



St. Francis de Sales Parish  
Mission Trip Application  
Chicago, IL  
July 21-28, 2018

Open to all students who will be in grade 8 -12 grade

Dear Parents and Youth,

I am looking forward to the possibility of your participation in our 2018 mission trip to Chicago, IL it is my sincere prayer that God will guide you as you prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve God and the people of Chicago. Mission trips change lives and are a vital component of our youth ministry here at St. Francis de Sales. This trip is designed for us to grow in understanding of service AND justice, to have fun, to live out our faith as disciples, and most importantly, to have an encounter with God.

We will travel in 7-passenger van, and will take at least 4 vans. There are currently 20 guaranteed spots for students to attend the mission trip and there will be a minimum of 6 to 8 adult leaders attending.

This year we will be filling the spot based on question the participant answers on the application and participants participation with the parish. To consider your application it must be completed by the participant and turn in to the parish office before June 22nd, 2018, with a deposit of \$50 to the parish office.

St. Francis has team up with The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels who needs our help, we will engage in service and justice projects. Lodging will be determined soon.

MISSION TRIP FEE: Total Cost of the trip is \$150 minus the \$50 deposit due when the application is turned in. (non-refundable) when the application has been accepted, balance should be paid before July 13, 2018. Please make checks payable to St. Francis de Sales.

You will have an opportunity to make a difference in your life, the lives of those you work with, and the lives of the people you will serve.

While in Chicago we will be leading a Bible Camp for young children and participate in community activities with the Franciscan sisters of the Eucharist in Chicago. Even though we will be working hard and will spend most of the time serving others, we will be having a lot of fun as well. We laugh a lot as we go about our missions. Each evening there are activities, games and worship and the week will also include at least one "fun" day/night excursion and we will spend time exploring the city too.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Fr. Kyle

This mission trip will offer YOUNG PEOPLE the opportunity to...

- Make a difference by helping others through organized and meaningful service projects
- Travel and visit another city
- Learn more about what it means to be Catholic
- Increase self-esteem and self-worth
- Be part of the solution to poverty, hunger, and injustice
- Deepen your faith through the sacrament of Eucharist, Reconciliation and prayer
- Witness your faith to others
- Re-charge your faith
- Feel fulfilled and satisfied
- Take a more active role in your faith
- Bond with the other youth from St. Francis de Sales
- Have a retreat experience
- Be treated with respect by a sincere and dedicated group of “youth friendly” adult leaders
- Do more than listen to a lecture
- Put your faith into action

To be completed by the participant

### Information Section

Student Info: (please print):

Name/nombre (as it appears in your passport or government issued ID)

Address/dirección \_\_\_\_\_

City/ciudad \_\_\_\_\_ State/estado \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/código postal \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(home)/teléfono(de casa) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone/teléfono celular \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth/fecha de nacimiento \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  F  M

Current Grade/grado \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Info:

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name/nombre(s):

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Parent E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone/teléfono celular: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone/ teléfono de trabajo: \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant, read through these questions you have three ways to submit your answers:**

- 1. Type the answer on a separate sheet of paper and turn it in with the application**
- 2. Email your answers to [fathformation@stfrancisholland.org](mailto:fathformation@stfrancisholland.org) Participant you also have to turn in the application t the office.**
- 3. Go to the website and fill out the questions online and submit them. Participant you also have to turn in the application t the office.**

1. Why are you interested in participating in this mission trip?
2. What are your expectations for this trip experience?
3. What areas are you hoping to grow?
4. What are some of the gifts you feel you would bring to this group experience?
5. Have you attended any other mission trips? If yes please explain.
6. Have you travel outside of Holland, MI? Please list any previous travel experience.
7. What are your skills, interests, or hobbies (such as photography, writing, speaking, etc.) that might be useful on the trip or in the interpretation experience after the trip?
8. Do you have allergies? Yes No (If yes, please explain)
9. Dietary restrictions? Yes No (If yes, please explain)
10. "FUN" EXCURSION IDEAS: This is your opportunity to share any ideas of things that you might like to do in Chicago as part of our "fun" excursion(s) during the trip. Places to go, activities to do, things to see are the types of ideas we are interested in. PLEASE NOTE: we do not guarantee your ideas will happen, but we are interested in your thoughts and desires during our planning.

Participant:

By signing this application, I (the participant) understand that I am (and my parents) responsible for my deposit and inevitably the full cost of my trip. I promise to actively participate in all fundraising events.

I also understand that preparation for this trip is crucial and promise to attend any mission trip meetings, fundraisers, etc. and fulfill all of the requirements for participation. If I fail to meet these requirements, I understand that I may be asked to give my spot to another participant who can cover the requirements.

Finally, I agree to participate fully in the mission trip regardless of what obstacles we may encounter. I understand that mission work is hard and I promise to give of my whole self, allowing Christ to work through me. I understand that housing may be cramped and uncomfortable, that the environment may be extreme and unforgiving, and food may be different and limited, and I fully welcome these challenges and opportunities.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Parents:

By signing this application, I (the parent) understand that my family is responsible in supporting my child monetarily, physically, spiritually and mentally. I promise to help the participant in raising the funds and participating in the mission trip meetings to the best of my ability. I promise to assist with fundraisers as much as I can.

I promise to help keep track of times and dates to ensure that my child is on time to meetings and events. I will do everything in my power to keep the leadership of the trip apprised of any conflicts or issues. I understand that my child maybe asked to give up their spot on the trip if we fail to meet the minimum requirements.

Finally, I understand that my participation and encouragement is vital to the overall group mentality. I agree to support my child and the mission trip group in this mission trip in every way that I can.

Parent Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Para los padres:

Al firmar esta solicitud yo (el padre) entiendo que mi familia es responsable de apoyar a mi hijo monetariamente, física, espiritual y mentalmente. Me comprometo a ayudar al participante en el aumento de los fondos y la participación en las reuniones viaje misionero a lo mejor de mi capacidad. Me comprometo a ayudar con la recaudación de fondos tanto como me sea posible.

Me comprometo a ayudar a mantener un registro de las fechas y horarios para asegurar que mi hijo llegue a tiempo a las reuniones y eventos. Haré todo lo que esté a mi alcance para mantener el liderazgo del viaje de tasación de los conflictos o problemas. Yo entiendo que mi hijo pidió quizá a renunciar a su puesto en el viaje si no somos capaces de cumplir con los requisitos mínimos.

Finalmente, entiendo que mi participación y estímulo es vital para la mentalidad del grupo en general. Estoy de acuerdo en apoyar a mi hijo y el grupo de viaje de misión en esta misión viaje en todos los sentidos que pueda.

Firma del padre(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application to the parish office.  
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Holland, MI 49423