

## **2019 Mission Trips to Dominican Republic and Haiti**

We have a total of eight mission groups that will be heading to the island of Hispaniola; two of the groups will be working with Fr. Mike Seis in Elías Piña (our diocesan mission parishes of Santa Teresa de Jesús and San Isidro), one group going to San Juan de la Maguana to work with Fr. Melanio Colás, and five groups who will be working with Sister María Marciano in the area of Los Cacaos in Haiti.

The groups working with Sister María will have their base in Pedro Santana (Dominican Republic) and from there they will cross the border into Haiti. Sister María is helping build up the infrastructure in the communities around Los Cacaos and extending the work of the agricultural center with the technology of “drip-irrigation systems” and reforestation.

Two of the groups heading to Los Cacaos will be focusing on health and hygiene; one of these groups will be dentists from Two Rivers and Sturgeon Bay (with their dental team), and the other will be from Silver Lake College with a doctor, nurses and nursing students.

The two groups heading to Elías Piña, and the group going to San Juan de la Maguana, will be working with small rural communities building chapels.

Most of our groups are at capacity as regards the number of participants and space available at the sites where they will be staying and working. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Fr. Bill at St. Philip's in Green Bay (920 - 468 - 7848) as soon as possible. Some of our groups have already made their plane reservations.

Might you be interested in joining a group in 2020? Most of our mission trips are made in the months of January, February and March; this is generally the “dry season” and facilitates our working with construction projects, and driving the back roads in these rural areas of the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Again, contact Fr. Bill and put your name on a waiting list for 2020 ...dates and work sites for 2020 will be organized over the summer of 2019.