

Teen Pledge of Commitment

- I understand that I am required to attend ALL Mission Trip meetings (see attached dates) because they will help prepare me spiritually, build community, guide me, and enrich my awareness of social justice.
- I understand that Mission Trips are based upon the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, treating others with dignity and respect and sharing the gifts and talents God has given me.
- As a Catholic-based program weekly church attendance is a vital component to the spiritual development of those committed to Christian service. I will find at least one hour a week to nourish myself with the celebration of Holy Eucharist.
- I will commit myself to the work ethic of physical service when called upon.
- I will obey all program and site rules as they are given to me. This includes respecting all Mission Trip adult leaders. Safety for my group and myself will be my number one concern.
- I will support the fundraisers and work hard to reach expected goals. I will be asked to raise the amount necessary to pay program costs through various fundraisers. The total cost of the trip is due by June 1st, 2010. (The cost of the trip varies based on destination and number of participants.) There is a \$300 registration fee which covers administrative expenses and trip reservations. If not raised through fundraising, **\$100 installments of this fee are due at the time of registration, February 1 and April 1. (Family discount 2 teen participants - \$550 total family contribution; 3 teen participants - \$750 total family contribution)**
- If I decide to leave the Mission Trip program or I am asked to leave due to lack of meeting attendance, I am responsible for costs paid on my behalf in the following amounts: \$100 after November 15, \$200 after March 1st, 2010 and \$300 after May 1st, 2010. Any additional monies raised towards Mission Trip that exceeds these amounts are non-transferable and non-refundable, and are applied towards general program costs.
- I understand and agree to adhere to the following:

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs:

The use of alcohol, illegal drugs and other intoxicants is strictly forbidden by all parishes participating in these Mission Trips. Persons showing evidence of having or using, or associating themselves in proximity to such illegal substances should expect the following to occur:

1. Bags may be checked or pockets asked to be emptied for the adult in charge.
2. Local law enforcement will be contacted.
3. Parent(s) will be contacted and asked to pick up the student at the family's expense.
4. If information is incomplete at the time of the church activity the student and parent will be expected to cooperate with Catholic Formation Staff in an inquiry.
5. The appropriate school contact will be made.
6. A public note of apology to fellow participants, including church staff and adult leaders, as well as service hours to the church will be required.

Tobacco Use:

Catholic Formation intends to uphold the state statute regarding smoking:

"It is illegal for persons under the age of 18 to possess any cigarette or tobacco product."

Wisconsin Act 95, Section 1.48.983 (2)(c) We will respect this policy even when traveling out of state!

Damage:

As guests at any church, Catholic Formation event, or service site students may be held financially responsible for any damage to the building or property. Buildings will be checked for damage before our arrival and after our departure. If there is any problem noticed upon arrival, it should be reported immediately. Extra charges may be applied for any excess clean up. If damage occurs and no one admits to it charges will be issued to those present.

In addition, our parishes reserve the right to dismiss any participant who shows disrespect, negativity, rudeness, or other disruptive and uncooperative behavior that impairs the event's spiritual and prayerful atmosphere and purpose.

I understand that I represent all of the members of my parish. Any misconduct could jeopardize the health, safety, and spirit of the faith community, program, and its participants. I acknowledge that both my parent(s) and I have read, discussed and understand these specific Christian Formation Outreach guidelines and that I am committing myself to a year of healthy, safe, respectful, and loving Christian service.

When you have read and agreed to this document with your parents, please sign the registration form.

Holy Rosary Parish
Our Lady of the Lakes Parish
St. Mary Parish – Lake Church
St. Mary Parish – Port Washington
St. Peter of Alcantara Parish
Immaculate Conception Parish