

## **D. Susan Wallace**

Susan Wallace, the new Executive Director of the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti is very excited to be serving such a worthwhile organization *Helping Haitians Help Haitians*.

A native of Massachusetts, Ms. Wallace holds degrees from Miami University (OH) and Temple University, and has been working “slowly” towards a doctorate at The Catholic University of America.

Her background is in education, non-profit administration, fundraising, and development. She began her career as a seventh and eighth grade teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Cincinnati (OH) before becoming Vice President of Youth Programs for Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, (PA). Ms. Wallace also had the opportunity to work for the Archdiocese of Washington (DC) and Mobile (AL) where she conducted highly successful annual appeals and while in Mobile, developed a stewardship initiative for all of the parishes.

She is a motivational speaker who has presided at conventions/meetings on various topics for organizations including the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Civitan International, Military Order of the World Wars, Optimist International, Pilot International, and Rotary International.

She has traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad including Australia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, England, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Italy, the Netherlands, and Scotland.

Ms. Wallace noted that we, as stewards of God’s gifts, are asked to share these gifts with others. She is thankful so many good stewards, especially in twinning parishes, take this to heart. St. Matthew (Chapter 25:35-360) reminds us powerfully of Christ’s message to us, *“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”*