

Laura James Fine Arts presents

THE STATIONS FOR SASSIER PROJECT

In Collaboration with From Here To Haiti, Ltd.



Laura James Fine Arts (LJFA) is collaborating with From Here to Haiti, Ltd. (FHTH) to bring a culturally relevant rendition of the 14 Stations of the Cross to St. Jean Baptiste Parish Sassier, Haiti, currently under renovation.

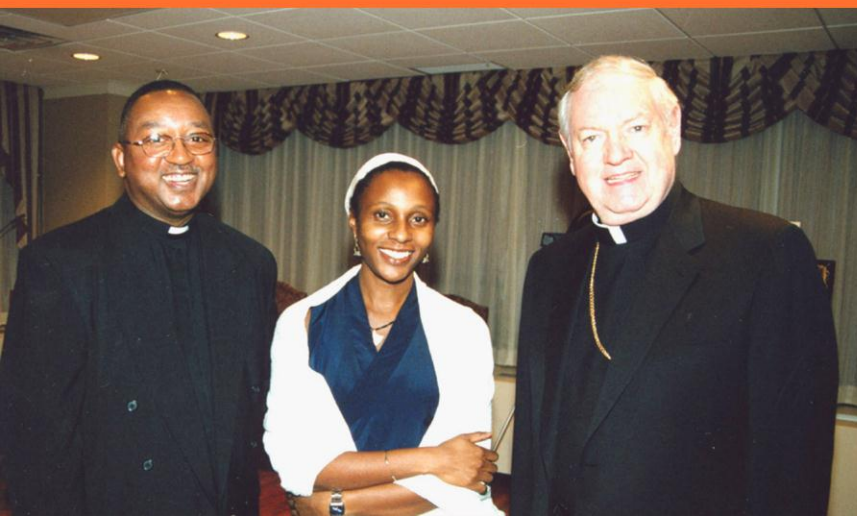
Through a longstanding relationship with the Office of Black Ministry– Archdiocese of New York, The Venerable Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund and their director Br. Tyrone A. Davis, LJFA has identified this church as an excellent choice for such a gift.

WHO

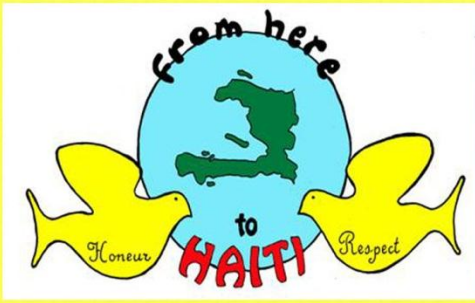
Laura James is a self-taught painter of Antiguan heritage. Working as a professional artist and illustrator for over twenty years, her sacred art is rendered in the Ethiopian Christian Art style, which over the years she has made her own. Ms. James is best known for her illustrations in the Book of the Gospels lectionary published in 2000 by Liturgy Training Publications on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church, which achieved a Catholic Press Association 2002 Book Award. The Book of the Gospels receives accolades from parishes who daily proclaim the holy Gospel at Catholic Mass. The book is used worldwide by numerous Christian denominations. Laura's religious art is at the forefront of the movement toward a more inclusive representation of Biblical figures.

This would be Laura's second rendition of the 14 Stations of the Cross, the first was commissioned by Nativity RC Church located in South Los Angeles in 2003.

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Br. Tyrone Davis, Laura James, Cardinal Egan, 2002



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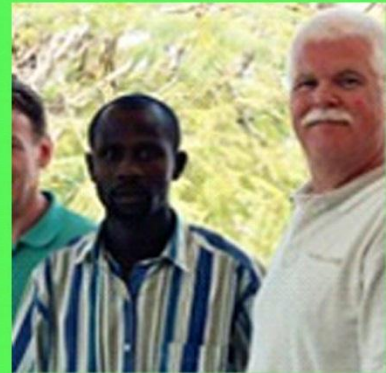
From Here To Haiti, Ltd., a 501(c) (3) public charity, was formed in 2010 to respond to the increasing need for repair of buildings used for public assembly. The Corporation focuses primarily on Catholic and/or Christian places of worship and their related structures, including but not limited to rectories, cisterns, parish schools, community centers and clinics built by or otherwise maintained by the Church. FHTH seeks to create local employment opportunities for the people of Haiti through that repair work. Since its inception, FHTH has completed 5 major projects and is currently involved in 6 more at various stages. FHTH will be the organization to accept donations on behalf of *The Stations for Sassier Project*. Donations are fully tax deductible (subject to the provisions of IRC Section 170)

Zanmi Sasye-Partners with Sassier is a not for profit organization which partners with groups in the Sassier area to bring hope, create opportunity and improve lives for the 10,000 inhabitants living there. Since 2006, they have provided or facilitated more than \$1 million in direct assistance and investment in the Sassier area.

Their work builds upon and complements efforts begun in 1998 by Sacred Heart Parish in Winnetka, Illinois. Since 1999, Sacred Heart Parish has been twinned with the Parish of St. Jean Baptiste. Through their Haiti Ministry Committee and the generosity of their Parishioners, they have sought to develop a two-way relationship with the people of St. Jean Baptiste —through prayers, sharing and understanding of each other's culture and needs.

Zanmi Sasye wholeheartedly welcomes The Stations For Sassier Project.

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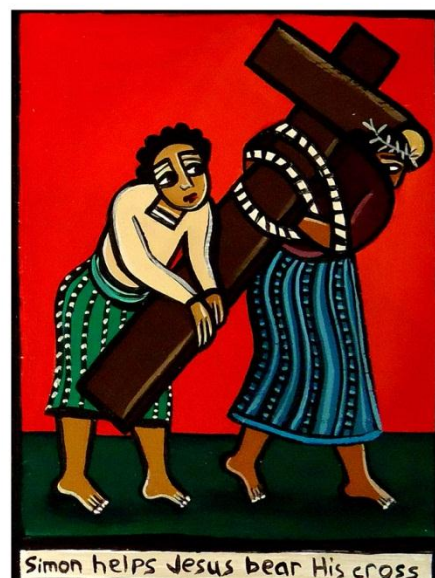
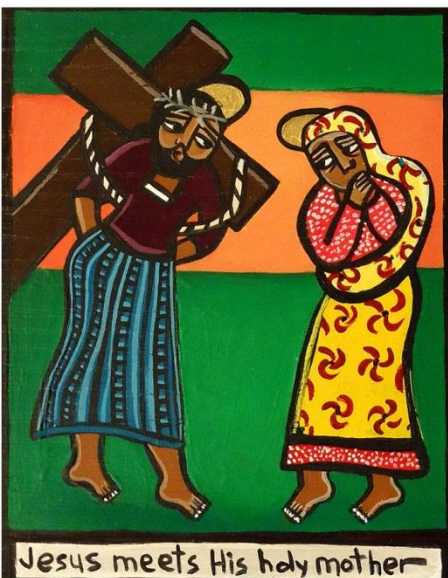
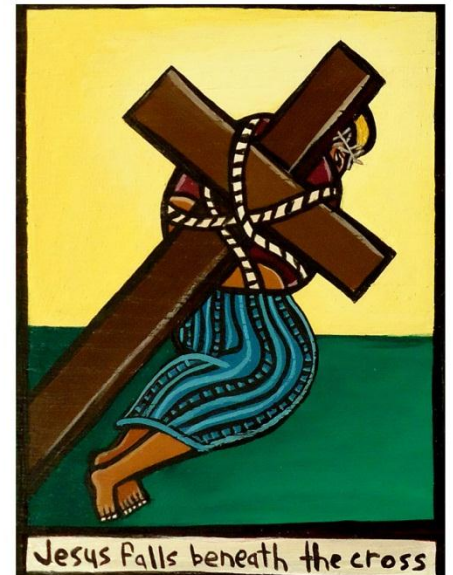
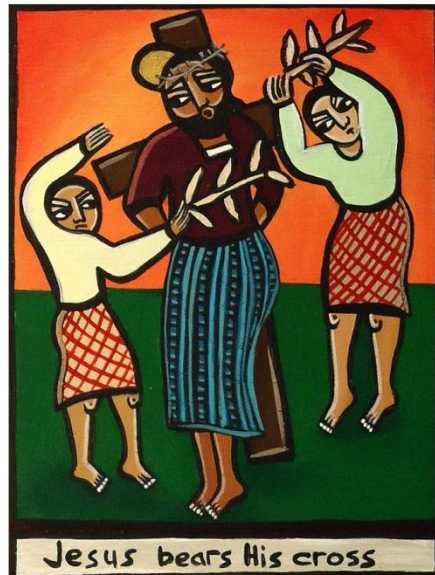
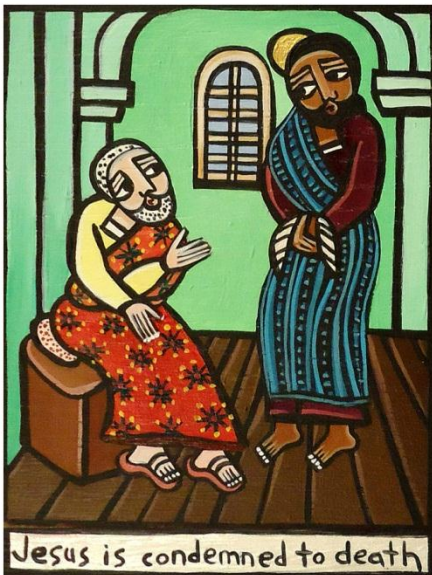
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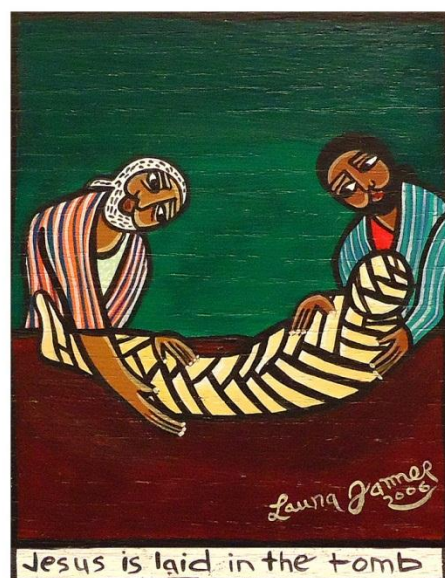
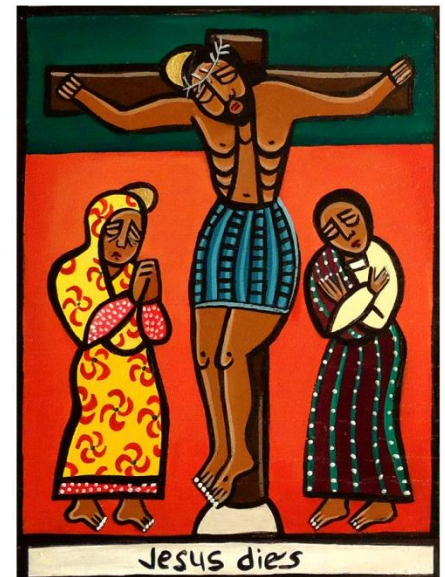
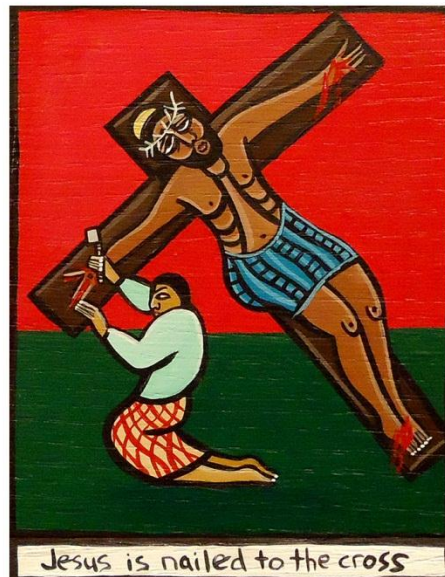
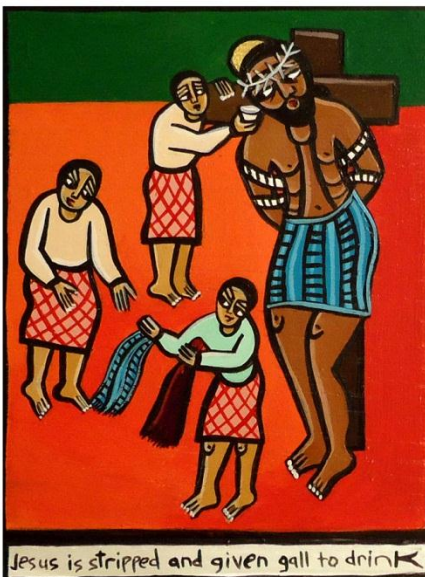
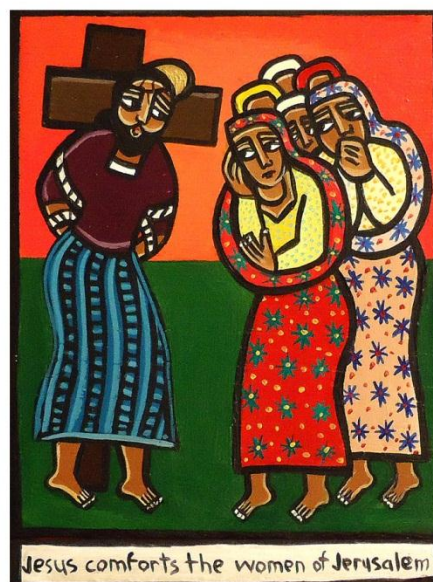
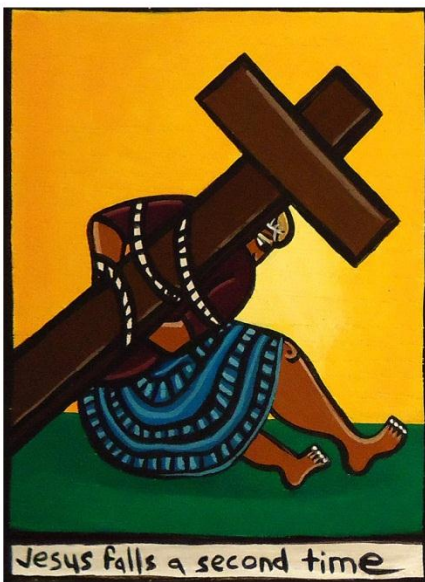
THE FOURTEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

14 paintings 16" x 20" acrylic on canvas and wood, framed

Ms. James' artwork will be commissioned at a discounted rate,
and donated to the Parish of St. Jean Baptiste.

PROPOSED STATIONS





And a copy of the Book of the Gospels, published in 2000 by Liturgy Training Publications, with 34 illustrations by Laura James.



Text will be written in Creole

WHERE

The parish of St. Jean Baptiste, founded in 1996, serves about 10,000 people over about 30 square miles in a rural area in southwestern Haiti. The Stations will be installed at St. Jean Baptiste Church, the Parish church which serves 3 chapels.

Partners with Sassier are also involved with the College Pierre Toussaint, which is located in St. Jean Baptiste Parish. The College has been supported generously by the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund of the Archdiocese of New York.

In the words of Br. Tyrone Davis, CSC, the director of the Fund, “We are returning to Haiti a small portion of the gift they shared with us more than 200 years ago—the spirit, dedication and passion of Venerable Pierre Toussaint.”

The College has engendered the transformation of the community.



St. Jean Baptiste Church in Sassier, Haiti

The following are images and quotes from a small gathering of St. Jean Baptiste parishoners who were asked to share their thoughts about the project in May 2012.



"When people will come into the new church they will see that the church became modern, that it has changed."



"When we will have the new church we can enter with the new Stations."

Throughout history religious art has allowed humanity to communicate its perceptions of the sacred and the unseen. More often than not, Christian art has been depicted from a Eurocentric point of view and therefore excludes some ethnic groups from seeing themselves as a reflection of the Creator.

In areas affected by poverty where life is typically more physically and economically challenging, the need for spiritual elevation is often acute. Our goal is to offer parish members artwork that is more authentic and reflective of their community's valuable heritage.

Through their "artistic creativity" humans appears more than ever "in the image of God."
Pope John Paul II, Letter to Artists, 1999

"This tells us that we do not need to reject our culture. We must embrace it."



"It responds to our culture."

"We see that the image reflects reality, we see it clearly."



Spring of 2013

Laura will travel with From Here To Haiti to install the art, celebrate with the St. Jean Baptiste community, and take lots of photographs and video to share with you.

HOW? With your help!

We need to raise \$20,000 for art, transport and installation – any amount will help!

All donations are fully tax deductible.

A donor thank you plaque listing names will hang alongside the art.

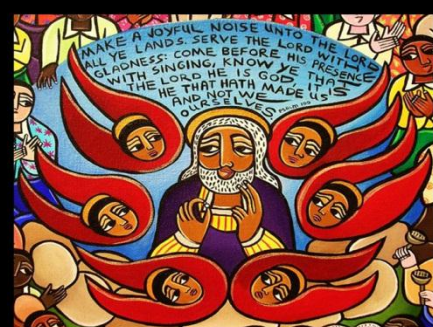
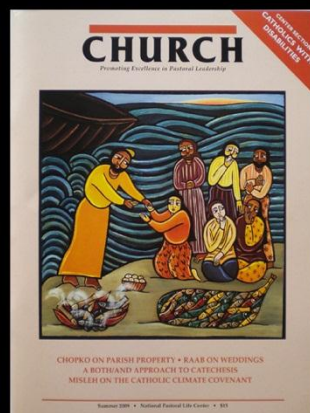
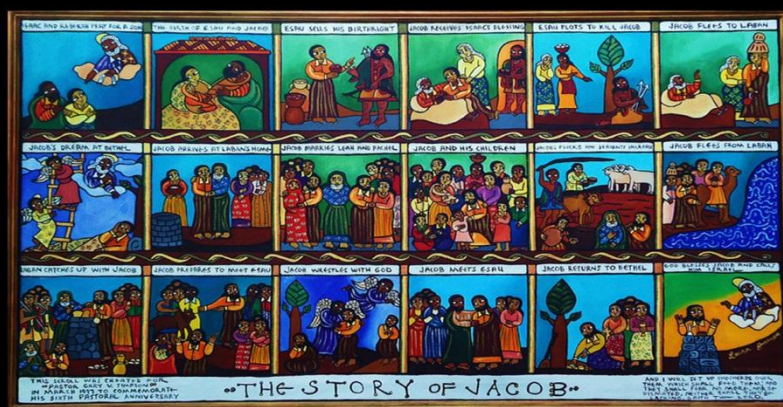
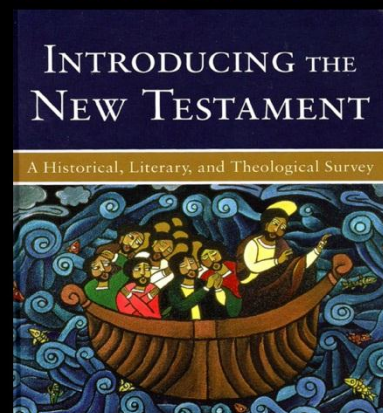
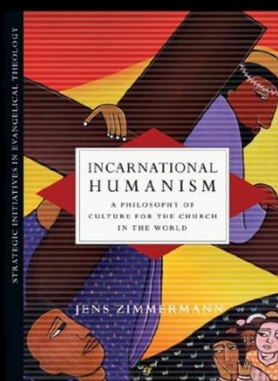
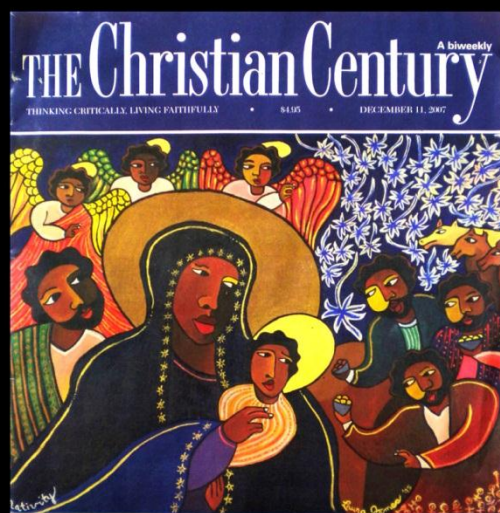
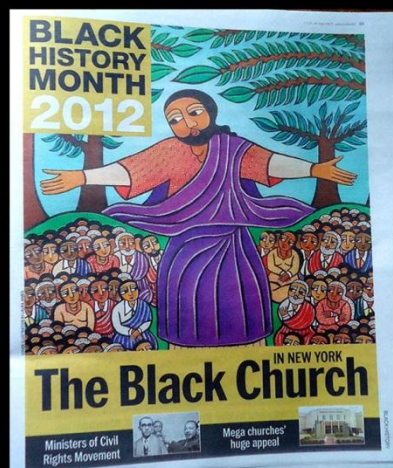
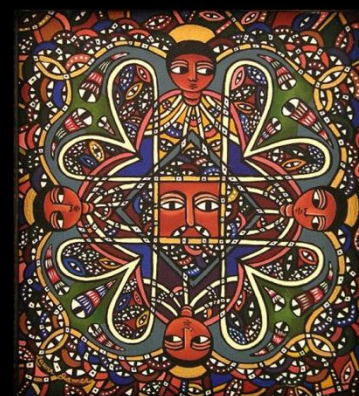
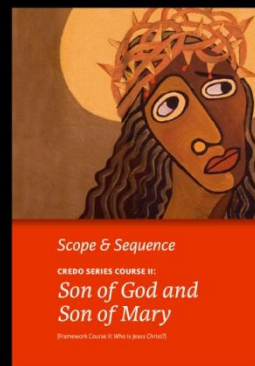
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