

## *The St. Michel Water Pump Project*

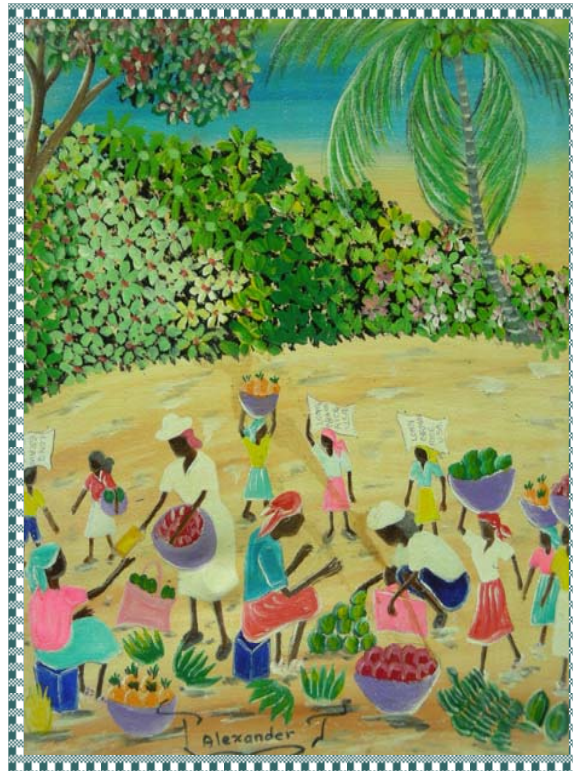
We are eager to raise funds for the installation of an irrigation system that can bring water from the nearby river and rain collections to the garden. Production of the current garden is limited since Saltadere is dry during much of the school year. Enhancing garden yields during the school year will significantly im-



prove the children's nutrition.

The produce yield during

school vacation/ holidays can be used at the rectory & sold to raise money for the school or donated to needy families.



God bless, and thank you for your consideration. Your contribution will provide our brothers and sisters in Haiti with the food they need today, and the tools and knowledge that will ensure future sustenance.

For more information on how you can assist the St. Michel Water Pump Project , please visit our website or contact:  
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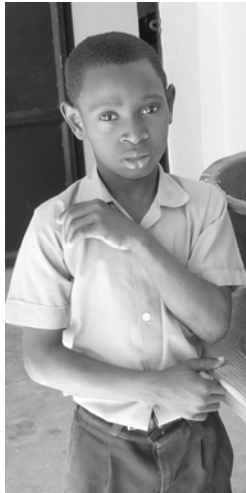
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## **Help Us to Create Sustainable Agriculture in Haiti**



*Installing an irrigation system in the garden will give support to the St. Michel School and the community of Saltadere, Haiti.*

# Supporting the parish of St. Michel



Over the years the parishes of St. Michel, St. Thomas Aquinas and Holy Comforter have worked together to develop the St. Michel School into a top rated elementary and now secondary school for about 500 pupils. Some 20,000 inhabitants of the remote eastern re-

gion of Haiti benefit from the school and its hot lunch program that provides nutritious meals for the school children. Thanks to the ability to improve the school and develop the land, St. Michel's pastor, Pere Rene Blot, and his staff, have established a large series of gardens around the school. Vegetable and fruits are grown for the lunch program. Installing an irrigation system will enhance the garden production, benefitting not only the student's nutrition and education, but also the surrounding community.

## Nutrition

The garden currently produces crops such as tomatoes, potatoes, banana, mangos, sugar cane & corn, which are being used to augment food supplies for school lunch.



Enhancing garden yields with more, fresher produce during the school

year will significantly improve the children's nutrition. Better nutrition will improve the school children's health, motivation and learning outcomes.



## Education

The school will derive immediate benefit for 500 school children, staff and teachers. Learning gardening

by example and using the garden as an educational experience for school subjects as diverse as biology and geometry will help build the culture of sustainable agriculture in the community.



## Community Sustainability

School teachers and an agronomist, through outreach education to the district, will help improve the garden production in the district. The Saltadere community will be taught how to use irrigation for gardening. This will improve garden productivity, and hence the nutritional levels of the people's diet.



## Donating

We embrace the vision of Haiti's agricultural self-sufficiency and hope you will consider making a gift to the St. Michel Water Pump project. A gift of \$100 would provide wages for a month of a gardener. A gift of \$1000 will provide a large cistern for the storage of rain and river water. Donations of any size will be accepted and matched by Battaglia Funds of the Diocese of Richmond, whom we thank for their generosity.