



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES



“For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5, 14

In the Year of Mercy, let us do Acts of Mercy and love for one another.

2016 LEADER FORMS



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Dear Pastoral Leader:

Please accept this invitation for your group/parish youth to attend our summer's **@Be Like Jesus Camp** on July 19—22, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Church in Dexter NM. The purpose of this week is to teach young people how they can make a difference and find purpose in their lives. As you know all of our communities can gain from young people developing the necessary skills to feel they can too make a difference in the lives of those around them. We offer this week as a tool for you to use, so young people can gain enough confidence so they can go back to their parish communities and make a difference.

Studies show that when young people have the chance to serve their communities, everyone benefits:

- Young people gain skills necessary to be successful in school, in the workplace, and in life.
- The community develops strong, diverse groups of inspired, civically-engaged young people.
- The Benefits of Youth Service
- Increases young people's feelings of community connectedness, and reduces engagement in risky behavior.
- Contributes to higher reported levels of academic success, graduation rates, positive civic behavior, and self-esteem.
- Youth who participate in community service are 19% more likely to graduate than those who did not.
- Students who participated in service-learning were found to have scored higher than nonparticipating students, particularly in social studies, writing, and English/language arts.
- Volunteering at any age is associated with increased likelihood of finding employment. Among youth ages 16-24 (not in school, not working), studies showed an increased likelihood of 5%.
- Volunteering in one's youth leads to a lifetime of service and philanthropy. Most adults involved in community service and/or philanthropy started as children.

From www.YSA.org

With the great Jubilee Year of Mercy we invite your parish youth to see how kindness and mercy are joined by our desire to do God's will in our lives. Please consider participating in this week of service and learning.

In Christ,

Alex Barraza

Alejandro Barraza
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry—Diocese of Las Cruces.



"United in Ministry"

Parishes need to submit

- 1 Group Registration Form for the whole parish group
- Individual Registration forms for Youth, Young Adults and Adults
- All signed Permission Slips, Release forms and Code of Conduct
- All adults need to sign an individual Code of Conduct.



General Schedule:

Tuesday July 19th:

- Groups will arrive no later than 10:00am.

Wednesday July 20th—Friday July 22nd.

- Depart to worksites.
- Lunch gathered conversation
- Evening Program.

July 22nd:

- After lunch
- Clean-up
- Mass
- 5:00pm Departure



SERVICE AND DISCIPLESHIP CAMP:

High School aged young people (Rising 9th—Current 12 graders) and their adult leaders are invited to participate in a week of service, prayer and fun at a location in the Diocese of Las Cruces, NM. We will focus on helping those in need as we learn more about our calling from God our Father and how to be Missionary Disciples.

WHY ACTS OF SERVICE?

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy specially, we invite parish youth groups to focus on the power of Corporal works of mercy. Charity is one of the greatest attributes we have as a Catholic virtue. We serve because we love. We love because God loved us first. “It is the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas that although mercy is as it were the spontaneous product of charity, yet it is to be reckoned a special virtue adequately distinguishable from this latter” Let us show our teens the power of charity and mercy.

General Information:

For Whom: High School Age Youth and their adult leaders

Adult leaders and college age young adult leaders must be Safe Environment certified by the Diocese of Las Cruces.

Cost: \$75.00 per person. Participants are responsible for all transportation, traveling meals, snacks, spending money .

How Do I Register?

All youth participants need to register through their parish and fill out all pertinent registration forms included in this brochure. All groups must consist of 1 adult (safe environment certified) to every 7 youth.

Please complete appropriate pages in this booklet and return them to your parish with payment:

- Code of Behavior
- Registration,
- Parental Permission,
- Health Authorization
- Release Form
- Adult forms

Parishes are to submit all forms with one check for payment by July 1st, 2016.

High School Age Students

July 19 (Check in at 10am) - July 22 (check out at 6pm)

Immaculate Conception Church

400 W. 6th St.—Dexter NM 88230

\$75/ Participant

Time Line

November 2015 – January 2016

- Appoint a Group Leader
- Choose your target audience.
- Create a budget. Decide on how much fundraising your group needs
- Start working on finding possible Chaperones and transportation.
- Decide how much of a deposit you will require from possible participants to attend the trip with the parish.
- Distribute @Be Like Jesus Camp Brochure and make available informational video to your students and Parents.



From January 10th, 2016

- Distribute: *@Be Like Jesus Camp Registration Forms, Waiver of Liability Form, Health and Medical Information Form, Code of Conduct, Dress Code and Packing List to each participant.*
- *Make a Marketing plan to include putting in the bulletin announcements.*
- *Collect Individual Registration Forms and deposit.*

Before School Year is out . May 2016—July 15, 2016

- *Collect Individual Registration Forms and deposit.*
- *Together with Chaperones plan on meeting in June and July at least 3 times to keep teens motivated in attending week. Include praying for the success of the trip during the prayers of the faithful.*
- *Send Parish Pre-Registration Form to the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office.. As soon as you have a group.*
- **Meet with parents, chaperones and students at least once before going to Camp.**

By June 24, 2016

- Collect all remaining forms and final payments.
- Get ready to send a payment.
- If needed fill out a new Group Registration Form and Sign up Form.

By July 1, 2016

- Submit the *Group Registration Form* with the names of Students and adults
- *Submit all Registration Forms together with Payment.*
- Submit any names and contact information of any participant who has expressed a willingness to be a Crew Leader or musician.

Upon Arrival

- Submit an original copy and a copy of each participant's: *Waiver of Liability Form, Health and Medical Information Form and Code of Conduct.*

Group Registration Form

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Please Mark one

Pre-Registration Form **Registration Form**

Parish _____ City _____

Group Leader's Name

Position _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

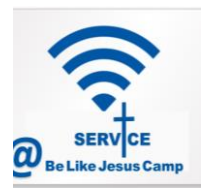
Email _____

Cell _____

Number of Participants: Students: Male _____ Female _____

Young Adults: Male _____ Female _____

Adults: Male: _____ Female: _____



Vehicles / Transportation (the week relies on each group providing transportation to and from worksites) Number of Vehicles: _____ Number of People in each: _____

Number of people able to participate as Crew Leaders? _____

Does your group have any musician? Singers? _____ Number: _____