

Letter Writing Campaign 2026

- ❑ Start off by personalizing the letter to your relative or family friend.
- ❑ Try to come up with at least 10 or more people to write to.
- ❑ If you do not have many relatives or family acquaintances, look to local businesses (dentists and orthodontists are usually very generous ☺).
- ❑ Tell them what you'll be doing and why.
- ❑ Let them know what the money will be used for.
- ❑ Mention that checks should be made out to **ST. JOHN XXIII**
- ❑ Give them a specific date to have checks mailed back to you. It should be a date within a few weeks of mailing out the letters. You will need to know how much more fund raising you will need to do. (If you don't hear anything, you may want to follow up with an email or text reminder. If you mail the letters by the suggested date of DECEMBER 1, you may want to ask that the donations are sent to you by DECEMBER 15)
- ❑ Make sure to personalize each letter. Don't send out a cookie cutter letter.
- ❑ If you've gone before, write about how the trip affected you, maybe even include pictures. (We have pictures from past years if you have gone multiple years – just ask!)
- ❑ **HAND WRITE** the addresses so they don't think it is junk mail.
- ❑ Enclose a smaller self-addressed stamped envelope to make it easier to mail back to you.
- ❑ They can also donate online and designate that it goes towards you by going to <https://qr.codes/brDv9x> and/or include the QR code that they can scan
- ❑ **Thank them in advance in the letter AND after receiving a donation, follow up with a thank you note.**

Form of your Letter

Paragraph I

Why are you writing this letter

What you will be doing on this trip

Paragraph II

List some facts about the trip: going to Knoxville, TN to help with various service projects in the community through Catholic Heart Work Camp with youth and adults from the parish

List some of what the money pays for: Food, lodging, tools, building supplies, staff, and transportation

List some of the other fund-raising efforts: Stock sales, soup sales, pizza sales, Kringles, cookie sales etc...

Paragraph III

Ask if they would make a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** donation.

Make check payable to **"St. John XXIII"**

Mail check back **TO YOU** by December 15.

Paragraph IV

Thank them in advance

Tell them how their donation will make a difference to you and to the people you help.



**Be sure to sign your letter - Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope
Make sure it is neat and legible - Use stationary or Letterhead if you can.**

Date

Sample Letter 2

Dear _____

The past several years, students from our parish have participated in a very powerful, spiritual event, which impacted their lives forever. They attended Catholic Heart Work Camps located in different areas of the United States. This summer, I have the chance to be part of this life-changing experience in Knoxville, Tennessee.

While at camp we will be helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Some of the projects may include: visiting the elderly and helping to fix up their homes or assisting them at nursing homes, working in orphanages, working at a soup kitchen, doing home repairs, doing work at a local church and school or whatever needs are in the community. At the end of the day, we will come together with other youth from around the United States to participate in an evening program, which includes, prayer, singing, skits and sharing how God is working through us to help others. We will be staying at a local school.

Despite our best efforts to sell stock, Christmas cookies, make and sell soup, organize pizza sales, we are still in need of funds. The money we raise will be used for transportation, lodging, food, tools and building supplies, and camp costs. Would you consider making a tax-deductible donation to help us reach our goal? If you are able to help out financially, please make a check out to "ST. JOHN XXIII" and return it in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope by December 15. Or you can contribute online by going to <https://qrco.de/MT24SJ23> (or scan the QR code with your phone.) Whether you are able to contribute financially or not, please keep us and our efforts in your prayers. Thank you in advance for all that you are able to do.

Yours in Christ,

Sign your name in black pen



Youth Ministry

*Insert Date***Dear _____,**

This summer I have an amazing opportunity to be part of *Catholic Heart Workcamp* in Knoxville, Tennessee! Every year, students from our parish join this camp and come back saying it truly changed their lives. I am so excited for the chance to grow in my faith and serve others in this special way.

At camp, I'll be working with other teens from across the country to help people in need. Some of the projects may include visiting the elderly, helping with home repairs, serving at soup kitchens, or assisting at local churches and schools. In the evenings, all of us will gather for prayer, music, skits, and sharing about how God is working through our service.

To make this trip possible, I need to raise money to cover transportation, lodging, meals, supplies, and camp costs. I've been helping with parish fundraisers like cookie and pizza sales, but I still need additional support. Would you consider making a tax-deductible donation to help me reach my goal?

Donations can be made by check (payable to **St. John XXIII**) and mailed in the enclosed envelope by **December 15**. You can also give online by visiting <https://qrco.de/MT24SJ23> or scanning the QR code below with your phone.

Even if you can't give financially, I would be so grateful for your prayers as I prepare for this trip. Thank you so much for supporting me in this journey of faith and service!

In Christ,

[Your Name - signed in black pen]



Instagram/TikTok stories

✨ *Heading to Catholic Heart Workcamp in Knoxville TN this summer!*

🙏 Help me serve others & grow in faith. Donate here: <https://qrco.de/MT24SJ23>

🔧 *Mission trip 2025 — serving, praying, making a difference!*

💙 Support me here: <https://qrco.de/MT24SJ23>

Text Message Version

Hey! This summer I have the chance to go to *Catholic Heart Workcamp* in Knoxville, TN to serve people in need and grow in my faith. I'm fundraising to cover travel, food, and supplies. Would you consider supporting me? You can donate online here: <https://qrco.de/MT24SJ23>. Prayers are also appreciated—thank you! 🙏

➡️ Social Media Post Version

Exciting news! This summer I get to go to *Catholic Heart Workcamp* in Knoxville, TN 💙🔧. I'll be serving the elderly, helping with home repairs, and working in the community while growing closer to Christ. I'm raising funds to make this possible—any donation helps! You can give here: <https://qrco.de/MT24SJ23>. Even if you can't give, your prayers mean so much. Thank you! 🙏✨