

Prayer of St. Therese

May you have peace within today.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of you who choose to claim it.



Sponsor A Child

Ste. Therese School

Ste. Margarite

Catholic Church

Port Margot, Haiti



**St. Malachy Catholic Church
9833 E County Road 750 N
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About St. Therese School

Our sister parish in Haiti, St. Margarite, has a school that is called St. Therese School. Currently, there are about 1,500 students enrolled in this school. It resides in the northern community of Haiti called Port Margot with a population of around 50,000 people. The Sponsor-A-Child program began in 2004 and has helped many families. Students attend school for half a day, with the younger students attending in the morning and the older ones in the afternoon. Due to the support of the Sponsor-A-Child program, St. Therese has been able to hire additional teachers and open classes in the afternoon to teach basic reading and writing skills to students who have never been to school. Students begin school in kindergarten, no matter what age they are. Since some families cannot afford to send their children to school right when they are of school age, the ages of the students in kindergarten can vary widely. Students are promoted to the next grade when they have learned the material from the grade in which they are enrolled. Haitian children usually only attend primary school through 8th grade but with the help of sponsors can often attend secondary school through 13th grade. The students wear uniforms to school which consist on orange checkered shirts and gray pants or shorts for boys and orange checkered dresses or jumpers for the girls. It is also mandatory that the students wear shoes to school.

Each day the children receive lunch at school which is often the only complete meal the children receive each day. Their lunches consist mainly of rice and beans. The yearly salary of the average Haitian is \$300. So, you can see how it is difficult for a family to afford to send their children to school and also what an amazing impact your sponsorship of a child can be.

About Sponsorship

The cost to sponsor a child or a classroom at St. Therese for the upcoming school year is \$100. This amount of money will pay for tuition, a uniform and a daily lunch for the child or the children in a classroom. The school year in Haiti goes from September until June. St. Malachy has its annual sponsorship renewal beginning in June with a follow-up Haiti Weekend in August. Unfortunately, due to a different kind of mail system in Haiti, it is not possible to communicate directly with your student. St. Malachy will collect cards during mission team trips and then take them down to distribute them to the children. Watch the bulletin for notices about these card collections. Your support to this program is greatly appreciated. Without the financial assistance from St. Malachy parishioners, St. Therese school would not be able to serve all of the children and families that it does!

If you are interested in sponsoring a child or a classroom from our sister parish in Port Margot, Haiti, please fill out the information below and return it with your payment to St. Malachy Parish.

I would like to sponsor:

_____ a classroom

_____ a boy

_____ a girl

_____ no preference

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

Please send \$100.00 for each child or classroom you would like to sponsor to:
(Make checks payable to St. Malachy Parish).

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