







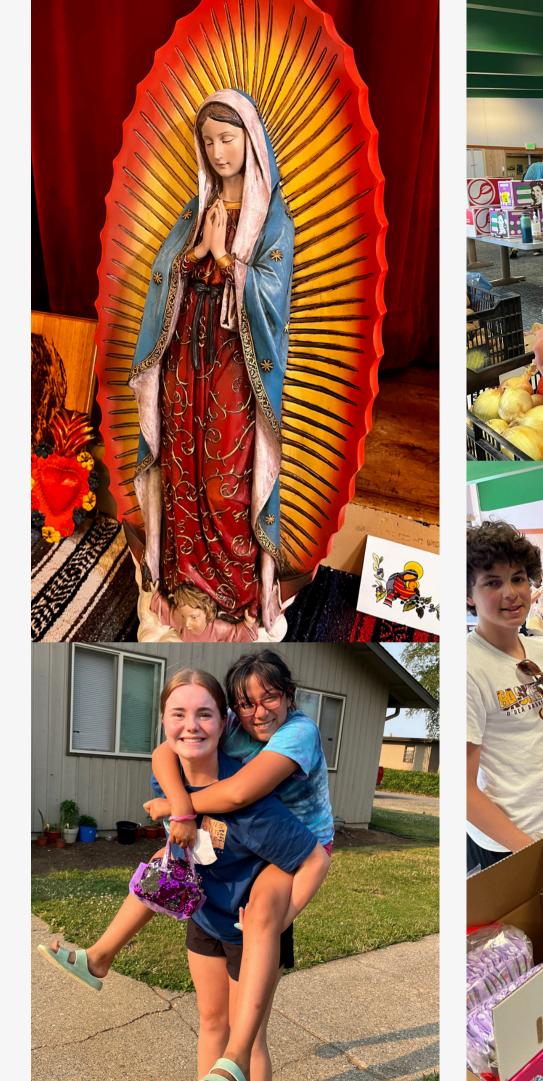
## This Summer Give Grow Have Fun Meet Christ

Service-immersion week with Agape Service Project

Serving the farmworker community of Whatcom County

## Our Mission

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







St. John the Evangelist, Sea Holy Family, Kirkland **Mary Queen of Peace** St. Stephen the Martyr **Our Lady of Lourdes, Selah** Our Lady of the Lake, Sea **Christ the King, Sea** St. Vincent de Paul, FW **Assumption/Sacred Heart** St. Louise St. Madeleine Sophie **Our Lady Queen of Heaven** 





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## Building a Culture of Encounter Youth . Young Adults . Farmworkers

### 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

### College-aged 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 2024 Quick Facts**

- Over 300 Youth & Adult Agape participants from 22 Catholic parishes and schools
- Agape Food Bank served an average of 650 households weekly for 10 weeks, providing dignified and joy-filled culturally-relevant food access, play space for kiddos while parents shop, a taco stand, and space for other health & human services to offer resources
- The largest summer staff team ever 10 total staff including 7 young adults under 25 - providing leadership opportunities for young adults in the Church
- Over 30 hours of direct service & 11 hours of formation/prayer led by Agape staff for groups in 5-days



## Agape Food Bank & Food Distribution

Set up & run food bank that serves the farmworker community; distribute food directly to housing

# Nutually-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 agriculture system - caring for creation & people

> Advocacy Work

Engage with your elected officials to share stories of the farmworkers you met & advocate for them

### Catholic Social Teaching

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

## Community Building

Strengthen your community through the culture of encounter



### Daily Reflections

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

### Prayer

Start & end every day connecting with Christ as our reason for our service; Mass & Adoration

## **Tentative Week Snapshot**

- **Sunday**: arrive to Bellingham Sunday afternoon, intro/community building, BBQ & activities at camp for farmworkers families, opening prayer & reflection
- **Monday:** volunteer farm work, community building, social justice formation, activities for kids at farmworker housing
- Tuesday: food bank set up, delivery of food boxes & activities at camps for farmworkers
- Wednesday (Food Bank Day): Set up & run the food bank, Adoration
- **Thursday**: Mass, advocacy work, concluding session, depart before lunch
- **Everyday:** prayer, formation & reflection



# Agape Logistics

**Staff** - 7+ 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 (& typically 1 seminarian)
- **Cost** \$450/youth + \$500 group fee
  - **Adults** are FREE!

**Registration**: Opens mid-late October

**Location:** Bellingham, WA;

• Lodging - Assumption Catholic School & Church

**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

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