

Baltimore—Appalachia Workcamp Experiences Summer 2010

This workcamp experience is a multi-parish and school program that strives to help provide participants with a first-hand experience of Catholic Social Teaching, and an experience of the universal Church. The parishes and schools collaborating to use their giftedness are:

St. Bernadette
Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier
St. Francis, Harford Road
Holy Trinity, Glen Burnie
St. Ignatius, Hickory
Mount Saint Joseph
Our Lady of Grace
Our Lady of the Chesapeake
St. Pius X
Sacred Heart, Glyndon
John Carroll School
St. Joseph, Cockeysville

THE CHALLENGE & OUR RESPONSE

Our summer workcamp experiences include a service opportunity in Baltimore Maryland and in Preston County West Virginia! These opportunities will allow youth and adults to work, pray and play side by side, while helping those in need in both an urban and a rural setting. Our labors will benefit residents who are experiencing financial or physical poverty, and will also help us learn more about the causes of poverty. The anticipated size of the group this year will be 75 in Baltimore and 75 in Terra Alta. To participate, students must be entering their sophomore year of high school.

DATES FOR THE CAMPS:

Due to the snow, dates for the Camps are BOTH slated as: **Baltimore – June 27-July 3rd**
Appalachia – June 27-July 3rd

PERMISSION FORMS/DEPOSITS

Completed forms are due NO LATER THAN April 20th!!

Spaces are limited for this program, and are filled on a first come first serve basis. **Registration for St. Pius starts immediately.** Each parish is allotted 5 participants and 2 adults for each camp. We will have a wait list and we hope to be able to accommodate everyone, but cannot guarantee it. Each parish submits their paperwork together with one check to Baltimore Appalachia Work Camp.

COST

The total cost is **300.00 per person.** All checks should be made payable to **St. Pius X Church.** The total cost per person covers food, lodging, transportation, a T-Shirt, and a contribution towards purchasing supplies, paint, etc. Items such as 'junk food', money for stops while traveling and during the week, and any other items are the responsibility of the participant.

FOOD

Participants will be provided with three meals each day. This is included in the participation fee. If participants choose to purchase food options other than those provided, it is at the expense of the participant.

TRANSPORTATION

Personal vehicles are used to transport participants at both Baltimore and W. Va. programs. All drivers must be 21 years of age or older and must submit current insurance and driving record information. Work teams will be driven to the work site using the same vehicles and drivers each day, when possible.

LODGING

During the Baltimore Workcamp participants will be staying at the Holy Trinity Spiritual Center in Park Heights. The group in W. Va. will be staying at the Camp Galilee camp grounds in Terra Alta. Both facilities include sleeping facilities, bathing facilities, common areas for congregating, dining area and a kitchen facility.

MEDICAL

All participants must bring their medications as prescribed by their physician. Youth are responsible for administering their own medications as prescribed. **All participants must have up to date tetanus shots (within the last ten years)**. Allergies to bee stings, poison ivy, oak or sumac (or any other allergies including food or medicines) should be noted on the release form, and appropriate antidotes should be secured from your family doctor and brought with the participant.

ORIENTATION MEETING

An orientation meeting will be held on at the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier (Hunt Valley) on **June 3rd at 7:00 pm**, and at St. Bernadette (Severn) on **June 8th**. All registered participants are welcome to attend, and **it is expected that first year participants and at least one parent attend!**