. My major goal is to support the existing parish contacts (called roosters), and with your help, identify and support a contact in every parish that does not have one. An increase in coffee sales will be the desired outcome. I am definitely looking forward to meeting you and working with you.

My wife and I are longtime residents of Milwaukee, parents of three grown children and proud grandparents of four. I retired from the Greenfield School District in 2000 after 35 years as a classroom teacher, school counselor, curriculum coordinator, administrator and guidance director. I will definitely make use of my many positive experiences in different settings in this new position.

I am a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Milwaukee. I have been very active in outreach at St. Paul's and I recently retired as outreach chair. St. Paul's has made a tremendous financial effort to support outreach activities and I am very proud of what our outreach team accomplished during my tenure. We truly "spread the good news of Jesus Christ through serving others".

What brought me to the Haiti Project? I have been committed to serving others my entire life. I have also received many blessings during my life. Here is another way to "pay forward". And I cannot think of a better way to continue this commitment than becoming involved with a mission that provides tremendous benefits to coffee farming communities in Haiti along with supporting St. Marc's school in Jeannette. What a great combination - self sustainability to coffee growers and children receiving a great education.

Peace and God's blessings

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