

# JOIN US FOR A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE AT CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

Our Lady of the Presentation Youth Ministry

WHEN: July 20-28, 2019 WHERE: Twin Cities, MN



THIS SUMMER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE OUR CALL TO BE RADIANT FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST. WE WILL LOVE AS HE LOVED, SERVE AS HE SERVED, AND BOLDLY PUT OUR FAITH INTO ACTION. JAMES 1:22 REMINDS US THAT WE ARE TO BE "DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT MERELY HEARERS". BY LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE BRIGHT AND BEING WITNESSES FOR CHRIST, WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE DESIGNED IN HIS IMAGE AND, AS A RESULT, EQUIPPED FOR GREATNESS. WE ARE CALLED TO ILLUMINATE OUR CATHOLIC FAITH IN OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS THROUGH OUR WORDS AND DEEDS. EACH OF US CAN BE A SOURCE OF LIGHT TO A DARKENED WORLD WHEN WE LEAD WITH LOVE AND KEEP OUR EYES FIXED ON JESUS, FOR HE ASSURED US IN JOHN 8:12 WHEN HE SAID, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WILL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE." WITH THESE WORDS AT HEART, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP IN OUR MISSION TO SERVE WITH RADIANT SPIRITS AS WE EMBRACE THE EXCITING TRUTH THAT WE ARE....



# Mission Trip 2019: Frequently Asked Questions

## Why participate in a service mission trip?

Working a mission trip allows you to live out the call of the Gospel, to integrate Catholic social teaching into your life. It's an opportunity to serve while learning more about Catholic social teaching - a direction and vision that mirrors the values of the reign of God. It helps you see the world from a different perspective of the poor and marginalized. You will serve people in real need; establish a relationship with the people you serve and those you work alongside. You will have a sense of making a difference in a community. Our mission trip will work with Catholic Heart Workcamp in Twin Cities, MN. Worksites can be home repair; child or elderly ministry; food bank, food pantry or food kitchen. You will be working with teams of youth and adults from across the country. The final worksite information will be available at a future team meeting.

## Who can participate and what is expected?

Teens entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2019 and older are eligible to participate with priority given to upperclassmen if spaces are limited due to amount of applications. If chosen for the team, [here are some expectations](#):

- Participate in all six **Parish Fish Fry fundraisers** & other fundraising *if necessary*. *Any potential conflicts need approval in advance. Please contact Christy at 816-251-1107 to discuss before the fundraisers.*
- Participate in team meetings prior to the trip. *There will be 2 or 3 meetings.*
- Participate in a minimum of one service project at our parish prior to the trip with our MT Team. Details TBA.
- Participate in team MT activities after the trip (possible Family Picture Sharing or parish event) and stay active!
- Make your mission trip payments on schedule. *(Contact Christy in advance with any financial hardship. Applications with no payment are not acceptable. Our parish is happy to work with you, but you need to discuss with Christy in advance!)*

## Do I have to work every Fish Fry fundraiser?

If you want fundraising dollars applied to your account, yes. Your help at each Fish Fry helps us have a successful fundraiser that supports **you!** Each MT team member is required to work all six Fish Fries. Absences or partial absences must be pre-approved. A grade dependent school function is an **excused absence**. Work is not. **You must have someone working in your place if you have an excused absence.** (a parent, friend, sibling, etc.) If you have a potential conflict, please contact Christy, Director, *when you submit your application*. Failure to notify the Director **in advance** could mean potential dismissal from the MT team and/or you will assume **all financial responsibility** including deposits to Catholic Heart Workcamp and travel deposits made towards your registration. Contact the Christy in the Youth Ministry Office with any questions.

## How will we travel and where will our accommodations be?

We will have a chartered bus. Our home base will be at Holy Family Catholic High School, Victoria, MN 55386

## Will there be time for sightseeing?

Yes, we will have *limited* sightseeing while traveling to and from the destination. Details TBA at a MT meeting.

## How much will my out of pocket costs be?

Each person pays a total of **\$275.00** plus spending money while traveling. Fundraising money will be available to those who work the Fish Fries and will be applied after payment in full. Participant must work the Fish Fries or pay total cost of trip. **Ask friends and family to help** so we can have a successful fundraiser. **Financial Aid:** Contact Christy Gruenbaum to discuss any financial challenges. Please do not let a financial reason be the *only* reason your son or daughter does not participate. Financial aid consideration must be planned in advance. **Information is strictly confidential.** Call Christy at 816.251.1107

## How much will this trip cost overall?

These costs are **ROUGH ESTIMATES** per person. We have not yet finalized all costs. Each person has the opportunity to earn a substantial amount towards his/her trip by working the Fish Fries. We will continue to pursue the lowest possible costs and will be good stewards of any fundraising dollars raised.

Transportation (per person)	\$ 335.00 (estimate)
CHWK Registration	\$ 380.00
Accommodations while traveling	\$ 20.00
Meals & snacks, 1 sight-seeing activity	\$ 20.00
Team T-Shirt	<u>\$ 12.00</u>
	\$ 767.00 per person (rough estimate)

# Service Mission Trip 2019 Application

**Catholic Heart Workcamp – Twin Cities, MN - July 20-28\*, 2019**

Contact Information	Please fill out ALL boxes completely!		
Participant Legal Name (for travel purposes)	First	Last	
Name you'd like to go by	First	Last	
Participant Address	Street	City , State, Zip	
Participant Cell Phone #	Permission to text? YES NO		
Participant Birthdate	School 2018-19		Grade 2018-19
Participant Email			
Parent 1 Name		Parent 1 Cell Phone #	
Parent 1 Email			
Parent 2 Name	Parent 2 Cell Phone #		
Parent 2 Email			
Social Media Contract	I have submitted _____(initial) <i>You must have your social media contract on file. We mainly use GroupMe App &amp; Instagram-OLPYM</i>		
Participant T-Shirt Size	Please Circle One: Small Med Large XL 2X 3X		
A Personal Character Reference	Name	Phone Number	

## Mission Trip Team Interview – Why should you be chosen for this team?

Answer the following questions to help our committee choose the best team possible; selection to go on our mission trip is a privilege. Those selected will have modeled good behavior, have a good work ethic and be trustworthy. You may use the back of this paper OR you may type your answers and staple it to your application. Write your name at the top.

- ◇ Tell us about who you are and why you would like to serve on the mission trip team.
- ◇ Why should you be selected for the team? What gifts or talents do you bring to the team and to those we'll serve?
- ◇ How have you participated within our parish during the past year? Please list any activities you've participated in or leadership roles you have been a part of. (Examples might include youth community, peer minister, Eucharistic Minister, musician, singer, greeter, any parish committees, Third Sundays, youth group, service projects, NCCY, etc.)
- ◇ We need your commitment to helping with the fundraiser Fish Fries. You will need to make the team meetings before the MT a priority in your schedule. What potential conflicts do you see? Are you willing to work a make-up fundraiser if needed?
- ◇ Describe any previous mission trip or service experience.
- ◇ The most important reason I should be on this mission trip team is....

**Fully completed MT Application and DEPOSIT is due to the Youth Ministry Office by February 22, 2019.**

*Incomplete applications will not be accepted.* A \$75.00 deposit is **required** with your application. Criteria for selection on the team includes but is not limited to year-round parish participation, maturity, leadership, reputation of trustworthy behavior and a desire to serve. Mission Trip Team will be notified of selection and expected to attend a meeting WITH A PARENT on **Wednesday, Feb.27, 7:30-8:15pm.** \*Dates and times subject to change.

-This page blank for Mission Trip Team Interview Question Responses-

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**2019 Mission Trip Team Participant & Family Agreement**

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**Payment Schedule**

Payment schedule reflects estimate of trip costs. Out-of-pocket costs for each teen will be \$275.00\*. Amounts will be adjusted as necessary. You are responsible for making your payments on time.

Payment	Date Due	Amount
Payment #1 -Deposit	February 22	\$ 75.00
Payment #2	March 31	\$ 100.00
Payment #3	April 30	\$ 100.00
Fish Fry Fundraiser applied	May 15	Fish Fry Funding applied <i>if applicable</i>
Payment #5	June 15	Any remaining balance due
<b>Your Out of Pocket Total</b>		<b>\$275.00</b>
Total Cost of Trip per person (estimate)	(includes meals during work week, transportation and accommodations)	\$767.00

**Application Agreement for Teen Participant**

I fully understand the possible expenses of this trip. I commit to participating in all aspects including the planning, team meetings, fundraising, service and sharing of our experience after. I understand that in order to be selected for this team, I agree to adhere to the rules set forth and will represent this faith community in a positive and Christian way while participating in all aspects.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Agreement for Parent/Guardian**

I understand the expenses of this trip. I support my child in his/her commitment to all aspects of the mission trip. I understand that my son/daughter is to adhere to all rules & expectations set forth by OLP and if she/he fails to do so will be removed from the team at our family expense including any travel costs incurred and any and all fundraising dollars from OLP will be paid back to the parish by the family immediately upon return.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete Diocese Social Media Policy on back and return

**Please RETURN this copy  
with your application.**

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The Diocese of  
Kansas City - St. Joseph

Parental or Guardian  
Permission for  
Direct Contact with Minors

**Diocesan Social Media Policy**

This form allows you to identify who may communicate with your minor children and by what means.

Parents and guardians will be copied into all written or text-based communications except those that occur on an official social networking site or online community administered and maintained by the ministry, parish, or school pursuant to the terms of diocesan policy and approved by parents or guardians on this form.

➤ **Diocesan Ministry, Organization, Parish or School Completes**

**(Ministry / Parish / School / Organization) communicates via:**

(This section must be completed by diocesan ministry, organization, parish or school.)

◇ **cellular number** *Youth Ministry Office does NOT have a cell phone at this time.*

◇ **email address** [cgruenbaum@olpls.org](mailto:cgruenbaum@olpls.org) &/OR [pfoster@olpls.org](mailto:pfoster@olpls.org)

◇ **social networking site(s)** Facebook – Our Lady of the Presentation Youth Ministry

➤ **Parent or Guardian Completes**

◇ **You MAY NOT contact my children directly. (Sign and return).**

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Name (parent / guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

of minor children \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact with my children is permissible via the following methods:**

◇ phone call / voice message to this telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

◇ SMS / text message to this telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

◇ social networking site sponsored by group named \_\_\_\_\_

◇ email at this address \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Consent for Photos and Recordings**

I hereby grant permission for the student on this registration to be included in the photographs, videos or other recordings made in connection with Youth Ministries and the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City/ St. Joseph for a period of one calendar year.

I have read, understand and agree to the above statement.

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Form will be kept on file in the youth ministry office for a period of three years.*

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