

2018-MRS. GALLAGHER'S 3RD GRADE GOES BEYOND THEIR GOAL:



Think back to February in New England and the dead of winter. Mrs. Gallagher and her 3rd grade class were warm and toasty because they ***“have a heart for Haiti”*** and collected school supplies, food and personal items for the sponsor children in the Haitian Outreach program.

The class was larger than usual, but the goal was set at 21 backpacks to be collected on Catholic School Week. These enthusiastic youngsters collected 27 backpacks! They sorted food and school supplies and filled the backpacks to be donated to Haitian Outreach. When Deacon John and his wife, Pauline entered the class, the children sat at their desks with big smiles on their faces. They were so proud to be able to help those less fortunate than themselves.



What a good feeling. A couple of the children had family in Haiti.

One had moved to the US with his family and attended St Bernard's Elementary school.



The Aliskevicz's discussed the experiences of living and going to school in Haiti. The children were very interested and had lots of questions about the differences between the two countries. Some wanted to know how children got to school. “They walk great distances”, said Deacon John and their shoes get worn out and dirty, but they are determined to get an education and move from their present life style.

Some ride a “Tap Tap”, if they can afford it. A Tap Tap is similar to a pickup truck, in this country which has a roof and open sides. They are used like cabs, except that as many people get in as can possibly fit or hang on for a ride! They are brightly painted, red and yellow and have praises to God and Jesus written on them. There is a charge for a ride. When someone reaches their destination, they “tap” on the outside and the driver stops and lets them off.

For 3 years now Mrs Gallagher has generously given of her time and talent to assist Haitian Outreach with its goal to educate children in Haiti. We are very grateful to her and her students for the donations they make to Haitian Outreach. Many thanks and blessings to all of you!

Mrs. Gallagher's 3rd Grade class – February 2018 with some of the items collected .

