While 2022 had the potential to be *annus horibilis*, at the final tally, 2022 emerged as *annus mirabilis*. 2022 was a year of wonders and miracles, powered by the heartfelt prayers and generous donations of the Haiti Health Promise community and Hôpital Sacré Coeur’s exceptional staff.

As horrific, unconscionable circumstances and actions prevailed throughout Haiti, Hôpital Sacré Coeur plunged ahead with adaptation, ingenuity, and well-applied talent and resilience. Despite nerve-jarring twists and turns along their 2022 journey, the staff responded quickly and smartly; their determination to provide excellent healthcare and compassion to all remained unfazed.
In a less eventful year, Hôpital Sacré Coeur’s accomplishments would have seemed noteworthy; this past year, they seem miraculous.

• When over half the country’s population faced death by starvation, Haiti Health Promise packed 1,111,480 nutritious meals for Hôpital Sacré Coeur and delivered them to the neediest in the Milot region.

• While, regrettably, countless Haitian hospitals shut their doors, Hôpital Sacré Coeur remained open, fully functional, and accepted even more patients.

• While humanitarian and medical projects in the country abandoned their missions because of untenable circumstances, Hôpital Sacré Coeur began construction plans to build a 30,000 square feet Women’s and Children’s Hospital in response to patient demands.

• While the general population struggled in an economic crisis of over 30% inflation and an over 50% increase in food prices, Hôpital Sacré Coeur started a multi-acre farm complete with fruit trees, crops, and livestock to feed the hospital community and share with Milot’s hungry.

• While most Haitians felt the crushing effects of soaring prices and disruptions to the fuel supply, Hôpital Sacré Coeur jumped ahead of the crisis. Additional fuel tanks, smart purchases, and fuel-saving protocols kept the hospital functioning. And plans moved forward to convert the hospital to solar power.

• No matter the circumstances, people get sick, suffer injuries, and babies arrive. Hôpital Sacré Coeur upgraded and added new medical programs: Cardiology Fellowship Program and services, Electronic Medical Records, Nurse Leadership Training, expanded Pediatric Diabetes Program services, and the list continues.

A Look at 2023

While the tumultuous activities in Southern Haiti continue their horrific course, the northern region of Milot retains a more peaceful and hopeful posture. Recent medical volunteer and eminent cardiologist Carl Turissini, MD, visited Hôpital Sacré Coeur in late January. He reported: “I was at HSC last June and again last week (twice in 7 months). I can tell you that on
both trips, I found Milot to be as quiet, peaceful, and friendly as always. The hospital continues to look better and better…"

Dr. Turissini noted the success of the renovation and upgrading of many of the older buildings for better functionality and environmental safety.

“The Crudem residential area is now almost a beautiful oasis with more flowers, plantings, and lanterns that glow green at night. The volunteer quarters have been renovated. The seven rooms in the St. Louis house now have tile floors and private baths. There are five air-conditioned rooms with private baths at Sr Ann’s former residence, and three new rooms with two bathrooms behind the main building. In total, there are 15 rooms with 14 bathrooms.”

Infrastructure, Medical Programs, and Community Relationships Work Together

Renovation and physical plant improvements enhance and support robust medical and community programs. The bar and plans have been set for an even higher performance level in 2023 — because we know how essential Hôpital Sacré Coeur is for the wider region.

As Holy Name President and CEO, Mike Maron, emphasizes. “The running of a hospital in Milot, which also serves as the sole engine for a large region, brings all sorts of tangential complexities — housing, food, transportation, utilities, etc. Everything we take for granted in the US becomes the hospital’s responsibility to create a healthier community. Without Hôpital Sacré Coeur, everything stops.”

The local population’s trust, respect, and camaraderie are critical to buttressing the area’s ongoing stability. Hôpital Sacré Coeur cannot stand as an isolated institution, detached from the people and communities it serves. Since its inception, Hôpital Sacré Coeur and Haiti Health Promise of Holy Name have served as excellent resource centers and compassionate advocates for the Haitian people. The people’s concerns are our concerns. That strategy — born of heart and spirit — has produced an abundance of success.

Maron notes, “Even at the peak of the worst times in the country, I have always felt the respect we have established carries us with the people from Cap-Haïtien to Milot. That respect is still very strong now.”
Despite grave challenges, Hôpital Sacré Coeur prevailed... and marched toward a better future. As Jesus said, “all things are possible with God.” And you, the donors and prayer warriors, have indeed been God’s hands and feet. Thank you.

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Together, 2023 will be another year of Grace and Wonders.

With our most profound appreciation and gratitude for you.

David G. Butler, MD
Chairman, Haiti Health Promise of Holy Name (Founded as The CRUDEM Foundation)

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