

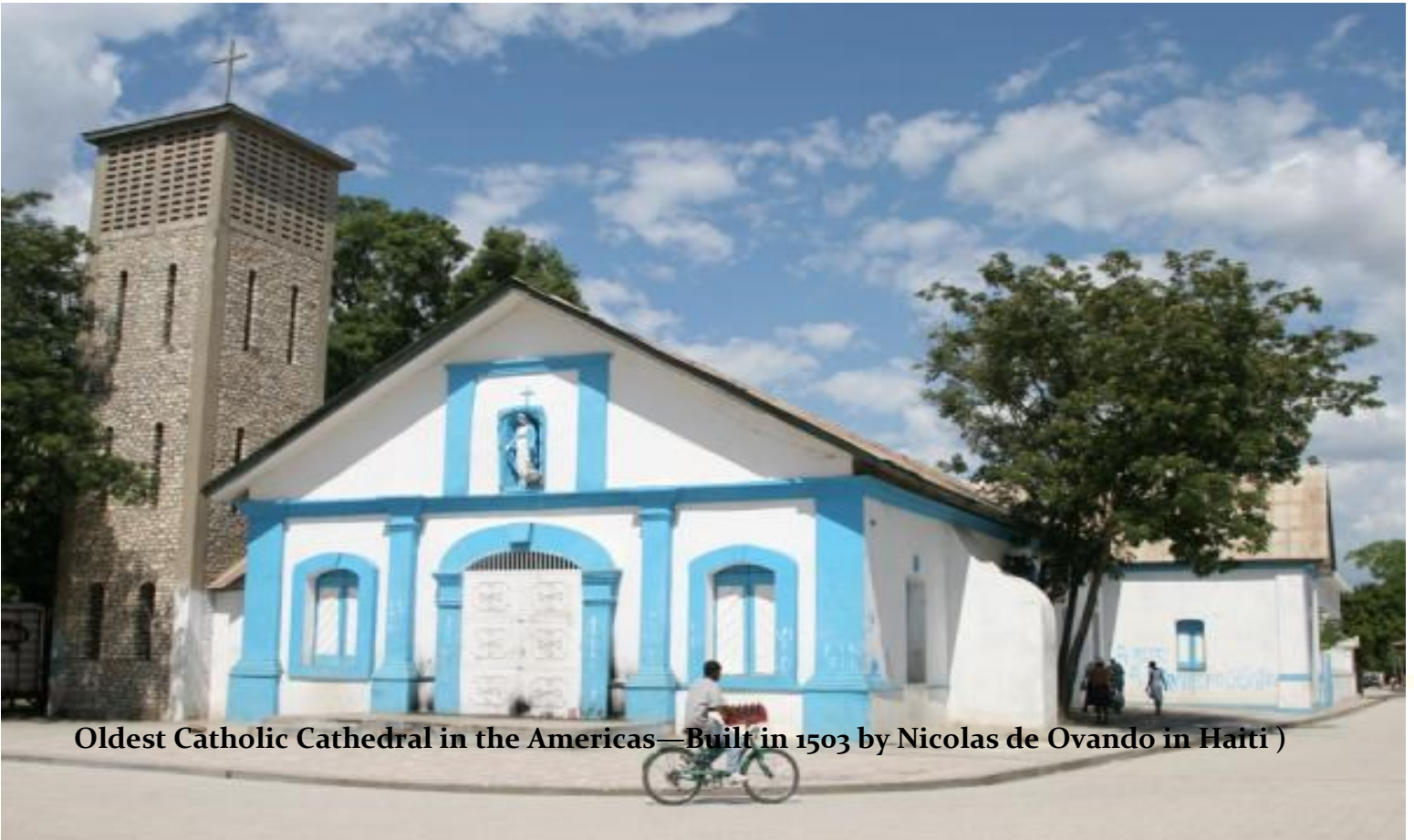
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Building Alliances for a Better Haiti

Give Hope



Oldest Catholic Cathedral in the Americas—Built in 1503 by Nicolas de Ovando in Haiti)

Church Twinning PROGRAM

Making a Difference

BHF Adopt-A-Church Program

Church Twinning Opportunities in Haiti

The Build Haiti Foundation's (BHF) is a local organization based in Columbia, MD. Our mission is to promote development through a multitude of projects geared towards providing economic sustainability to the people of Haiti. BHF works within four pillars of development which include: Education, Public Health, Environmental Sustainability and Entrepreneurship. Each pillar provides a range of opportunities to work with the people of Haiti and aids in the form of financial, human and/or educational resources. Additionally, BHF facilitated a sister-city relationship between Columbia, MD and Cap-Haitien, Haiti under which a leadership program is partially managed.

BHF facilitates church twinning between Churches in Haiti and the United States. Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere, with an average annual household income of about \$350 US. Haiti has different religions including Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Seventh Day Adventist, Jehovah's Witness, to name a few. However, Haiti is overwhelmingly Catholic (80%). The church in Haiti is a powerful influence.

Between the abundance that we see in the U.S. and the dire poverty that exists in Haiti, there is an organic marriage that we believe will enrich the citizens/participants from both countries. The BHF Global Leadership Program (GLP) has been running successfully for more than 6 years. It offers adult professionals, college and high school students an opportunity to travel to Haiti to expand their horizon while making real impact in the lives of people that need it the most. BHF offers the Adopt-A-School program to its school partners. Likewise, BHF seeks to develop strong partnerships with area churches and offer its Sister-Parish program. Just like we've done with our school partners, the GLP program will be leveraged to provide partner churches the opportunity for both parishes to grow through the sharing of experiences and faith. We believe these partnerships and sharing of faith offer as much to U.S. parishes as to their Haitian partners.

Consistent with our mission, initiatives under the church-twinning program include:

- Scholarship Tuition Program
- Institutional Reinforcement
- Teacher and Staff Professional Development Program
- Leadership and Mentoring
- Tutoring Program
- Access to Healthcare
- Access to Technology and Other Resources
- Promotion of Gender Equality
- School and Church Construction/Renovation
- Bible Study

If you believe your organization can benefit from this program, please contact us.

