

# **2019 Mission Trip Information — St. Louis, Missouri**

**Who is in charge:** Alive in You Catholic Conference and Service Camp

**Where:** St. Louis, Missouri

**When:** July 9-14, 2019

**Who:** Grades 8th through Adult (those entering 8th grade in 2019)

**Chaperones:** One adult over the age of 23 needed per 6 youth. If there are male and female participants, then at least one male and one female must chaperone.

## **Estimated Cost of Trip Per Person:**

<b>Prices:</b>	\$340.00	Participant Fee for Alive in You
	\$ 30.00	Gas
	\$125.00	Vans
	\$ 30.00	T-shirts & Supplies
	\$ 60.00	Food on Travel Days & Saturday Free Time
	\$ 25.00	Saturday Free Time Activity While at Alive in You
	\$ 40.00	Unexpected Expenses

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$650.00 per person

**There will be fundraising to help with the cost of the mission trip. If fundraising goes well the out-of-pocket cost per person will be minimal. Fundraising is a team effort and is a great opportunity for team building.** Because fundraising is a team building activity, everyone is expected to participate in all fundraising efforts.

## **Payment Schedule:**

<b><u>Due Date:</u></b>	<b><u>What is due:</u></b>
<b>November 13, 2018</b>	<b>\$ 85.00 deposit/person &amp; registration form</b>
<b>June 15, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 50.00 and balance remaining after deposits and fundraising if more than \$50.</b>

**No one will be turned away if they cannot afford the trip. Please talk to Lori if you need financial assistance. There are always parishioners that are willing to help out.**

## **Other Requirements**

**Participation:** All those registered for the trip are required to come to team building and fundraising events. Team unity, trust, and friendship and an understanding of the mission we are undertaking is crucial to our success. We will need to be unified and in prayer before, during and after the trip.

**Code of Conduct:** As a group we will create a code of conduct and all will sign a code of conduct in line with being a Christian in appropriate attitude, dress and behavior.

## **Clothing policy:**

**No short shorts**

**No falling down jeans, sweats, or shorts**

**No hip-huggers or low rider pants or shorts**

**No low-cut shirts/no cleavage showing**

**No midriff or short shirts**

**No spaghetti strap shirts or tank tops**

**No shirts that expose the back**

**No inappropriate words or images on clothing**

## What to Expect

### **Tuesday:**

Your group will arrive on a Tuesday afternoon and will immediately dive into the Alive in You experience. Your first day at Alive in You will be an inspirational, motivational and informative introduction to an amazing week. On Day One, you will meet the other participating Catholic youth groups and find out where you will be working during the 3 days of service at Alive in You. Participants will also be given an introduction to the weekly theme; which is carefully chosen each year with the goal of educating young people about our Catholic faith.



### **Wednesday-Friday:**

Days of Service! Young people will work in assigned teams to perform service activities in your host city. We will have service opportunities of various magnitudes, from simple jobs requiring one group to extreme home and church makeovers for many different groups. Wednesday through Friday will also be packed with high energy morning and evening sessions, individual parish time and opportunities to go to Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.

### **Friday Night:**

Your weekend Catholic Conference begins!

### **Saturday:**

Alive in You builds in a few hours of free time on Saturday morning for you and your group to explore the host city. Upon return, prepare yourself to experience the richness of our Catholic faith during the Alive in You Conference. Your experience will be a perfect blend of spiritual activities, workshops, witness talks, praise and worship and team building. These activities will lead up to Saturday night, the awesome spiritual pinnacle of Alive in You.

### **Sunday:**

Your Alive in You Conference will conclude with the Alive in You highlight video and our final Mass of the week.

### **How should your group prepare?**

Before coming to Alive in You, your youth minister will receive information on how to get your group ready for this amazing experience. Included in this packet will be ideas for events and activities to bring your group together before coming to Alive in You. Also, Alive in You will provide you with a detailed fund raising activity to help pay for your trip.

Alive in you will stay in constant contact with your group as you prepare for your trip. We will help monitor your progress and offer assistance with anything you need. Alive in You will also have a network of people praying for your group as you prepare to participate in this Christ centered experience.

### **What happens after we get back home?**

The most important part of Alive in You is not what happens at camp, it's what happens after camp. It is essential for your group to build on their Alive in You experience back at home. Alive in You will provide information and ideas for events after camp to keep the fire burning and to help young people build on what they learned and experienced at Alive in You.

**Web access: [www.aliveinyou.org](http://www.aliveinyou.org) for more info**

## **Fundraising — Stock Sale**

The stock sale is our main source of fundraising and is a significant part of the fundraising for the Mission Trip. We ask that you raise, on average, about \$400 through stock letters.

The sale goes as follows: As a Mission's Trip participant, ask first for prayer support and then any financial help that a person, family, friend or business can donate. These supporters are then "stockholders" and they will be invited to take stock in our trip. It is a little intimidating to ask for money, but people will respond if they know that their support will make a difference on the trip and in your life. In addition, we will ask the communities of St. Joseph to support us.

Below is a guideline on how to write the letter and attached is a sample letter for reference. You can use this letter as a guide or write your own. The letter should be in your own words and you should speak from your own experience. If you have done this in the past, do not be afraid to revisit those who have supported us before.

Guideline for composition of the stock sale letter:

- Keep the letter to one page
- Introduction
- Information — why, who and the purpose of the letter
- Personal testimony — why you want to go, what value it has and what you hope to accomplish
- A chance for the reader to respond — ask for prayers and financial support
- This is an investment into our trip with prayer and money
- Close with a thank you

Attached are small forms to enclose with your letter. If you need more, you can either copy and cut these, or come see Lori and she will give you more. They should be filled out and returned to CFM with any prayer commitments/donations.

Please ask your parents for a list of family, friends, and businesses to which you can send the stock letters. No later than January 31, mail out your stock letters and let Lori know that you have done so. We ask that you mail at least 20 or more letters. The more you mail, the more chances we have to raise money. Don't assume people won't give. You will be surprised by who will respond. All donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph CFM. All donations will go directly to our overall trip cost and reduce the out-of-pocket cost for all participants.

## Stock Sale Sample Letter

(Date)

Name  
Address  
City, St, Zip

Re: 2019 Mission Trip

Dear

I am very excited to let you know that I will be going on the Mission Trip with other youth from my parish, St. Joseph in Big Bend. We will be going to St. Louis, Missouri, July 9-14, 2019, through a Catholic service camp organization called Alive In You. For more information on this organization, please go to their website, [www.aliveinyou.com](http://www.aliveinyou.com).

A typical work project through Alive In You may include: painting, simple building projects, landscaping, working at a food pantry or social service organization, and working with children at a low income daycare. Alive in You camps are held at schools, retreat centers, and universities. Typically, participants will sleep on air mattresses in school classrooms. Days are packed with awesome praise and worship music, Mass, prayer, motivational speakers, reconciliation, adoration, service, and education about our Catholic faith.

I ask first for your prayers for our Mission team and second, for a donation, if you are able. Your prayers and financial support will help us make a difference in the lives of the people in St. Louis, Missouri. I've enclosed a "stock certificate" form to be returned to our CFM office with your support.

Please mail donations and "stock certificates" to: St. Joseph CFM  
Attention: Mission Trip  
S89 W22650 Milwaukee Ave.  
Big Bend, WI 53150

Thank you and God bless you.

[Your name here]

## **Other Fundraisers**

We will rely on a variety of fundraisers.

All fundraisers need complete participation by the **whole team**. All fundraisers are a team effort and all funds raised will be applied toward the overall cost of the trip.

Below is a list of other fundraisers that we will do:

- Soup Sale After Masses (January 12 & 13, February 9 & 10, and March 30 & 31)
- Brat & Hot Dog Sales (Dates to be determined)
- Any suggestions for offsite fundraisers?

**Contact Lori Labadie in the CFM office with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.**

**Email: [llabadie@stjoesbb.com](mailto:llabadie@stjoesbb.com)**

**Phone: 262.662.3317**

**Web for Alive in You: [www.aliveinyou.com](http://www.aliveinyou.com)**

# Mission Trip 2019 – St. Louis, Missouri Registration Form

(This is not a permission slip. You will receive that at a later date.)

Registration Deadline: **November 13, 2018**

Deposit Due: **\$85 on November 13, 2018**

Make Checks Payable to: **St. Joseph CFM**

Mail to: **Mission Trip  
c/o St. Joseph Parish CFM  
S89 W22650 Milwaukee Ave.  
Big Bend, WI 53103**

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please initial next to the statements, below, your agreement to the following:**

## Participant

\_\_\_\_\_ I am committed to participating in all team building, fundraising, and Mass activities leading up to the July 9-14, 2019, Mission Trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am further committed to attending the July 9-14, 2019, Mission Trip in St. Louis, Missouri.

## Participant/Parent (if participant is under 21)

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all funds raised are for the entire mission team and not designated for me specifically and will not be refunded to me if I am not able to go on the mission trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I will forfeit my \$85 deposit if I become unable to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**God bless all of you. This is going to be an awesome experience for us all!**