



## *Latest Happenings In the Diocese: Mount Saint Joseph Catholic High School Continues to Reap Success*

September 2017 marks the start of the fourth academic year since the opening of Mount Saint Joseph Catholic High School. At their Opening Mass, Archbishop Charles H. Dufour congratulated Mrs. Cheryl Ann Gayle, principal, for the schools' first place position with 100% passes in CAPE, an external examination for students who have completed Grade 13. These were the results for the first set of 6th form students accepted to the school, who sat their examinations in 2016.

In the current academic year, MSJCHS has been forced to put their 6th form programme on hold due to lack of space, as the government is a year behind in their construction schedule. MSJCHS however, is grateful to the Passionists who have stepped in to assist by allowing MSJCHS to renovate the ground floor of the former Mt. Calvary Retreat House, to accommodate three classrooms, offices and staff rooms. During the summer, a walkway was built on the Retreat House property and enclosed by fencing to allow students and staff safe access to this area.

In addition, preparation of an outdoor sports field has been underway, through the generosity of local businesses and donors who have been assisting the school with materials and labour. A roadway had to be prepared, the area had to be flattened, rocks removed, and drainage added. The field is scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

Once again, Food for the Poor continues their generous support to the school with the donation of desks and chairs for students and teachers.



Archbishop Charles H. Dufour congratulates MSJCHS Principal, Mrs. Cheryl Ann Gayle on holding top position in the island in CAPE results. L-R: Ms. Taneisha Rowe, teacher, and students: Tagecia Nelson, Jordan Hutchinson, Jonathan Jones and Cheneve Waite.

This academic year, with students entering Grade 10, MSJCHS is installing prefects and a Student Council body for the first time, in a bid to promote and nurture students' leadership skills.

MSJCHS is happy to welcome a cohort of new teachers to their team as well as two students who have taken refuge with their families in Jamaica, from hurricane-stricken Dominica.

MSJCHS is looking forward once again to a successful year, with appreciation for all their partners and supporters who continue to work towards the vision of excellence.