2017 Mission Trip

1. **Money:** Let’s start with the basics:
	1. Basic Cost of Trip: $650.
		1. This is incredibly dependent on our BIG Board, which we will go into later.
		2. Payments:
			1. Deposit of $125. It is refundable until MARCH 15. After that it becomes NON-refundable
				1. Without a deposit, we will not reserve a space
			2. Due April 1: $250. This is refundable until May 4.
			3. Due June 1: $275
2. **Tentative Travel and Flight information**:
	1. On Sunday, June 25
		1. Depart from Detroit: 8:00a, arrive in Dallas: 9:46a,
		Flight: AA2215L
		2. Depart from Dallas: 12:30p, arrive in McAllen: 2:09p
		Flight: AA5858L
	2. On Saturday, July 1
		1. Depart from McAllen: 4:00p, arrive in Dallas: 5:35p
		Flight: AA1335L
		2. Depart from Dallas: 6:40p, arrive in Detroit: 10:28p
		Flight: AA 942L
	3. Transportation on ground: 3 - 15 passenger vans driven by St. John 23 Staff
	4. Baggage: Everyone is allowed 1 checked bag up to 45 lbs, and 1 carryon

**We will gather at St. John 23 at 4am**

Prepare to pick them up on July 1st at St. John 23 at 11:30/midnight

1. **Very Rough Schedule**(this will become clearer as we get closer):

 June 25: Travel

 June 26-29: Assist in the Immigration Center at Sacred Heart Parish

 June 30: Away Day at South Padre Island
 July 1: Travel

1. **Adult Help**(possible chaperones)
	1. Paul Devine
	2. Sr. Ann Mary Molyet
	3. Erin Bilski
	4. Fay Birkemeier
	5. Steve Byrne
	6. Jackie Olzak
	7. Amy Loney
2. **Allergy’s/Diet:** Anyone have them? Let Paul know.
3. **Packing List**
	1. General Rules:
		1. Our service this year is assisting immigrants and refugees who come to Sacred Heart Parish seeking physical and emotional help. Bring clothes that are comfortable to move around in, **good walking shoes**, you could be on your feet for hours
		2. As a faith community, we need to rise to the occasion and show off our fashion while being **MODEST**. Here is a great rule: T-shirts & Shorts
		3. We need to be concerned with our packing. Not only because of airlines, but because of the vehicles we will be using while we are down there. Also, to save space in packing, there is no shame in wearing clothes more than once.
	2. Specific List:
		* Clothes to work in Monday – Thursday(4 days)
		* Clothes to sleep in Sunday – Saturday(6 nights)
		* Clothes for Friday(free day), be prepared to go swimming on beach, etc.) Girl swim suits need to cover midriff, not show cleavage. We will have extra t-shirts if we think that you need it
		* Comfortable shoes that you can be on your feet for several hours, flip flops for beach and showers
		* Hats/Sunglasses, **Sunscreen(it will be so hot)**
		* **Water bottles**
		* Hygiene stuff: …deodorant is a MUST…. Boys.
		* Obviously toothpaste, tooth brush, etc.
		* Lay off the make-up ladies
		* Towels and shower supplies
		* BEACH supplies
	3. Sleeping: We will be in beds. No need to bring anything unless you want a pillow/blanket for the travel.
	4. Other
		1. Prayer stuff: rosary, bible, journal, etc
		2. Personal items
4. **What NOT to bring:**
	1. Bad attitudes
	2. Electronic games
	3. Social Media Addictions
5. **ELECTRONIC RULES**We are allowing phones for the use of cameras. We will be enforcing the rule strictly. If we see it being used for something else, we ask the parents to support us in taking the phone away for 24 hours and giving it back the following day.
6. **FUNDRAISER:** Our main fundraiser is our 23Mission Big Board. This is the ONLY effective one that will help us get to McAllen, Texas. The other fundraisers that we do throughout the year will be minimal help and we will be directing most of those to retreats and JHM Camp.
	1. **Everyone** will be expected to find 5 people to take a number and donate that amount. We will have sample letters you can write/email. Phone call scripts. Etc.
		1. These are NOT parents. Ideas: grandparents, siblings, godparents, teachers.
		2. This may seem uncomfortable to you, but a real part of going on mission, is finding MISSION PARTNERS.
	2. If you receive more than 5 donations, anything after the 5th, will be directly taken away from your trip cost.
	3. When you receive a donation or pledge, you need to send me their contact information and keep a list for yourself. They are now you Mission Partners. You will be praying for these people on the trip and writing a letter to each of them(1 each day on the trip). THIS is a HUGE importance to being a mission partner. You not simply asking them for money, you are asking them to join you on the journey. That requires that you bring them back your experience.
	4. *IF you do not get 5 people to donate, the cost of the trip will go up $75 per donation not received*
7. **OTHER Fundraisers:**
	1. If you assist with any of our other fundraisers, you will receive $20 towards your trip cost.
8. **Mission Meetings.** These are meetings in which we will get to know each other, build community, and learn about where we are going. These will be at the Devine’s house: 326 W. Sixth St. Perrysburg, OH 43551
	1. April 2 6-8p
	2. June 4 6-8p