

## Immaculate Conception Church

**Pastor:** Father Charles Faubert  
**Established as a Parish:** 2008  
**Number of Families:** 1,200  
**Church Location:** Villard, Haiti  
**Chapel Locations:** Barc-d'Aquin, Danache, Duvalon and Gracette



## Immaculate Conception Church History

The Church of the Immaculate Conception is located in the town of Villard which is 60 miles north of Port de Prince along Route 1. In 1967, the current church was built as a chapel to the parish of Marchand Dessalines by Father Alix Pierre. Over the years the chapel was supported by various parishes and at times flourished. Beginning in 2002 the chapel suffered some hard times and did not have regular masses as it once did. This took a toll on the spirituality of the local Catholic community. However, on September 21, 2008, Father Charles Faubert was named pastor and Immaculate Conception Church was established as a new parish. Since then, Father Faubert painted the church and now has a growing congregation with a vibrant parish council, many ministries and a K-12 school. In addition to the church at Villard, Immaculate Conception has established chapels in the neighboring villages of Barc-d'Aquin, Danache, Duvalon and Gracette, to enable Father Faubert to better serve these communities.

## Immaculate Conception School

**Grades:** Kindergarten through 12  
**Number of Students:** Approximately 350  
**Location:** Villard, Haiti



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# Immaculate Conception Haiti Partnership

## Saint Ignatius



## Our Mission

- ♦ Foster a sense of Christian Community between St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Parish of the Immaculate Conception, Haiti
- ♦ Pray for each other's spiritual and physical needs
- ♦ Discover ways to share our time, talent, treasure, hope and faith with one another
- ♦ Be advocates for the people of Haiti and support actions that will improve the quality of life for all Haitians
- ♦ Encourage travel to Haiti by St. Ignatius parishioners and having Immaculate Conception parishioners travel to visit St. Ignatius of Loyola



## How We Can Help

### Spiritually

Prayer is how we express our relationship with God. Good works display testimony in the truth of that relationship. Prayer and good works lead us to understand the will of our Creator. *See: John 5:36-40*

Our Church and our Bishops lead us in both, in encouraging our participation in a Parish to Parish Partnership Program. This program reflects the *Seven Key Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, Sharing Catholic Social Teaching, Challenges and Directions*, (Wash, DC; USCCB, 1998), which we, here at St. Ignatius have used to direct us to join in solidarity with our neighbors in Villard. *See: Matthew 25:31-46*



### Materially

St. Ignatius is providing help with the school lunch program at Immaculate Conception. Our goal is to see that each child receives a nutritious lunch each day. In addition, we are helping with teacher compensation so that the school can maintain a high level of education. "Haiti" envelopes are available in the church narthex or you can visit our website at [www.e-stignatius.org](http://www.e-stignatius.org) for details on how you can make a donation.

## The History of Haiti

- 1492** Explored by Christopher Columbus and named Hispaniola
- 1697** Haiti's native Arawaks fell victim to Spanish rule
- 1791** Slave revolt began
- 1804** Gained independence and became the world's first predominately black sovereign nation
- 1915** Occupation by the United States
- 1934** The United States withdrew Haiti regains its sovereignty
- 2010** A major earthquake (7.0 on the Richter Scale) kills over 230,000 people



### Did You Know

One of every five Haitian children dies before the age of 5 due to infectious diseases and malnutrition. Only 20% of all children attend school because of the lack of public schools, as well as, the lack of funds to provide shoes and clothes to the students. The illiteracy rate for adults in Haiti is 80% and the unemployment rate is around 85%. 90% of Haitian women have no profession or trade.

A group of free young Catholic women, led by Mary Elizabeth Lange, arrived from Haiti to start an orphanage school in Baltimore for black women and girls. This school, founded in 1828, became St. Frances Academy which continues to educate Baltimore's youth as an independent Catholic high school.