

Mission Trips 2017 Introductory Meeting Notes

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- ▶ Christ-centered
- ▶ Servant Leadership
- ▶ Relationship Oriented
- ▶ Life Changing
- ▶ Awesome!

It is important to begin with an understanding of the purpose of these trips. The focus is on Christ. We would not do them if they were not about Jesus Christ.

The trips are valuable for youth to help them grow in leadership – but it is a servant leadership, following Christ’s example.

The trips are all about relationships: with each other, with those we serve beside and those we serve, and most of all, our relationship with Christ. The relationships we build among the team makes the trips so much fun! Getting to know youth from all over the country is great! The relationships between the teens and the adults; (both our adults and the young adults who work for the organizations we partner with), are helpful in many ways. And our hearts are stretched as we open ourselves to relationship with those we serve.

All of these things make the trips life-changing and truly awesome experiences!

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Chaperones

- ▶ Impossible to do this without you!
- ▶ Servant Leadership
- ▶ Focus on Christ
- ▶ Life-changing

This is FUN!

We really mean this when we say it is impossible to do this without you! We need a ratio of about 1 adult for every 4 or 5 youth just to drive to and from our locations. Our parish has been blessed with a number of adults who have given of themselves and given up a week from work over and over to serve with our youth – but we need parents to step forward too!

Some parents hesitate to volunteer because they want to ‘give their children space.’ Be assured that we don’t put youth in small groups with their own children, and that there is enough space on the trips that you won’t be together all the time! Parents, please consider giving in this way. Teens, please don’t tell your parents that you don’t want them to go – don’t deny them this opportunity to grow in their own faith!

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Participant Expectations

- ▶ Financial Contribution
 - ▶ Fees & Fundraising
- ▶ Connect with the team
 - ▶ Social and Skills
- ▶ Parish Participation
 - ▶ Time and Talent

We have expectations of every participant. First, we can’t do the trips without money. We pay a fee to the organizations that we partner with for EVERY participant – youth and adult. We do not charge our adult chaperones a fee – so the student’s fees have to cover the costs of more than their own fee. In addition, we have to pay to rent vans, pay for gas, camping supplies and campsites, and food for the trip out and back. So there are fees (slightly different for each trip – see the registration page for details) and fundraising expectations. Our fundraising consists of selling ‘shares’ in the trip. Shares cost \$15 each. For traveling trips every youth is expected to sell 9 shares to family and friends. (\$135 worth.) If you don’t sell your shares you have to make up the difference. Even with that cost – we need to raise more money – so we expect every youth to spend some time after one of the Masses selling shares to our parishioners. If fees are a hardship, please apply for a scholarship – see the forms online.

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The trips are MORE awesome if we have connected with one another before we leave! The agencies we partner with ask us to do this. They also ask that youth have certain skills before the trip – and we need them to know how to use our tents – so we have 3 meetings before the trip. See the website for dates.

Finally, teens are expected to share their time and talent with our parish too – because the trips are supported and subsidized by the parish. The confirmation expectations sheet has lots of ideas for ways you can volunteer here. We'll email you throughout the year to give you other ideas. When you volunteer with others who are going on your trip it is even more fun!

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Grade 9 Local with Inspirio

- ▶ Register Directly with Inspirio on their website
- ▶ Suggested Dates: July 9 to July 14
- ▶ Cost: \$375 payable to Inspirio
- ▶ Sign up online ASAP



The 9th Graders are encouraged to register for the July 9 to 15 Revolution of the Heart week offered by Inspirio. New this year we suggest you register directly with Inspirio. Volunteers for this trip will be supplied by Inspirio, although Cindi Petre will also take part. Parents, if you want to volunteer you can let Inspirio know.

The fee is \$375. Inspirio advertises this nationally, so you can expect to meet youth from other areas on this trip. The work includes serving at agencies in Milwaukee such as the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. See the Inspirio website for details:

<https://inspirioyouth.org/event/revolution-of-the-heart-2017/>

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Grade 10 YouthWorks - South Dakota

- ▶ American Indian Reservation
- ▶ June 17 - 25
- ▶ Fee \$400 + \$135 Shares
- ▶ Chaperones Needed
- ▶ Ecumenical
- ▶ Online registration
- ▶ Camp on the way out and back



This year our sophomores will once again be travelling to Wetumpka, South Dakota, to serve on the reservation with YouthWorks. YouthWorks is an ecumenical organization that we have partnered with for the past 21 years. Youth have consistently told us that seeing the difference between life here in the suburbs of Waukesha and life on the reservation has been eye-opening and moving.

This trip will camp on the way out and back and see the Crazy Horse Memorial, Mount Rushmore, and Wall Drug. There are a limited number of spaces so you need to register quickly! The fee is \$400 and a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due when you register.

Cindi Petre is leading this trip. Parents who want to chaperone, and have questions, should contact Cindi. (Please also give your name to Maureen Michaels and/or Ann Fons if you want to chaperone.)

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**Grade 11 & 12
Young Neighbors in Action**

- ▶ Catholic Mission Trip
- ▶ June 17 - 24
- ▶ Fee \$400 + \$135 Shares
- ▶ Online registration - ASAP!
- ▶ Location options: Detroit, St. Louis
- ▶ Need Chaperones
- ▶ No Camping



This year we plan to take our juniors and seniors (along with youth from Queen of Apostles) to Detroit, Michigan with Young Neighbors in Action. Because we cannot reserve spaces until we have names and down payments to give them, if Detroit fills up we will go to St. Louis.

Young Neighbors in Action is a Catholic Mission Organization about which we have heard good things. This is our first year partnering with them, although we have served in Detroit and know that it is a good location in which to serve.

Ann Fons will be leading this trip, along with Liz Kuhn, Youth and Young Adult Director from Queen of Apostles. Although the juniors and seniors will be on the same trip – they will be in small groups and enjoy group time every evening according to their grade.

The cost of the trip is \$400 and a \$100 non-refundable deposit is due with your registration. Contact Ann if you are able to chaperone and if you have any questions.

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REGISTER NOW!

- ▶ See the website - Lifelong Faith Formation, dropdown to High School, over to Mission Trips
- ▶ New Payment system - easier! - no paypal
- ▶ Registered complete with payment
- ▶ You can pay with a check
- ▶ Email Ann with questions



You can find the registration for all trips on our mission trips page of the website. (There is even a link to Inspirio.) Our parish has a new payment system called WeShare; you don't need to worry about paypal and it is secure! Registration is not complete until we have a payment – but if you choose to pay with a check you can do that.

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Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
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We closed with a prayer to remember the purpose of these trips!