



**PARTICIPANT PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT  
MISSION TRIP 2026**

- I understand that I am required to attend ALL Mission Trip meetings (see below) because they will help prepare me spiritually, build community, guide me, and enrich my awareness of social justice. *(College students who are away at school are not required to attend all events but should make every effort to participate when they can. Separate virtual or in person meetings during breaks may be planned)*
  - September 28 at 3:00pm
  - January 31 at 10:30am
  - April 18 at 11:00am
  - May 19 at 5:30pm
- Adult leaders will have additional meetings (see below)
- ALL MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE LOCAL PARISH SERVICE PROJECT.
- If I will be 18 at the time of the trip, I understand I am required to participate in the Safeguarding God's Children program which includes participating in a training session, a background check, signing off on the Code of Ethical Standards & Mandatory Reporting, the Social Media policy and will do so in a timely manner.
- I understand that Mission Trips are based upon the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, treating others with dignity and respect and sharing the gifts and talents God has given me.
- As a Catholic-based program weekly church attendance is a vital component to the spiritual development of those committed to Christian service. I will find at least one hour a week to nourish myself with the celebration of Holy Eucharist.
- I will commit myself to the work ethic of physical service when called upon.
- I will obey all program and site rules as they are given to me. This includes respecting all Mission Trip adult leaders. Safety for my group and myself will be my number one concern.
- I will support the fundraisers and work hard to reach expected goals. I will be asked to raise the amount necessary to pay program costs through various fundraisers.

**MISSION TRIP FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Minors under 21:**

The ENTIRE cost of the trip is to be covered through student payments and fundraising. The estimate for the Niagara Falls camp is between \$1100-\$1300 depending on number of participants, incidentals and success of fundraisers.

Niagara Falls payment schedule: \$150 non-refundable deposit to guarantee your spot with online registration form due by September 24, 2024 to guarantee your spot; 25% of total due by December 1, 2024; 50% of total due by February 1, 2025; 75% due by March 15, 2025 and 100%

of total due by May 1, 2025. NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS GIVEN AFTER APRIL 1 UNLESS SOMEONE ELSE IS ABLE TO FILL THE SPOT.

If payment schedule is not followed, your spot may be given to those on the waiting list. In addition, anyone with an outstanding balance will be unable to register for the next trip until balance is paid in full.

- If I decide to leave the Mission Trip program or I am asked to leave due to lack of meeting attendance, I am responsible for costs paid on my behalf in the following amounts: \$100 after September 24, 2024; \$375 after Feb 1st, 2025 and \$500 after March 15, 2025. Any additional monies raised towards Mission Trip that exceeds these amounts are non-transferable and non-refundable, and are applied towards general program costs.

#### **Adults 21 and over:**

In order to keep the costs to the teen participants reasonable, we are asking adult leaders to pay/fundraise what we are charged for the cost of the camp (\$525 per person) but your transportation and other fees will be covered until we reach a ratio of 1 adult for every 4 teens. If we have more adults than that sign up, any additional adults may be asked to raise the total amount (\$1100-1300). Payment schedule for adults is the same as above.

In addition, adult participants are asked to meet on **September 28 at 2:00pm** (an hour before the rest of the group) to review expectations for adult leaders and other details. If you join the trip after that date, you will need to meet individually with the Director of Formation before your participation will be approved. **An additional meeting for all leaders is tentatively planned for May 11 at 6:30 pm.** Adult leaders will also need to complete the Safe Environment requirement BEFORE participating in any fundraisers. To register for an account, go to <https://milwaukee.cmgconnect.org/>

#### **All participants:**

- I understand and agree to adhere to the following:

#### **Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs:**

The use of alcohol, illegal drugs and other intoxicants is strictly forbidden by all parishes participating in these Mission Trips. Persons showing evidence of having or using, or associating themselves in proximity to such illegal substances should expect the following to occur:

1. Bags may be checked or pockets asked to be emptied for the adult in charge.
2. Local law enforcement will be contacted.
3. Parent(s) will be contacted and asked to pick up the student at the family's expense.
4. If information is incomplete at the time of the church activity the student and parent will be expected to cooperate with Catholic Formation Staff in an inquiry.
5. The appropriate school contact will be made.
6. A public note of apology to fellow participants, including church staff and adult leaders, as well as service hours to the church will be required.

**Tobacco Use:**

Catholic Formation intends to uphold the state statute regarding smoking and other tobacco product including vaping:

“It is illegal for persons under the age of 18 to possess any cigarette or tobacco product.”

Wisconsin Act 95, Section 1.48.983 (2)(c) We will respect this policy even when traveling out of state!

**Damage:**

As guests at any church, Catholic Formation event, or service site students may be held financially responsible for any damage to the building or property. Buildings will be checked for damage before our arrival and after our departure. If there is any problem noticed upon arrival, it should be reported immediately. Extra charges may be applied for any excess clean up. If damage occurs and no one admits to it charges will be issued to those present.

In addition, our parish reserves the right to dismiss any participant who shows disrespect, negativity, rudeness, or other disruptive and uncooperative behavior that impairs the event’s spiritual and prayerful atmosphere and purpose.

I understand that I represent all of the members of my parish. Any misconduct could jeopardize the health, safety, and spirit of the faith community, program, and its participants. I acknowledge that both my parent(s) and I have read, discussed and understand these specific Christian Formation Outreach guidelines and that I am committing myself to a year of healthy, safe, respectful, and loving Christian service. Failure to adhere to the above rules could result in participant’s being sent home at parent expense.

When you have read and agreed to this document with your parents, please sign the registration form.