



SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

INITIAL FACT SHEET Domestic Youth Mission

A youth mission week that serves the Hispanic and Migrant Communities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The teens attend a retreat and receive instruction on the role of a Catholic Missionary for the week on the Eastern Shore as well as in their daily lives after the mission week. Our ministry during the week of mission includes: Gleaning produce in the fields to make donations to the Food Bank of Virginia as well as to the migrant camps and to 3 Hispanic trailer parks. Operating a Vacation Bible School in 2 different Hispanic trailer parks which includes a daily snack, arts, and crafts activities. When available a celebratory closing lunch for parents and children with Mass is also provided.

Individuals and groups need to secure their own travel arrangements.		
Arrival to Eastern Shore, Onley, VA	Saturday, June 13, 2026	Transportation to Onley must be provided on your own. Your team should arrive by 4:00 pm on June 13th and we will return late morning/midday on June 19th . Times subject to change.
Departure from Eastern Shore, Onley, VA	Friday, June 19, 2026	
Minimum Required Funds Raised	\$400/person+	Includes: Transportation, mission materials, room and meals. Does not include: Travel, meals while traveling, and individual medical insurance

You are being invited to participate in the ongoing missionary work of the Missioners of Christ. Though the following will be discussed more in-depth during the preparation process, there are a few non-negotiables that you need to know to discern your participation:

- (1) We are a Catholic Christian mission working in collaboration with various religious orders and Catholic lay communities serving under the authority of the Diocese of Richmond. In full humility, we fully support and promote all the teaching of the Church. If you have strong issues against Church Teaching this is probably not the mission for you.
- (2) We participate in about 3½ hours of prayer daily (including Mass). All missionaries that serve with us are expected to participate in all aspects of the mission’s prayer-life.
- (3) These missions are physically (and at times emotionally) taxing. If you have health problems, it is important to share with your doctor where you are going, and the anticipated nature of the mission, assuring that you will be able to fully participate in this mission.

Required Pre-Mission Training: We view the preparation for the mission as critical to the overall effectiveness of what we do and see the entire process as one of discipleship. Our pre-mission training program includes catechesis, reflection, and logistical preparation. We encourage groups to engage in this process together, though it can be done individually. The initial preparation concludes with a day of intensive in-country training and team building in Honduras.

INITIAL REGISTRATION STEPS

- Review the **Missions Orientation Packet** & contact our Missions Coordinator, Diana, if you have any questions or concerns: diana.ramos@missioners.org
- Apply online at missions.missioners.org and submit a \$50 non-refundable deposit to the address below by **April 1, 2026**.
- Begin fundraising via our Bloomerang Fundraising & complete all required forms (available on the webpage where you apply).
- 50% of mission cost due **April 13, 2026**
- 100% of mission cost due **May 13, 2026**

Note: If the missionary is unable to turn in the amount required, the missionary may be asked to consider coming at a different time. If the missionary fundraises more than the required amount, all extra will be used towards the general funds of the Missioners of Christ.

Email a scanned copy of all forms to your facilitator/group leader (he or she will contact you after you apply on-line). *All payments can be mailed to:*

Missioners of Christ [ATTN: ST Missions], 5880 Oak Terrace Drive, Virginia Beach, VA, 23464