



Skagit County Migrant Mission Trip Application

An opportunity for **Middle School Youth from 6-8th grades** to spend a week with your friends and make new ones while you work and experience a different lifestyle: to see that “everyone has a face.” (Pope Francis)

St. John the Evangelist Parish will be joining Sacred Heart Church, Bellevue, for a mission trip to Skagit Valley, Burlington, WA. **We will be spending the week working at the Tri-Parish Food Bank and clothing bank, visiting Migrant worker camps, joining a full family Fiesta, playing with the youth of participating families, celebrating the Eucharist, participating in daily prayer and more!** All students who attend will combine a week of service with reflection about servanthood.

You will spend the entire week of August 20-25 working with the migrants and the camp in any way that is needed. You will also attend two service/community dates in June and July in preparation for the week. We hope that you will enter into this experience as one who serves rather than is served. Be ready to:

1. Immerse yourself in a reflective and serving mode to those around you.
2. Live as a team with other young people and build community.
3. Recognize that your service is part of building up the Kingdom of God.

Sheila Connolly, Director of Faith Formation, and Myke Folger, Youth Minister, will be chaperones on this trip.

Transportation will be provided by the parish.

Cost: \$200 includes lodging in Burlington and food.

A one page written reflection from each applicant is required. Please explain why you are interested in attending this camp. Attach to application. Spaces are limited. Return forms to Sheila Connolly, sconnolly@stjohnsea.org or to the Parish Office.

_____ (Name)

_____ (Email)

_____ (Parent Name and Email)

“This project began in 1985 when a parishioner from St. Joseph Church in Lynden noticed that migrant infants and pre-schoolers were left alone in vehicles in the hot sun while their parents worked in the fields. Through the collaboration of interested youth ministers and the support of Catholic Community Services, the Lynden Migrant La Paloma Day Care began in the basement of St. Joseph Parish. During 1986-1992, 200+ youth per summer spent a week in Lynden caring for the migrant children.

In 1993, the Youth Migrant Project relocated in the Skagit Valley. At the present time, this program runs from mid-June until early-September.” (Sacred Heart, Bellevue web page)