



# service community prayer



Dignity  
Justice



Respect  
Solidarity



# Culture of Encounter

"Whenever we encounter another person  
in love, we learn something new about  
God."

- Pope Francis





"We achieve fulfilment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names!"

A few reasons for service-immersion...

Meet Christ . Kinship . Encounter . Solidarity  
Finding Purpose . Empathy . Faith in Action





# Our Mission

The Agape Service Project fosters service, community, & prayer as participants encounter Christ and uphold the dignity of our migrant brothers & sisters.





# Serve 3 Groups under 1 Mission

## Farmworkers of Whatcom County

- Direct services:
  - Food bank & food delivery
  - Increased access to health & human services
  - Summer enrichment for children
  - College scholarships
- Uphold dignity of an often invisible population

## Middle & High School Youth

- Tangible faith-in-action experiences
- Meet Christ in people, prayer, & gift of self
- Their passions for a better world have a place in the Church
- They have an individual purpose

## Young Adults

- Formation in missionary discipleship & servant leadership
- Tangible faith-in-action summer
- Daily experience of prayer & service
- Crash-course in professional lay ministry/non-profit



# Summer 2021 Quick Facts

- Culturally-appropriate items served in a bilingual (Spanish-English) setting
- Served an average of 228 families weekly at our food bank & weekly food distribution
- 19,320 diapers distributed over 7 weeks
- 206 participants at 10 different parishes grew in faith-in-action at our modified programming
- 56 volunteers served 233 volunteer hours over our 7 weeks of services
- Agape Service Project was selected for the Washington State Migrant Education Program 'Health Provider of the Year' award for the 2020-2021 school year.







## Agape Food Bank

Set up & run food bank  
that serves the  
farmworker community;  
2nd food delivery during  
week



# Mutually-Beneficial Service

## Summer Enrichment for Children

Build relationships with  
children of farmworkers  
through recreational &  
educational activities



## Support Just Agriculture

Support Whatcom County  
farms that are working  
towards a just & organic  
agriculture system





## Catholic Social Teaching

Daily programming roots our work in the social teachings of our Catholic faith.

**Pray . Learn . Reflect**

## Daily Reflections

Take time to process the experiences and how it connects to daily life.



## Prayer & the Eucharist

Start & end every day connecting with Christ as our reason for our service. Celebrate Mass & Adoration throughout the week.



# Agape Logistics

**Staff** - 5 staff lead and guide the entire week; Everything is covered - service projects, programming, reflections, meals, lodging

- Youth are exposed to the faith & witness of college servant leaders

**Cost** - \$400/youth + \$500 group fee

- Adults are FREE!

**Registration:** Opens March 1

**Tool Kit & Preparation Support** - Resources for promotion, formation, & planning; support to make it as easy as possible for YMs/group leaders

**We take care of logistics,  
you get to focus on your youth**





# Tentative Week Snapshot

**Sunday:** arrive at 2pm, intro/community building, BBQ & activities at camp for farmworkers families, opening prayer & reflection

**Monday:** Mass or Adoration, volunteer farm work, simulation dinner activity, activities for kids at farmworker housing

**Tuesday:** volunteer farm work, Mass, delivery of food boxes & activities at camps for farmworkers

**Wednesday (Food Bank Day):** Adoration, transport food bank supplies & food, set up & run the food bank

**Thursday:** advocacy work, concluding session/Mass, depart before lunch

**Everyday:** prayer, formation & reflection; Formation focus: Laudato Si'

**Registration Brochure & COVID Protocol:** [archseattle.org/registration](https://archseattle.org/registration)





# COVID Protocol

Briefed Overview As of Today 2/24/2022:

- All participants will be required to be fully vaccinated
  - *One exception to vaccination policy: youth with medical exemption*
- Negative rapid test no more than 72 hours before departure and wearing masks at all times indoors (except eating & sleeping) may be required come June
- Standard hygiene practices will be followed
- Pod Groups will be created for transportation & sleeping for the whole week (same people together in cars & sleeping rooms)
- All sleepers will be spaced by 6 feet
- Whenever possible we will operate outside – eating meals, prayer & formation, service activities, etc.
- Youth Minister/Group Leader will be responsible for verifying proof of vaccination of all participants or negative PCR test results of youth with medical exemption

As further updates from the state and Archdiocese are provided, we will revise our protocol.





A photograph of a field of sunflowers under a clear blue sky. The sunflowers are in various stages of bloom, with bright yellow petals and dark brown centers. The background shows a line of green trees.

# Contact & Questions?

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