



# Holy Cross Catholic Church

Mission Trek 2012  
Information Meeting  
October 25, 2010



# Agenda

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# Mission Trek Vision and Mission

## Mission

Answering God's call to minister to the poor, the high school youth of Holy Cross Catholic Church actively engage with those in need, and live out their faith that allows God's love and mercy to be revealed to all.

## Vision

*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me (Matt 25:40)*

The High School youth at Holy Cross Catholic Church are answering the call to live their faith as an extension of the "community that serves". We are living God's mercy and grace through a wide variety of service opportunities – food drives, community garden, Lenten meals, weekend service projects, etc. The power of God works through the youth to help those in need within our local community. To extend the reach of God's call beyond the local community, the Holy Cross community supports the high school youth summer mission trek. The summer trek takes our youth out of their comfortable and familiar environment and immerses them into a community unlike anything they have ever known. This provides an opportunity for tremendous personal growth through God's grace and love and is a gift that will last a life time.



# Mission Trek History

## 2006 - First Mission Trek - Bay St Louis

Mississippi - Hurricane Katrina recovery

11 youth (4 had previous mission trip experience)

- Worked through volunteer coordinator at local parish
- Developed our own evening program
- First Dinner/Auction – with 150 guests



## 2007 - Crow Reservation Montana

15 youth (4 returning and 11 new)

- Worked through YouthWorks
- Stayed at host parishes as we traveled
- Dinner Auction – 140 guests





# Mission Trek History

## 2008 - Martin South Dakota - Native American Reservation

13 youth (8 returning and 5 new)

- Worked through YouthWorks
- Stayed at host parishes as we traveled
- Dinner Auction – Moved to larger location to accommodate demand – 200 guests



## 2009- San Diego - Urban and rural

14 youth (9 returning and 5 new)

- Worked with local agencies
- Developed our own program
- Flew down and stayed at host parishes as we traveled
- Dinner Auction – 220 guests





# Mission Trek History

## 2010 - San Francisco - Urban

20 youth (10 returning and 10 new)

- Worked through Young Neighbors in Action Catholic Social Teaching) a
- Stayed at host parishes as we traveled
- Dinner Auction - 190 guests



## 2011 –Tijuana Mexico- International

21 youth (8 returning and 13 new)

- Worked with Esperanza International building homes international social justice
- Flew to central California and drove
- Dinner Auction - 185 guests





# MT2012

# Esperanza International

July 13 – 22, 2012



Esperanza International



# MT2012 – The Basics

- Dates: Friday July 13 through Sunday July 22
- Flying to San Diego, spending Saturday doing local service work and driving to the Esperanza International on Sunday
- Space is limited to 31 total participants.
- Open to current 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders
- Registration fee: \$125 per person



# MT2012 – What's different?

- Travel – Fly to San Diego
- Increased focus on spirituality and reflection – evening program
- Registration Fee can be paid in 3 installments



# MT2012 – Youth Expectations

**Youth participating in the Mission Trek represent Holy Cross and the entire Catholic community**

Expectations of participating Youth (and parents):

- ▶ Participate in local service projects scheduled through the fall, winter and spring
- ▶ Youth and parents actively participate in the Annual Dinner auction:
  - Ticket sales, auction donations, set up, serving, and clean up on at the auction
  - Quilt Construction
- ▶ Other fund raisers
- ▶ Participate in other parish activities
  - Lenten Dinners
  - Spring HS Retreat

High School youth can collect Service hours for the Mission Trek, which count towards HS graduation requirements:



# MT2012 – Adult Leaders

The role of Adult Leaders is to actively support the youth in their mission trek experience.

- ▶ Participate in planning activities including local service projects, dinner auction and spring retreat
  
- ▶ Attend leader and youth/parent planning meetings
  
- ▶ During the trip provide mentorship and guidance for the youth
  - Ensure each youth is engaged, participating and living the experience
  - Participate in daily leader meetings during the trip
  - Lead small group discussion during evening sessions
  - Serve as drivers of the mini-vans during the trip

Adult leaders are not there to be their child's parent.



# MT2012 – Adult Leaders

- ▶ All Adult Leaders must have completed Safe Environment training and have a current WSP background check on file
  - Next Safe Environment Class at Holy Cross – Nov 10
  
- ▶ Archdiocese rules require we maintain a ratio of 1 adult for every 7 youth, by gender.
  
- ▶ We may have more adult leader volunteers than space available
  - Interested adult leaders will be asked to complete a survey which will be used in the selection process if needed.



# MT2012 – International Travel

International travel adds a few additional requirements of all participants:

## ▶ Border Documentation

- Each participant must have either a Passport, Passport Card of Washington Enhanced Drivers License or ID
- Border crossing authorization form (notarized)

## ▶ Medical Insurance

- Each participant is required to have medical coverage for the trip
  - Evidence of coverage will be required with registration forms
- Short term coverage for Mexico is available for \$3- \$5 per day when in country.

More information and links are provided in the information packet



# MT2012 – Key Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday, Oct 25	Information Meeting Registration forms available
Sunday, Nov 20	Registration forms Due First Payment Due (\$50.00)
Sunday Jan 15	Commitment Sunday* Registration fees due Second Payment Due (\$50.00)
Sunday Feb 12	Final Payment due (\$25.00)
Friday July 13	Friday am Mass Departure
Sunday July 22	Sunday July 22

\* Cancellation after this date will require additional payment or identification of a replacement attendee



# MT2012 – Preliminary Budget

Item	Per Person Cost
Airfare	\$ 370
Ground Transportation (van rental, gas, insurance)	\$ 175
Program Fee	\$ 200
Lodging at Esperanza	\$ 90
Food	\$ 175
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,010</b>
Registration Fee	\$ 125 *
<b>Funding Need</b>	<b>\$ 885</b>

\* Need based scholarships available



# MT2012 – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Auction

The primary fundraiser for the Mission Trek

Mothers Day Weekend – May 12

- ▶ All youth and parents are required to participate
  
- ▶ Opportunities to assist with:
  - Securing donations
  - Kitchen help
  - Quilt making
  - Ticket sales
  - Set up
  - Desert dash



# MT2012

Q&A