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Mission Eucharistic Life

Junior High

June 4-9, 2023, at Brescia University

Program Details

Mission: Eucharistic Life Junior High is a week-long mission experience for Jr. High School Youth (current 6th-8th grade). This mission week is hosted at Brescia University and serves at locations in Owensboro and 30 minutes in all directions of Owensboro.

The program will consist of four full days of service, opportunities for prayer and reflection, an introduction into Catholic Social Teaching, and fun and fellowship with youth from across the diocese.

You register as a parish group and are assigned work projects and given opportunities for reflection and planning as a parish group.

Cost

The total cost for each participant (including adults) is **\$250**. This fee covers lodging, food, construction/work materials, participant t-shirt, water bottle, and program costs. A \$50 deposit is required per participant upon registration to hold your spot. We are limiting the size of this mission experience to **50 total participants**. Currently, we are asking that groups not exceed 18 participants (15 youth, 3 adults) so that more parishes are able to participate. It might be possible to add more people if we are not full.

Accommodations

All participants (including adults) will sleep in dorm rooms at Brescia University. Most all participants will be in double occupancy rooms with a roommate. There will be specific male and female sleeping areas. Participants are advised to bring pillows, linens/sleeping bags and towels for personal use. Showers are available on-site. We are asking all participants to fully engage in the week and not travel home at night. There will be security guards walking the grounds and dorms throughout each night at Brescia.

Facility Arrival and Departure

Plan to arrive at Brescia between 2-3PM on Sunday, June 4. The program will end on Friday, June 9 following mass. The address for Brescia is 717 Frederica St, Owensboro, KY 42301.

Group Registration

We believe the best experience of this mission trip is done with a Parish Group. Parish Groups register together by filling out the parish registration form. A parish group will need 1 adult for every 5 youth with a minimum of 2 adults from each parish. If the youth are made up of male and female participants, the adults will need to be male and female. Parish groups typically will be assigned to work projects in groups of 4 to 6 with 1 adult leader. A parish group could be as small as 2 adults and 2 youth. Parish groups are assigned to work projects together. **Parish Group Registration begins October 3, 2022, and continues until April 3, 2023, or once we are full.** Participant forms and t-shirt sizes are due by April 3, 2023.

If you have a participant who is interested in attending and can't get a parish group together, please reach out to the Office of Youth Ministry and we'll try to accommodate these situations by finding another parish group for that participant.

Oct.3, 2022 Group Registration begins	April 3, 2023 Participant forms, parish work group lists, and t-shirt sizes are due
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Tentative Daily Schedule

Sunday, June 4

12:00PM - Team set up
2:00PM-3:00PM – Group Arrival and set up
3:45PM – Group Leader Meeting
5:00PM – Dinner
6:00PM – Introduction to the experience and Ice breakers
7:00PM – Nightly Programming
7:45PM – Individual reflection and journaling
8:00PM – Parish/Small Group Reflection
8:15PM – Night Prayer
8:30PM – Snack and recreation
10:00PM – Lights out

Monday, June 5-Thursday, June 8

6:45AM – Rosary (optional)
7:00AM - Wake up
7:30AM – Morning Prayer, Breakfast, and Lunch making
8:30AM – Leave for work sites
12:00PM – Lunch break at work sites
3:00PM-4:00PM – Return from worksites
4:00PM – Recreation and showers open
6:00PM – Dinner
7:00PM – Nightly Programming
7:30PM – Individual reflection and journaling
7:45PM – Parish/Small Group reflection
8:15PM – Night Prayer
8:30PM – Snack and recreation
10:00PM – Lights out

Friday, June 9

8:00AM – Wake up
8:30AM – Breakfast
9:00AM – Facility Clean up and packing
10:30AM – Closing Reflections
11:00AM – Closing Mass with Bishop Medley
12:00PM - Dismissal

Faith Experiences

On Sunday Night through Thursday Night, we will have special nightly faith experiences. These experiences are focused on helping the young people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, develop a servant's heart, grow in knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching, and discern ways to be of service in their local community after the mission experience concludes. Each night will include Nightly programming, individual reflection and journaling, parish/small group reflection, and night prayer.

In addition, an optional experience of the rosary will be available each morning and we will have a closing Mass Friday with Bishop William Medley. It is possible that mass will be available at other times throughout the week as well.

Group Expectations

Ratio: A parish group will need 1 adult for every 5 youth with a minimum of 2 adults from each parish. If the youth are made up of male and female participants, the adults will need to be male and female. Parish groups will be assigned to work projects in groups of 4 to 6 with 1 adult leader (typically no more than 7 total people at a worksite). A parish group could be as small as 2 adults and 2 youth. Please see https://owensborodiocese.org/wpcontent/uploads/SafeEnvironmentPolicy_2019_English.pdf pages 8-9 for information regarding offsite Adult Chaperones.

Travel: Groups are responsible for their own transportation to and from the program and worksites. Please see the Diocese of Owensboro Safe Environment Policy for transportation guidelines. Please see https://owensborodiocese.org/wpcontent/uploads/SafeEnvironmentPolicy_2019_English.pdf page 9 for information regarding offsite transportation.

Coolers: Each work group will need a water cooler and a cooler to hold their lunches. Water bottles will be provided.

First Aid: We recommend each work group travel with a well-stocked first aid kit. Directions to hospitals will be made available in the case of an emergency. We will also have access to a nurse throughout the experience.

Safe Environment and Forms: Every Adult in a role of supervision will need to be up to date with their Safe Environment Training. Please see https://owensborodiocese.org/wpcontent/uploads/SafeEnvironmentPolicy_2019_English.pdf for information regarding the Safe Environment Policy.

We will need to have Health Forms and Code of Conduct for adults and participants, as well as a liability release form, and each work group leader will want copies to have on hand in the case of emergency.

Participation: Everyone is expected to participate in all of the programs, activities, faith experiences, and mission work. ***We also expect all participants to stay on site at Brescia University.*** Please let us know if you have a special situation or concerns that emerge. There will be regular adult meetings to address any situations.

Fundraising Suggestions

Participant Fee- Charge each participant \$250 to participate in the experience.

Youth Group Fundraisers- There are numerous ways to raise money as a Youth Group. Some suggestions are rummage sales, car washes, breakfasts/dinners, bake sales, etc. These can be great but can also be a time-consuming hassle.

Selling Shares- This is a common way to raise money for missionaries and involves participants selling shares or “stock” in their mission experience. Essentially you are asking family and friends to sponsor your mission experience at \$20 a share. People are welcome to purchase as many shares as they like and for this trip participants would need to sell 12 ½ shares to be fully funded. This is a really easy way to fundraise for missions. Typically, a “shareholder” will receive a thank you card from the participant while on the mission trip and often a breakfast or luncheon after the trip where participants get to share their experiences.

Envelopes- Another way to fund the trip is by having an envelope tree or table located at the church with envelopes labeled with varying amounts of money. This gives people a chance to give what they can whether it is \$5 or \$500 towards the trip. Usually there are as many envelopes available as money needed to fully fund the trip.

Suggested Timeline for Planning

Fall of 2022- Block out these dates and begin talking this up and advertising with the young people at the parish and their families. Families need to know that dates and your plans to attend to better plan for their summer.

Starting Oct. 3, 2022- Make deposits based on how many young people and adults you think might attend or by having them make a commitment. *For a young person to sign up, I would have them pay the \$50 deposit and fundraise the rest of the money.*

Begin planning how your parish or the participants might fundraise for this experience.

January-March 2023- Begin pushing for an actual commitment from participants and make sure you have sent in deposits to the diocese to secure the number of spots you wish to hold. Provide participants with the fundraising plan.

February-March 2023- You have secured spots for the trip and are actively engaged in fundraising efforts with participants. You have young people signing up and committing to the trip. ***After March 1, deposits are transferable, but not refundable.***

April 3, 2023- ***Final payments, participant forms, parish work group lists, and t-shirt sizes are due to the Office of Youth Ministry.***

May-June 2023- Parish Groups are having planning meetings with adults and youth to make sure that everyone is set and ready for the Mission: Eucharistic Life. ***A group leader meeting will occur with leadership from the diocese.***

June 4- Parish Groups and Individual registrants arrive at Brescia University between 2pm and 3pm to settle in for a great week!