

**Parent Information Letter**  
**2023-24 St. John Vianney High School Esperanza Tijuana Trip**  
**Trek dates: Sunday, June 23 to Saturday, June 29, 2024**

*“What good is it, brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? ....Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.” James 2: 14, 18*

Welcome to our trek family! We are certain your trekker will not regret their decision to spend a week working in community in Tijuana. It is a time for reflections, hard physical work, and fun with a purpose.

Our meetings are required and will build a relationship of mutual trust, friendship and communication that is essential for the success of our time together in Tijuana. Any missed meetings and activities must be for legitimate reasons only and pre-approved with Susan Weaver or their assigned Youth Leader.

Standards on and for mission are HIGH!! Please help your trekkers carefully consider their choices and decisions; we must be able to truly trust those under our supervision, especially considering we will be living and working in a foreign country. Please review the Guidelines and Behavior Contract with your trekker. Contracts must be read, signed and returned with the application. These expectations will be strictly enforced.

We continue to monitor safety issues in Mexico. This will be our 33rd year working with Esperanza, and over 20 years with two of their staff members. Our long relationship is built on trust and friendship. The gated and locked Posada lodging is secure 24/7. We work with faith as our guide and make incredible differences in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Mexico while learning much about ourselves and the world. Please see <http://www.esperanzaint.org> for more information about this organization.

The total cost of our mission is approximately \$1200 and a significant portion of this will be offset by our team fundraising efforts, with the net profit divided equally between all team members. A down payment of \$100 is required to hold your trekker's spot and must be submitted with the applications, due October 21. This down payment will also cover your trekker's youth group registration fee, a required part of our trek. Final payment will be due June 2.

Our fundraising efforts are many, and a required element of our trek, in order to offset the cost for all.

- Christmas Tree sales, November 19 – December 23, are a major part of our efforts. All trekkers will be required to work a minimum of 6 shifts. We will need parent help, especially for the mid-week evening shifts.
- Other fundraisers will be held throughout the year. We welcome your input and suggestions.
- Many trekkers have had success soliciting help from family and friends. Friend and family donations will be credited to your individual trekker's account.

Please review and complete all pages of the application. More forms, including a Consent for International Travel form for minors, updated Medical Forms, and waivers for particular events will be sent out throughout the year.

**\*\*If your youth does not have a current passport valid for six months after the date of our travel to Tijuana, please apply now. Passport application services are currently taking as long as 3-4 months to process.**

Our Trek leaders are already hard at work planning for this trek experience. Our elected Youth Leadership team members are Gavin Leptich, Mason Miller, Indru Lantoria, and Elizabeth Vanden Brook. Our Adult

leadership team is led by Susan Weaver, Greg Leptich and Joe Byrne. Join us at our October meeting to meet the rest of our leadership team.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions. We are looking forward to another amazing Mission Trek year!

Sincerely,  
Susan Weaver,  
Pastoral Assistant for Outreach, SJV Kirkland  
[sweaver@sjvkirkland.org](mailto:sweaver@sjvkirkland.org);  
cell: 425-979-6920

*“Never let me forget that it is far better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.”*

**High School Mission Trek Application**  
**St. John Vianney Youth Esperanza 2023-2024**  
**Trek dates: June 23 to June 29, 2024 ~ \$1200 all inclusive (or less)**  
**Application and \$100 deposit DUE by October 21, 2023. Sophomore-Seniors only.**

*“More than anything I’ve experienced ...working with Esperanza has shown me what it means to be Catholic. The love and respect shared, the friendships formed, and the common humanity realized on this trek has changed my life and will continue to change the lives of others as it continues.” Leina McDermott*

**Full passport name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your cell #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport expiration date** (Passport must be valid for 6 months **after** our trip dates) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Passport birth date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade & School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dad's name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mom's name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent cell** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prior SJV church involvement/mission experience (when/where) if applicable**

\_\_\_\_\_

**What qualities will you bring to our team?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Why do you want to go? Be specific** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**What do you see as your responsibilities on this trek? (answer to best of your ability)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mission Trek meeting attendance is critical and mandatory. Fund raising opportunities are provided on a group basis with net proceeds divided equally among our group. Donations from family and friends are welcome and will be applied to your individual trekker’s account.**

**Blessings and welcome**  
**Your 2023-24 Trek Leadership team**

Gavin Leptich, Mason Miller, Indru Lantoria, Elizabeth Vanden Brook  
Adult leadership team led by: Susan Weaver (425-979-6920), Greg Leptich, Joe Byrne

**Your signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**St. John Vianney Mexico Mission Trek 2023-24**  
**Guidelines and Behavior Contract**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ make a commitment to the following:  
*Print Your Name*

- I. To abide by these expected behaviors while on trek:  
The following rules apply during our trip to Mexico - violation of these rules could result in an immediate trip home at your parents' expense:
  - 1. To abide by the laws of the United States and Mexico, (there will be no tolerance for the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco in any form).
  - 2. To not purchase weapons of any type while in Mexico.
  - 3. To be trustworthy - make sure your personal choices are up to our admittedly high mission standards. Your choices affect us all; please honor our mission by taking the high road.
  - 4. To be respectful of others and their property. No public or private displays of affection (PDAs), or profanity (PDPs). This is a mission of faith in action and our language and behavior should reflect this at all times.
  
- II. To abide by these expected behaviors here at home:
  - 1. To behave in a manner that reflects well on me, my family, church, and community.
  - 2. To participate in all required meetings, fundraising efforts and retreats.
  
- III. Expected behaviors for both home and on trek:
  - 1. To always respect times of prayer and reflection.
  - 2. To always strive to be an inclusive member of our group. We are all friends from many schools who work together toward a common goal. We transcend all boundaries!

Your behavior is your responsibility, and your demonstration of that responsibility is where the church and the mission staff want it to stay. We begin from a position of very high confidence and trust in our youth members, and it is incumbent upon each member to maintain that trust. While it is not the responsibility nor the desire of the church or mission staff to police your behavior or stifle your right to free speech, if it becomes an issue, either through observation or public airing (ie; social media), the mission staff reserves the right deny anyone permission to attend this trip.

These rules are set forth to ensure the safety and security of all members of the Mexico mission trek. They are not meant to keep you or anyone from enjoying their time in Mexico. To the contrary, these rules, and your agreement to follow them to the best of your ability, will help to ensure that ALL of us have a rich and rewarding time in Mexico. In order to accomplish this, there must be a high level of trust in you to act in a manner that reflects your maturity and responsibility to others.

The success of our team depends on all our efforts, both now and in Tijuana.

**I have read and agree to the contract.**

**Youth Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

# SJV YOUTH REGISTRATION

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL YEAR: 2023-2024

Mom: \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic? \_\_\_\_\_ Dad: \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic? \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mom cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Dad cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (per Safe Environment a parent email must be provided if a youth email is given)

Parish in which registered: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 By providing this(these) email address(es) I give the SJV permission to email my child(ren)

Youth's first name (Include last name if different) (Include preferred name if applicable)	DOB	SCHOOL	GRADE	Baptism Y/N	Eucharist Y/N	Reconciliation Y/N	Confirmation Y/N	Adult + shirt size	ALLERGY/ SPECIAL NEEDS
1.									
2.									
3.									

See our website, [sjvkirkland.org](http://sjvkirkland.org), click Sacrament or Ministries depending on interest. Schedules & important information is a click away.

Youth Program interested	Supply fee / Cost	Description and details	'X' all interests
Confirmation Preparation	\$150	The sacrament preparation includes youth group & trek (if signing up)	
Esperanza Mission Trek	See website for details	\$100 down payment includes youth group; total cost dependent on fundraisers	
YMP	Summer program cost TBD	No charge for Saturday day trips; other YMP programs to be determined.	
HP Retreat	Part of YG supply fee	Our kickoff event for Youth Group on the last weekend of September at SJV	
Youth Group	\$100 / youth or \$200 max for additional siblings	High School 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade & Middle School 6-8 <sup>th</sup> grade: Sundays 5:00-6:30pm Includes Archdiocesan and Deanery events, HP Retreat and all sessions	

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver:**

As parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the previously named minor participant(s).

I agree on behalf of myself, my child(ren) named herein, or our heirs, successors and assigns, to hold harmless and defend St. John Mary Vianney Catholic Church, Kirkland, WA, its officers, directors and agents, and the Corporation of the Catholic Archbishop of Seattle, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event, from any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses and all consequential damage arising from or in connection with my child(ren) attending the event or in connection with any illness or injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the organization, its officers, directors and agents, and the Corporation of the Catholic Archbishop of Seattle, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising therewith.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Matters:**

I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child(ren) is(are) in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child(ren).

**Emergency Medical Treatment:**

In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child(ren) to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Health Plan Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Specific Medical Information:** (The organization will take reasonable care to see that the following information will be held in confidence):

Allergic reactions (medications, foods, plants, insects, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Immunizations- date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization: \_\_\_\_\_

Does child(ren) have a medically prescribed diet? \_\_\_\_\_

Any physical limitations? \_\_\_\_\_

Is child(ren) subject to chronic homesickness, emotional reactions to new situations, sleepwalking, bedwetting, fainting? \_\_\_\_\_

Has child recently been exposed to contagious disease or conditions, such as mumps, measles, chickenpox, COVID-19, etc..? If so, date and disease or condition: \_\_\_\_\_

You should be aware of these special medical conditions of my child:

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Photograph and Video Consent:** From time to time, pictures and video may be taken of youth ministry/parish/school events and gatherings. We would like to be able to use these photographs and videos for flyers, parish and diocesan publications, and the ministry website. Written consent of both the student and the parent/guardian is required. Names will not be posted unless written authorization is given by the student and parent/guardian, and then only first names will be used. If there are concerns about pictures or videos posted on the website, please contact the organization or webmaster, and they will promptly be removed. I, the parent/guardian of this(these) youth(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (name) authorize and give full consent, without limitation or reservation, to St. John Mary Vianney Catholic Church, Kirkland, WA to publish any photograph or video in which the above named student(s) appears while participating in any program associated with St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Kirkland. There will be no compensation for use of any photograph or video at the time of publication or in the future.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Online Video Conferencing Consent:** The Youth and Outreach Ministry programming for our parish will utilize an online video/audio platform as part of our ministry. We will be using Zoom video conferencing services and ensuring we meet all safety criteria by monitoring all sessions and having two Safe Environment Certified Adults present during all session / online interactions between youth and parish staff and volunteers.

To have your child participate, please review the Youth Code of Conduct for online program participation and sign the permission form.

**Code of Conduct for Youth Participants (Online Programming)**

In order to assure the safe and successful participation of youth and adults participating in parish online programming in the Archdiocese of Seattle, the following code of conduct is to be followed. Violation of these norms may result in dismissal/denied access for future online sessions. All participants are expected to:

1. Follow Youth Minister or Adult Leader instructions at all times;
2. Dress appropriately;
3. All participants must login under their real name. Anybody logging in under an assumed name will be dismissed and denied further access.
4. Refrain from behavior or using language that is inappropriate. This includes but is not limited to:
  - a. bad language;
  - b. presentation of inappropriate images or music;
  - c. visible use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, or weapons;
  - d. disruptive actions that are tantamount to bullying, harassment, or verbal abuse.

Office use only:	
Check # _____	_____
Amount: _____	_____
Date Received: _____	_____

I, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission for my child/ren to participate in the St. John Mary Vianney Catholic Church, Kirkland, WA online youth ministry programming under the direction and guidance of the youth minister/program volunteers.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_