



## Mission Trip 2012

St. Louise, St. Valentine, and St. Bernard Youth Ministries

### *Mission* **Dates**

- June 24-29, 2012
- Sunday evening through Friday afternoon
- First deposit (\$100) due with registration as soon as possible
- Space is limited and is first come first serve Balance (if any) of the \$250 fee is due no later than **May 1, 2012**
- Service requirements must be completed by **June 19th**

### *Mission* **Costs**

- Total cost is \$250
  1. \$100 deposit is due with registration. Space is first come, first serve and will be accepted until mission week fills or May 1, 2012. Checks should be made payable to Pittsburgh Fall Retreat.
  2. Scholarships are available. Please don't let money be the reason you don't go. Talk to Jason!
- Transportation
  - Transportation costs during the course of the week will depend on:
    - Number of participants and the number of drivers
    - Cost of gas and van rental
  - We hope to cover all transportation costs with the initial \$250 fee

## *The* **Work**

- You could be involved in one or more of the following work projects:
  - Renewing hosted
  - Painting
  - Weatherization
  - Yard work
  - Indoor/outdoor clean-up
  - Home maintenance and repair on existing homes
  - Neighborhood revitalization
  - Helping with children at daycare centers/boys and girls clubs for low income families
  - Helping at centers that distribute food to the needy
  - Restoring hope to those who have none
  - Basic construction
  - Homeless shelters
  - And maybe more...
- You may choose your desired work, but will be asked to joyfully accept whatever assignment that you are given
- Each team will have one or two adults and have an equal male to female ratio

## *The* **Play/Pray**

- There is more to this trip than just work, work, work.
- Each day we will have Mass, prayer, and youth group activities.
- You will have free time each day to swim, play games, enjoy the open gym, hang out with all your new friends, nap, or do nothing.
- On Friday we will travel as a group for a day of fun & games. Stay tuned for more details!
- Gilmary Center will be our home base. Each day we will travel with our work teams to our work sites.

## *The* **requirements**

- Teens
  1. Life Nights/Youth group activities: Life Nights and youth group activities will be listed on our website, emailed to you, and are on our semester mailing. You are asked to attend 3 Life Nights/activities. It's important that we all know each other. This is an amazing week and knowing the group makes it an even better experience!
  2. Service days: 2 "days" of service must be completed one week before trip date.
    - a. A service day must be at least 4 hours of work or more.
    - b. One of the 2 days may be fulfilled with a regular service to the church, i.e. altar server, lector, choir, fish fry, etc
    - c. You may also participate in the service projects that the youth group will be participating in this semester.
- Parents
  - Help your teen fulfill all requirements
  - Volunteer to join us for the week...we will need drivers and help, both skilled and amateur!
- Why?
  - Attending Life Nights and other activities gives the teens the opportunity to get to know others that will be going on the trip, and go deeper in their faith in order to be prepared for this service experience.
  - Service is not something we do just once a year, it is a way of life. Teens will be expected to work hard and be self motivated. Practicing this way of life will help prepare the teens for the trip as well.