



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**

**Thank
you!
2024 Groups!**



**Holy Names Academy
Kennedy Catholic HS
O'Dea HS
Bishop Blanchet HS
Holy Names (Tampa)
Brophy Prep (Phoenix)
Our Lady of Guadalupe
(San Diego)
Jesuit HS (Portland)
Verbum Dei HS (LA)**

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

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

Mutually-Beneficial Service

Catholic Social Teaching

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



Daily Reflections

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

Pray . Learn . Reflect

Community Building

Strengthen your community through the culture of encounter



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*

A vibrant field of sunflowers with bright yellow petals and dark brown centers, set against a clear blue sky and green foliage. The sunflowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others still budding.

Contact & Questions?

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