



**“In this life we cannot do
great things.
We can only do small things
with great love”**

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Subject: Dominican Republic Mission Trip 2018

Hi,

The dates for our Dominican Republic trip have been finalized. We will be leaving Saturday, June 2 from O'Hare Airport at 5:30AM and arriving in Santo Domingo at 12:42PM with a transfer in Miami and leaving Saturday, June 9 at 1:42P returning to O'Hare at 9:47PM with a short layover in Miami. We could possibly stay at a hotel on Friday night so we did not have to leave as early.

We will be either building a home for a family or working on safe water ways for the town. This will depend on which is the greatest need at the time of our arrival. Kate Wieland, our Cross Catholic representative, will be coming for a visit this fall to talk about our trip and to answer any questions you may have.

Cost of the trip is \$650 + Airfare \$625 which is about \$1300 per person. The \$650 includes transportation, lodging and meals once we arrive in the DR. I hope with a group going we will be able to get the cost of airfare down a bit. We will be doing fund raising to help offset some of this cost. Our main goal of fund raising is to raise the funds for our project for this trip and possible future trips.

The plan is to do one main fund raiser called "150 Envelopes". Envelopes will be marked \$1-\$150. Donors will then choose the dollar amount that best fits their abilities. As the envelopes are taken, a family will slowly appear. There will be a set of envelopes for each of the churches, St. Charles, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's. I hope this will raise the majority of our funds with a smaller fund raiser, Spaghetti Dinner for example, just to let everyone see who is going and allow you to introduce yourselves.

I have enclosed a registration form and wavier. Please fill out and return with a deposit of \$150 by November 30 to hold your spot. Make checks payable to: St. Joseph's Church and send to PO Box 60, Lyons, WI 53148. Also include a **color copy** of your passport.

Feel free to copy the forms and hand them to anyone who may be interested in joining us.

God's Blessings,

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