

SPIRIT OF GIVING

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve" is the phrase at the entrance of many Lasallian schools throughout the world, and it is a core principle learned at The De La Salle School in Freeport.

The entire student body gave great witness to this philosophy during the advent season to a fellow Lasallian school, College Saint Jean Baptiste de La Salle School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. This school was severely affected by natural disasters and is in extreme poverty. Wanting to help, Freeport's De La Salle School students began their project by raising money during morning assemblies each day of the advent season by placing their pocket change in a honey jar they nicknamed "Louie."

Additionally, they organized a recycling program and collected



The boys of the De La Salle School in Freeport raised money for students in Haiti.

bottles and cans from the recycling bins in each classroom. They earned 5 cents for each bottle or can turned in to add to their advent collection. This money was then added to the proceeds from the

raffle sale they held at the school's Family Hot Cocoa and Book Night before Christmas. The total raised was \$988.35.

All monies raised were sent and donated as a gift to benefit the College

Saint Jean Jean Baptiste de La Salle School in Haiti. The boys of The De La Salle School received a beautiful gift in return, the gift of the true spirit of Christmas: the gift of giving to those in need.