

El Salvador Youth Trip



June 7-12, 2020

The goal of the Church of St. Dominic's Mission Program in El Salvador is to live in solidarity with members of our sister parish, Santo Domingo, in Chiltiupan, El Salvador, whereby we may see the face of Christ in our Salvadoran sisters and brothers, in ourselves, and in all whom we meet. We seek to strengthen the bonds of friendship between our two parishes through prayer, relational delegations, medical delegations, youth delegations, education, scholarship, microfinance, healthcare, women's empowerment, infrastructure, faith, and justice.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Pray and discern if God is calling you to participate in this delegation. (God is!)
2. Trip is open to St. Dominic High School Youth Group members who have never traveled to El Salvador. (A special alumni trip is open to those who wish to return to El Salvador or for college students.)
3. Please complete this registration packet in its entirety.
4. Ensure your passport is valid and up-to-date (or proceed to purchase one immediately.)
5. Cost of this trip is \$1,300 including airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and meals.
6. St. Dominic Parishioner Priority Registration January 1-February 1, 2020. Please submit all materials to Jodie Bowers, Pastoral Associate. For more information, email JBowers@stdominicchurch.net or call 216-991-1444x111.

What will we be doing on this Youth Trip?

- Celebrating the Sainthood of Oscar Romero with our sisters and brothers in El Salvador.
- Living in "covenant relationship" with the people of Santo Domingo in Chiltiupan, El Salvador.
- Building relationships, not constructing or fixing buildings or physical structures.
- Engaging in joint activities with the Santo Domingo Parish Youth Group.
- Visiting homes, schools, and communities whereby we may share in the hopes and joys, struggles and fears of our Salvadoran sisters and brothers.
- Celebrating Mass and breaking bread as one Eucharistic family living the mission of Christ.
- Visiting the sacred sites of the martyrdom of Saint Oscar Romero, the four American Churchwomen, and the six Jesuit priests.
- Exploring the complex history of El Salvador, its civil war, poverty, and injustice.
- Learning the culture, customs, and rich traditions of the Salvadoran people.
- Growing in faith with God and one another.

Join Fr. Tom on this life-changing delegation!!!

Important Information and Dates

Quick Facts

- St. Dominic has been sending delegations to El Salvador since 2004. Parishioners love the trip and often comment it is a life-changing experience.
- Safety is paramount. Our top priority is to ensure the safety of our parishioners. We have never had any issues on any of our trips.
- Speaking Spanish is helpful but it is not necessary. Translators will be with our group throughout the trip.

Pre-trip

- Pray.
- Attend and participate in all pre-trip Masses and meetings. **It is mandatory that you attend these meetings to learn about the trip as well as to build community with other youth on this delegation.**
- Complete all required reading and preparation.
- Be open about your faith, hopes, joys, struggles, and sorrows.
- Participate in faith-sharing and reflection.
- Ensure your vaccinations are up-to-date: (Tetanus & Hepatitis – We recommend following your physician’s instructions. We are NOT in an area with Malaria.)
- Ensure your passport is up-to-date and valid.
- Reflect on the question, “Who is my neighbor?”

On-site

- Pray.
- Live in solidarity and community with the people of Santo Domingo in Chiltiupan.
- Respect the rich cultural traditions and customs of the Salvadoran people.
- Serve whenever and wherever possible.
- Act with grace and reverence realizing that I am on Holy Ground.
- Journal and reflect on my experiences.
- Participate in faith-sharing, Lectio Divina, and reflection.
- Reflect on the question, “Who is my neighbor?”

Post-trip

- Pray.
- Attend and participate in all post-trip Masses and meetings.
- Continue to journal and reflect on my experiences.
- Participate in faith-sharing and reflection.
- Use this experience as a springboard toward deeper involvement in the Parish with other members of my trip.
- Share this experience with the St. Dominic Community through parish gatherings and presentations.
- Use this experience as a catalyst to change unjust structures in my community & world.
- Reflect on the question, “Who is my neighbor?”

Mandatory Dates

February 1, 2020 – Youth Trip Registration Deadline, \$650 deposit due.

May 19, 2020, 6:30pm in the Large Meeting Room – Youth Trip Meeting #1, \$650 balance due.

May 26, 2020, 6:30pm in the Large Meeting Room – Youth Trip Meeting #2.

June 2, 2020, 6:30pm in the Large Meeting Room – Youth Trip Meeting #3 / Packing Party.

June 7, 2020, 11:15am – Commissioning Mass. Depart for the airport after Mass.

June 7, 2020, 5:30pm – Flight departs Cleveland Hopkins for San Salvador.

June 12, 2020, 11:59pm – Flight returns from San Salvador.

Summer 2020 TBD – Reunion Gathering & Fiesta

JUNE 7-12, 2020 EL SALVADOR YOUTH TRIP REGISTRATION
PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING PAGES BY FEBRUARY 1st

Last Name: _____
(please type or print as it appears on your passport)

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Suffix: _____

Complete Mailing Address:

(street)

(city) (state) (zip code)

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
(please include area codes)

E-mail address: _____

I am _____ / am not _____ a registered St. Dominic Parishioner.

I do _____ / do not _____ attend St. Dominic Youth Group Meetings.

Date of Birth: _____ ***Grade: _____ T-shirt size: _____

*****IF YOU ARE IN GRADES 11 OR 12, YOU ARE PERMITTED TO JOIN THIS
DELEGATION. YOUTH IN GRADES 9 & 10 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT*****

I do _____ / do not _____ have a valid passport. (If I do not have a passport, I am willing to purchase one immediately.)

Passport number: _____

Passport expiration date: _____

I prefer aisle _____ or window _____ seating on the airline. (We cannot guarantee this choice but will make an attempt to reserve your preferred seat location.)

American Airlines Frequent Flyer Number: _____

--PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE PICTURE PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT--

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

INSURANCE & MEDICAL INFORMATION

Name of health insurance carrier: _____

Name of Insured: _____ Relationship to insured: _____

Insurance Policy Number: _____

Group Number (if applicable): _____

Insurance Phone: _____

Name of primary care physician: _____

Allergies: _____

Medications: _____

Chronic Illness/Injury: _____

Church of St. Dominic
El Salvador Acknowledgement, Release and Permission Form

I grant (print name) _____ my permission to take part in the El Salvador trip offered through the Church of St. Dominic and its partners in mission. While I understand that every effort is made for parish events and immersion trips, on or off parish premises, to be safe, I acknowledge that any activity of this sort involves a degree of risk of injury or illness, and that my participation in the activity is at my own risk. I understand that the Church of St. Dominic's only responsibility is to make reasonable efforts to contact my family and seek appropriate care for me.

I represent that I have had such medical physical examination as I deem necessary to assure that I am physically able to participate in this activity and that I have disclosed to the parish such medical information as I deem appropriate. I acknowledge that I have submitted accurately the insurance, medical, and emergency contact information included in this application. I understand that I must adhere to all safety rules and parish regulations or be excluded from participation in this activity.

I understand that me, or my likeness, may be photographed, videoed, or recorded and such media may be used and distributed by the Church of St. Dominic and its partners in mission for purposes related to this activity and parish business.

I, in consideration of being permitted to participate in this activity, assume all the risks associated with participation in this activity, and specifically release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Church of St. Dominic, and its officers, directors, members, volunteers, employees, constituents, partners in mission, and any other persons or parties connected with this activity in any way whatsoever, jointly and severally, from and against any and all blame or liability (including negligence) for any injury, illness, misadventure, harm, loss, inconvenience or damage to person or property sustained as a result of taking part in this activity and all activities and events associated with it, including travel to and from this activity.

Participant Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant under age 18):

_____ Date: _____