

Dear 8th-12th graders:

Are you currently in the 8th-12th grade? If so, then I want to invite you on the Holy Cross Catholic Church Mission Trip to help make a difference in the lives of children who have been abused, neglected, orphaned, troubled, or poor right here in our own country.

Holy Cross Catholic Church is taking a group of 20 teens and 5 adult chaperones to volunteer at the Alpha Christian Children's Home in Perry Kansas Monday, June 4 – Friday, June 8, 2018. The total cost of the trip is \$300/person.

But with fundraising you have an opportunity to go for only \$50!!

- \$50 deposit to reserve your spot no later than Thursday, November 30
- **(ONLY 20 TEEN SPOTS AVAILABLE SO REGISTER TODAY!!).**
- 5 monthly payments of \$50/month beginning in December
- OR you can earn your monthly payments by working during our fundraising events.

*Adult chaperones pay \$150

- \$50 deposit to reserve adult spot (Fr. Jim Meyer and Jeff Benda are attending, so only 3 other adult spots are available).
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Please take the time to look over the trip itinerary with your family, as well as the fundraising events you can participate in. If you are interested in joining us for this great Mission Trip, then fill out and return the attached ***Mission Trip Registration Form and Contact Information*** AND the ***Code of Conduct*** along with the **\$50 deposit to Jeff Benda at the Holy Cross Catholic Church parish office.** If you or your family has any questions, feel free to contact me.

Visit the Alpha Christian Children's Home website for more information:
www.alphachristianchildrenshome.com/

Yours in Christ,

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2018 Mission Trip to Perry, Kansas Itinerary

Monday, June 4, 2018

7:00 a.m. Arrive at Holy Cross front parking lot to load bus.
7:30 a.m. Bus departs. Same gender seat partners on the bus.
(Everyone should pack snacks, drinks, and a sack lunch for the bus trip)
12noon Stop for Mass in Sioux Falls followed by lunch on bus
5:30 p.m. Stop for Dinner
7:30 p.m. Arrive at hotel

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

7:00 a.m. Wake up calls
7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Hotel
8:15 a.m. Load bus at Hotel.
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Work at Alpha Christian Children's Home in Perry, Kansas. Lunch on site.
3:30 p.m. Return to hotel to shower.
5:00 p.m. Mass at hotel
6:00 p.m. Dinner and fun activity
8:00 p.m. Arrive back at hotel. Swimming Pool until 9:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m. Night prayer followed by room checks at 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

7:00 a.m. Wake up calls
7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Hotel
8:15 a.m. Load bus at Hotel.
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Work at Alpha Christian Children's Home in Perry, Kansas. Lunch on site.
3:30 p.m. Return to hotel to shower.
5:00 p.m. Mass at hotel
6:00 p.m. Dinner and fun activity
8:00 p.m. Arrive back at hotel. Swimming Pool until 9:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m. Night prayer followed by room checks at 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 7, 2018

7:00 a.m. Wake up calls
7:00 – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast at Hotel and pack to leave hotel. Room inspections by chaperones
8:30 a.m. Load bus at Hotel.
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Work at Alpha Christian Children's Home in Perry, Kansas. Lunch on site.
5:00 p.m. Mass followed by dinner on bus.
7:00 p.m. Arrive at hotel for overnight stay in Omaha, NE.
9:30 p.m. Night prayer followed by room checks at 10:00 p.m.

Friday, June 8, 2018

8:00 a.m. Mass at hotel
7:00 a.m. Wake up calls
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast at Hotel and pack to leave hotel. Room inspections by chaperones.
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Spend day at Fun-Plex Rides & WaterPark in Omaha, Nebraska
5:30 p.m. Dinner stop at McDonalds in Sioux City
10:30 p.m. Arrive back home at Holy Cross Catholic Church

Mission Trip Cost Per Person:

Bus Transportation	\$25
4 nights Hotel (4 students in each student room/2 adults in each adult room)	\$150
Food/Water/Snacks	\$125
TOTAL:	\$300

Payment Schedule & Fundraising

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YOUR SPOT BEFORE IT'S FULL!**

Fundraising Events

Please note, that friends & family can participate in any of the following fundraising events and donate their time to you in order to help you raise money.

- **Letters to family/friends to sponsor you**
Each student is asked to write a letter (sample letter supplied by Jeff Benda once you are signed up) to 5 different friends/family members asking each of them to donate \$50 to help you go on the trip.
- **Breakfast (Sunday, November 19, 2017)**
Each student/chaperone can earn \$\$ by working at minimum of 3 hours anytime from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Breakfast.
- **Making Items for Holiday Vendor Fair (Tuesday, Nov. 28 – Friday, Dec. 1)**
Each student/chaperone can earn \$\$ by helping make either Caramel Corn or Chocolate Covered Potato Chips in the Holy Cross Church kitchen from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. on any evening Tuesday, November 28 through Friday, December 1.
- **Selling Butter Braids and Puffins**
Each student can earn \$\$ by selling these great pastries to parishioners, friends, and family for a profit of \$2.75-\$4.75/each.
- **Christmas Cookie Walk (Saturday, December 16, 2017)**
Each student/chaperone can earn \$\$ by making a minimum of 10 dozen Christmas cookies, pieces of fudge, or other candy which must be delivered to Holy Cross before 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 16, 2017.
- **Breakfast (Sunday, December 17, 2017)**
Each student/chaperone can earn \$\$ by working a minimum of 3 hours anytime from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Breakfast.
- **Breakfast (Sunday, January 28, 2018)**
Each student/chaperone can earn \$\$ by working a minimum of 3 hours anytime from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Breakfast.
- **Breakfast (Sunday, March 25, 2018)**
Each student/chaperone can earn \$\$ by working a minimum of 3 hours anytime from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Breakfast.
- **Rummage Sale (Friday, April 20 & Saturday, April 21, 2018)**
Each student/chaperone can earn \$\$ by working at the Rummage Sale.
- **Breakfast (Sunday, April 22, 2018)**
Each student/chaperone can earn \$\$ by working a minimum of 3 hours anytime from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Breakfast.

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Mission Trip Registration Form & Contact Information

The purpose of this form is to collect information that will help us contact you and as we make arrangements for the Mission trip to Perry, Kansas. Please print all information legibly and sign the bottom.

First & Last Name _____ Birthday _____

Home Phone _____ (Cell or other) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email _____

School _____ Grade in 2017-2018 _____

Check here if a copy of all correspondence should go to the parents.

Complete the following information for the parents or guardian of the student participant.

Parent's / Guardian Name _____

Parent's Address _____ (if different than the student)

Father's Phone (Day) _____ Mother's Phone (Day) _____

The following are special circumstances regarding the student that you should be aware of:

If under 18 the parents/guardian must read and sign this form.

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the Holy Cross Catholic Church Trip to Perry, Kansas. We have read the information letter and understand the responsibility of our family participating in the fundraising events leading up to the trip. We also understand that if it is deemed necessary by the group leader to send my son/daughter home early for breaking the Contract of Behavior, we will be liable for the expenses incurred. We the undersigned have read this release and understand all its terms and execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____

All students and chaperones must read and sign this portion.

I agree that while attending the event, I will participate in all activities and events scheduled. I will also follow the directions of those in charge, especially my chaperone and will treat them and our hosts with respect. If I choose to break the Contract of Behavior, I understand that I will be liable to a loss of individual freedom during the remainder of the trip and may be sent home at my own and my family's expense.

Participant signature _____ Date _____

Code of Conduct Policy for Youth and Adults Attending Mission Trip to Perry, Kansas

Preface: The intention of this Code of Conduct is to propel the youth and adults of our parish to be “imitators of God as beloved children and walk in love” by conforming their thoughts, words and actions to the “mind...which is yours in Christ Jesus,” and by following his example. (CCC 1694)

It is meant to ensure a safe, healthy and moral environment for youth and adults. This Code is a reminder that we are all created with dignity in the image and likeness of God. (Gen. 1:26-28).

The content of this Code is inspired by the Holy Father’s message, Jesus’ “great commandment” (Matt 22:3640) of love, and the God given dignity of each person. This Code is one of Christian kindness, respect, hospitality, and care, which will provide an ability to defeat mediocrity and conformity. This Code also reflects Christian stewardship and our proper duty and respect towards places and things.

Responsibility Toward God

By using God’s name and the name of Jesus Christ only with respect, and never in careless, abusive or an angry manner. By respectfully participating in prayer and worship. By faithfully representing the teachings of the Catholic Church with integrity in word and action By showing respect to the Creator by taking care of God’s creation.

Responsibility Toward Self

By being mindful that God created each of us in His image and likeness participants will act accordingly; by being truthful, understanding, open-minded, gracious, reliable and respectful; by upholding and supporting God’s plan for sexual relations; by promoting chastity in dress, speech and action; by respecting human life in the following ways: Not using alcohol, tobacco and /or any other illegal drugs. Not using profanities; not possessing weapons; not acting in a disruptive manner; by not being silent and reporting immediately to a responsible adult anytime I feel unsafe.

Responsibility Toward Others

By respecting the role of adult leaders and administrators and established guidelines. Participants will not: Use physical aggression and/or harm; Use language that insults, bullies, intimidates, humiliates; Isolate or exclude others; Threaten or use behavior that leads others into disobedience, disrespect for others, or illegal behavior; Engage in inappropriate sexual behavior; Steal; Disrespect the property of others; Gossip, slander or use malicious speech or jokes; Use sexual language or jokes that demean God’s gift of sexuality or demean the dignity of another; Cheat; Make restitution for any damages they cause.

I have read the above Code of Conduct and agree to support and abide by it.

Youth or Adult Chaperone: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature if student under 18: _____ Date: _____