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Pont Casse Press Launches New Website

Digital platform preserves Dominica's history, Caribbean memory, and the voices of the Kalinago people and African diaspora

September 1, 2026 — Pont Casse Press, founded on August 1, 1992, by Dr. Irving W. André and Gabriel J. Christian, Esq., announces the launch of **PontCassePress.org**, a digital platform sharing the history, literature and cultural heritage of Dominica, the Caribbean and the African diaspora.

The Press was founded with the launch of *In Search of Eden: Dominica—The Travails of a Caribbean Mini-State*, a work that reflected the founders' commitment to documenting Dominica's history and ensuring that Dominicans and Caribbean people tell their own story. Its motto is **"Publishing the Soul of Dominica."**

Designed by Elize Royer, a 2026 Penn State University graduate, the website advances the Press's mission of **"making the record."**

The founders thank their parents, families, teachers, supporters, and God for sustaining Pont Casse Press for 34 years. They also recognize Kathy André and Joan Christian for their enduring support and sacrifice.

Making Dominicans the Authors of Dominican History

The catalogue covers Indigenous resistance, slavery, independence, identity, migration, law, religion, sport, literature and Caribbean nationhood. It includes works on Dominican leaders, judges, soldiers, migrants, athletes and writers.

"A people without access to its history is placed at an enormous disadvantage," said Dr. André. "This website makes the Dominican experience more accessible to our children, diaspora and all who wish to understand our history."

The Kalinago: Not a Footnote to Conquest

Pont Casse Press places the Kalinago people at the center of Dominica's history. Their resistance, survival, and continuing presence remain essential to Dominican identity.

"The Kalinago were here before the colonial flags were planted, and they remain part of the living soul of Waitukubuli," said Gabriel J. Christian. "Their struggle for dignity must occupy an honored place in Dominican history."

Dominica Within Global Africa

The Press also places Dominica within the history of Africa and its global diaspora, reflecting the impact of enslavement, forced migration, Indigenous survival, imperialism, emancipation and independence.

A Digital Archive for a Global Community

The new website serves students, teachers, researchers, journalists, libraries, universities and the global Dominican and Caribbean diaspora. Its catalogue connects Dominican history across the Caribbean, Britain, France, Africa, North America and Latin America.

The Work Continues

More than 30 years after its founding, Pont Casse Press enters the digital era with the same conviction:

We must make the record.

“The website is new, but the duty is ancient,” André and Christian said. “We will continue recording Dominica and the Caribbean in our own voice while advancing dignity, knowledge, freedom and justice.”

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