

**St. Joseph of the Lakes
Middle-School Mission Contract
Summer 2012**

This contract was developed to assure that youth choosing to participate on the mission trip are truly committed. There are two reasons this is important: First, after a certain date, there are non-refundable expenses that the church assumes. To be good stewards to our congregation, we do not want the church to pay for a spot on a trip that goes unused. The second reason is that preparing for a mission trip – fundraising, team-building, activities, and bible studies – happens for the six months prior to the trip. All participants count on each other to help prepare to be good stewards.

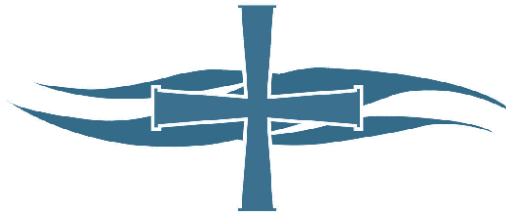
Expectations for participating in this mission trip:

- Participants will help in fundraising for the financial common good of the whole group and for the fun of participating. For some fundraisers, St. Joe's middle school and high school mission groups also work in cooperation.
- There are several group preparedness gatherings/events for the combined group to get to know each other and prepare for the trip. Participants will commit to being at those activities, with absences being discussed prior to the event with the church youth mission leader. Dates for these gatherings, January-June, will be determined well in advance and communicated to all participants.
- Sign-up is a first-come, first-serve basis and is complete with this contract fully completed, signed and the deposit (\$125) attached. The second payment will be due in February. If more convenient, the deposit and any payments may be made together (i.e. with one or two checks, rather than in three installments).
- All participants who are signed up for the mission trip or who are on the waiting list must pay the same deposit (\$125). If an opening occurs, the first person on the waiting list will be contacted. If they agree to the terms of the contract, they will be put on the regular list. If not, they will be refunded their money and the second person on the waiting list will be contacted, etc.
- If, after January 1, 2012, a participant is dropped from the mission trip or chooses to drop out of the trip, he/she will be refunded any money paid **MINUS** the deposit. If another participant takes their place, they will then be refunded the amount of their deposit as well.
- Participants on the waiting list who do not get put on the regular list will receive a full refund of their deposit. Participants on the waiting list can withdraw any time and receive a full refund of their deposit. Once they are put on a regular list, the terms of this contract applies.
- Payments are to be made according to the payment schedule for the trip. Trip must be paid in full before the participant is allowed to go. Payment #3 will decrease based on the amount of fundraising dollars that are credited.

Payment Schedule

| | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Date Due</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Payment #1 (Deposit) | \$125.00 | December 1, 2011 |
| Payment #2 | \$225.00 | March 1, 2012 |
| Payment #3 | Estimated: \$150-200 | June 1, 2012 |
| Minus Fundraising | | |

Total Cost: \$500-550 minus fundraising. Most students are credited \$50-\$100 depending upon their participation and the fundraising events.



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Participant's Name

Address, City, State and Zip

Birth Date

Age

Grade

Sex

Parent/Guardian Name(s)

Home Phone #

Work/Cell Phone #

Email – parent/guardian

Email – youth

For some fundraising events, transportation is provided by parents and other adult drivers. My child has my permission to be transported on these occasions.

To participate in the above activity I warrant that my child is in good health. In consideration of my child's participation, I agree to indemnify the parish and the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis from any claims or law suits brought by myself, my child or others that arises out of any behavior by my child at the event/activity described above. I also agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees or expenses incurred by the parish and Archdiocese in defense of such a claim/law suit.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical treatment.

Medication my child is taking at present: _____

Health condition I'd like you to be aware of: _____

We (parents and students) have read and understand the rules and payment schedule regarding the Mission Trip. We agree to these terms for

- Payment
- Fundraising
- Team-building attendance

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Participant signature

Date

Note: There will be a more complete medical form and covenant form to complete prior to the mission trip itself.