

Mission Possible Service Week



You Are Called... 2B JC

June 14th-18th, 2009

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose."
Romans 8:28*

6th-12th graders & graduating Seniors '09 are invited to join in "Mission Possible" 2009 Service week with participants from all around the Dallas Diocese.

"Mission Possible" is an "Inter-parish," Diocesan supported, in-town service week. 2009 marks the 15th year for this event!!! Each summer our Catholic Community has been blessed to have approximately 900 participants who are willing to brave the heat...get off the couch...and SERVE!!!

On Sunday, June 14th at 1:00PM, our week will begin with kick off gathering in the St. Mark Cafetorium. We gather to get to know each other, participate in service learning activities and have FUN!!! At 3:30PM, we travel to St. Joseph, Richardson to continue our kick off by meeting with ALL Mission Possible participants for a rally, including inspirational speakers, music, then Celebrate Mass as one Body of Christ. After Mass, we will return to St Marks at 7:30PM.

Families are encouraged to join us Sunday at 4:00PM at **St. Joseph, Richardson** to celebrate with us!!!

Monday thru Thursday of that week, participants will gather at St. Mark Cafetorium each morning at 8:00AM. We will be attending 8:30 morning Mass as a group, then gathering in work crews, based upon prescribed Adult to Youth ratios and transportation, and participate in crew team building activities and large group activities, fun and prayer. Crews will travel to different service sites each day, in an effort to expose participants to a variety of service opportunities. Each participant brings their own lunch and the crews take time at their service site to eat, process their day and pray together. Time will be spent each day directed toward "service learning" activities based on our Catholic Social Teachings.

The cost for Youth participants is \$35.00, which covers rally, snacks, T-shirts, supplies for the week and the community barbecue on Thursday. Additional Donations are graciously accepted and will be used for scholarships and supplies!

This week is only possible with the help of caring Adult Leaders!!! Space availability for Youth participation is based on the number of "Cleared" Adult Leaders who are willing to commit to the week!!! If you are interested in volunteering as an Adult Leader OR you have questions about Mission Possible, please contact:

- **St Mark Youth Office 972-578-9583 or email at youth@stmarkym.org**

Since space availability for participants is based on the number of "Cleared" Adults committed to the week, registrants will be notified by the Youth Ministry office if they are put on the list of participants OR have been placed on a wait list!!!

Schedule for the Week

Date	Drop-off	Pick-up	Activity
June 14 th	1:00pm @ Cafetorium	7:30pm @ Grace House	We will be at St Mark Cafetorium for regional activities and then travel to St Joseph in Richardson for the rally with the rest of the Mission Possible Regions, including Mass at 5:15 pm
June 15 th	8:00am @ Cafetorium	4:00pm @ Cafetorium	Mass, Service at sites and processing/activities at St Mark
June 16 th	8:00am @ Cafetorium	4:00pm @ Cafetorium	Mass, Service at sites and processing/activities at St Mark
June 17 th	8:00am @ Cafetorium	4:00pm @ Cafetorium	Mass, Service at sites and processing/activities at St Mark
June 18 th	8:00am @ Cafetorium	8:00pm @ Ball Field	Mass, Service at sites and then barbecue picnic in the afternoon.

CODE OF CONDUCT for “Mission Possible” Service Week

- ★ I agree to treat other participants, leaders, staff, clients and residents with respect and understand that all adult leaders have the authority to discipline me.
- ★ I will always follow the schedule and guidelines given to me.
- ★ I understand that alcohol, weapons, fireworks, tobacco products of any kind, illegal drugs and profane or abusive language are NOT ALLOWED on any part of this activity. (*Prescription drugs for minors must be dispensed by adult leader except inhaler.*)
- ★ I understand that I represent St. Mark’s **Youth Ministry** and agree to behave in a Christian and positive manner at all times. I further agree to dress appropriately during this activity.
- ★ Sexual indiscretion (*includes inappropriate touching*) is prohibited at all times and in all cases.
- ★ No participant is allowed to leave, before activity conclusion, without written parent permission.
- ★ In the event of an emergency or other need to contact any participants, the staff must know where I can be located, therefore I agree to stay with my assigned group at all times.
- ★ I agree to **arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior** to scheduled start time of event and be **picked up no later than 10 minutes after** scheduled event conclusion. By attending this function all participants agree to stay until the function’s conclusion, unless they have a medical emergency. I realize that I, and my parents, will be financially responsible for any damage I do to others’ property, facilities or vehicles.
- ★ I understand that if **I choose** to violate any part of this “code of conduct”, I run the risk of having my parents notified by phone, or in person, and asked to pick me up, immediately. (*This determination will be left to the discretion of the event coordinator.*)
- ★ I understand that Mission Possible is a “service” activity and I WILL be called upon to work as part of a crew!
- ★ Water Wallet (*nametags*) must be worn and visible AT ALL TIMES. This holds your name tag and medical release form.

Addition to Code of Conduct for Adult Leaders:

- ★ I understand my primary function during Mission Possible is to ensure the safety and well being of all youth participants in a safe and faith-filled environment – especially, but not limited to, those in your group.
- ★ I will connect with other adults and youth scheduled at my worksite, so I can help maintain an accurate account of the group.
- ★ I will know the whereabouts of all youth in my charge at all times...including breaks.
- ★ I will be assertive, while compassionate, in guiding the young people with whom I work.

“Basic” required duties of an adult leader:

- ★ Be willing to facilitate a small work crew; by overseeing the crew during service learning, work site, team building and large group activities. (*Facilitation training and instruction will be provided*)
- ★ Must be 21 years or older and have completed “Safe Environment” process and training in their home parish.
- ★ Provide copy of current drivers license and vehicle insurance card to Parish MP Coordinator.
- ★ Have a vehicle in good working conditions with properly functioning seatbelts, brakes, tires and wiper blades.
- ★ Agree to participate in all Mission Possible Service week activities, unless other arrangements have been made with Parish MP Coordinator.
- ★ Attend MP Adult Leader training and be familiar with Adult Leader Handbook.
- ★ Pray for all participants of Mission Possible...especially their work crew!!