

# MISSIONS FORM

## YOUNG MISSIONARY COVENANT

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In choosing to participate on this mission trip, I voluntarily choose to turn away from the rebellious and irresponsible behavior that is often associated with teenagers in our society and to turn toward a committed life in Christ. In doing this, I make the following commitment:

### *As a young missionary;*

I turn over all aspects of my life to God, and continue to pray that God will use me as an instrument to do *His* will and not my own;

I continue to pray for the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit to grow within me;

I commit myself to daily prayer, seeking a closer personal relationship with Christ;

I commit myself to regular Mass attendance and Reconciliation, seeking a closer communal relationship with Christ and His Bride, the Church;

I recognize that a strong community that loves God and each other will create a desire in others to follow God... and I commit myself to participation in my faith community.

I refuse to be drawn into the lies of the world, the desires of the flesh, and the trickery of the Devil;

I realize that to form a stronger relationship with Christ, it is important that I remove some things from my life that can interfere with that relationship. I commit to critically examine my life and to change habits of excessive TV viewing, listening to inappropriate music, and to activities that contradict a Christian lifestyle and provide a poor example to an unbelieving world;

I commit myself to personal prayer, healthy friendships, teaching, work, and play;

I commit myself to service in whatever capacity that the mission community calls me to serve, putting the needs of the group ahead of my own wants;

I agree to be obedient to the teachings of the Church;

I agree to be obedient and respectful to those in authority (those God has placed over me in leadership), such as my parents, my youth minister, and the adult volunteers on my mission.

I realize that younger children and more vulnerable peers need my care, encouragement, and especially my good example; I commit to being a witness and a help to them.

I realize that, though I may be interested in a specific ministry, such as music or drama, I will leave the decision of how I will serve on this mission to the discernment of those in authority over me;

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I will choose friends that support me in my desire to live a more Christian lifestyle, not those who want to destroy my relationship with the Lord;

I realize that it is not God's plan that I form romantic relationships with members of my team. For this reason, I choose not to pursue these relationships with any member(s) on my team, nor plan for future relationships with any team members once teams have been formed until the end of the mission period. Instead, I choose to work on forming true Christian brotherly/sisterly relationships with *ALL* members of my team;

I realize that I cannot live out my Faith alone, and choosing to live in a community of believers, I realize I must have my parents support;

I commit to being responsible for any and all tasks assigned to me at home, in music/drama ministry, and/or in community;

I realize that I am not just an example in front of an audience, but that my every action should reflect Christ in me;

I commit to humbly use my gifts and talents for God's glory and His people rather than my own glory and self-fulfillment;

I commit to encouraging, loving, and accepting my brothers and sisters in Christ, both here and on the mission regardless of race, social standing, or ethnic background;

I commit to putting childish silliness aside, to be replaced with true fun and joy in doing the Lord's work and being with His people;

I commit to filling my mind with Christian books, music, articles, magazines, and other forms of entertainment that build up my mind and form strong, Christian character;

I commit to eliminating the use of drugs or alcohol, to abstaining from any form of pre-marital sex, to eliminating the use profanity and to refrain from wearing suggestive or inappropriate clothing.

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Young Missionary Signature

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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