

Agape: Service Project

2025 information Sheet

July 27 – July 30, Bellingham, WA

One Week of Service: A Life Changing Experience



The Agape Service Project: is a 5 day local mission trip to Bellingham and Lynden Washington. This experience provides junior high youth a unique and challenging opportunity to live in community and be of service to migrant families in Whatcom County. We have the privilege to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ through direct service as well as through play, working together, and conversations throughout the week.

Who: Current middle school and High School Students. (grades 6 – 12) from both HFK and SJV parishes.

When: July 27 - 31

- We will meet at HFK around 12 noon on Sunday 7/27 (exact time TBD)
- We will arrive back at HFK around 3pm (depending on traffic) on Thursday 7/31

Where:

- Home base: Assumption Catholic School & Parish
- Lynden Washington: farmworker housing and where we set up the food bank.
- Community farms, surrounding farm worker housing, and migrant farm worker camps in Whatcom county.

How to apply: (application packet is attached)

- Youth: Write answers to the 5 application questions.
- Both youth and Parents: Read through, and sign Code of Behavior.
- Parents: Read through the financial contract, and sign.

Applications can be turned in directly to Cathleen, dropped off at the parish office, mailed in, or emailed in by the **April 9 application deadline.**

Highlights of the week:

- Setting up and running the foodbank on Wednesday
- Having dinner in community with migrant farmworkers
- Working in the community gardens harvesting food for the food bank
- Sorting donations in preparation for the food bank
- Mobile food distribution
- Helping to run community enrichment activities for kids at migrant farmworker housing.
- Prayer experiences as a community to develop personal faith as well as process and share experiences each day
- Serving others directly – seeing Christ in everyone we encounter.

Lodging

Groups will be staying at Assumption Catholic School & Parish in Bellingham. Groups will sleep on separate floors according to gender. Groups sleep in classrooms (on the floor) in the school. Summer camp mattresses are provided for all youth and adults, anyone is welcome to bring their own air mattress or camping pad.

the full Agape participant packet can be found on the parish website: www.hfkparish.org as well as the archdiocesan website: <https://archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/agape/>

(or use the search icon to search for “agape service project”)

AGAPE SERVICE PROJECT APPLICATION 2025

July 27 - 31 Whatcom County, WA

Please return application to Cathleen: by April 9.

Name: _____ **Grade/School:** _____

Parent Names/Emails: _____

This year we are working together with another parish to form our Agape service project group: we are prayerfully considering who we bring with us to make sure that the week is productive and focused for all who come with us. Please read and pray through the following questions, and then respond with written short answers.

Youth Questions:

1. What is something that you have learned about your faith this year?
(or one way in which you have grown in your faith this year)
2. Describe a time when things did not go according to plan, and what your reaction was.
Do you wish you had done something different?
3. Why do you want to go on this week of service?
4. What do you think you can contribute to this week of service?
5. What is one thing you are hoping to get from this week of service, or one way you are hoping to grow from this week of service?

Financial contract:

*Cost should never be a barrier in participation on ANY Youth Ministry event, However, we do owe a substantial participation fee as well as have many costs associated with our week on mission. That being said: payment plans and scholarships are available through the Youth Ministry fund if needed.

Initial Deposit:	\$100	Due upon acceptance
Additional Payments:	\$400*	(Can be made in installments And partially covered by scholarship fund if needed.)

Total Cost per youth: \$500*

*Actual cost for our week of service might be more, but you will only be asked to reimburse for the participation fee (\$500) We are also planning a fundraiser here at the parish, which would potentially cover some of these costs.

By Signing below: you are indicating that you are aware the participation fee for the Agape Service Project this year is \$500 and you are willing to cover that cost, help fundraise if needed, and/or will notify Cathleen by the application deadline if scholarships will be needed. (scholarships will not be able to cover the \$100 acceptance fee)

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Contact Cathleen with any questions at cathleen@hfkparish.org or call 425-822-0295 x 107

Code of Behavior and Norms for Youth Participants

Events Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Seattle

In order to assure the safe and successful participation of youth and adults at gatherings sponsored by the Archdiocese of Seattle, the following code of behavior is to be followed. You are expected to represent your parish, school, and the Archdiocese during all gatherings. You are encouraged to display the mature, responsible character which has for so many years been the trademark of Catholic Youth Ministry within the Archdiocese.

SOME NORMS FOR PARTICIPATION:

1. Individuals are responsible for their own actions, and will be asked to assume the consequences for their inappropriate behavior.
2. The purchase and/or use of tobacco or cannabis products by minors is not tolerated.
3. The purchase, possession, or consumption of beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages is not tolerated. Infraction of this means the immediate dismissal from the event.
4. The possession or use of illegal drugs by any individual is not tolerated. Infraction of this means the immediate dismissal from the event, and further action will be taken.
5. For the protection and safety of all participants, acts of violence or harassment are not tolerated. Such acts include fighting, physical or verbal assault/abuse, ethnic insults, and profane or obscene language, gestures, or actions.
6. Possession of any weapon (includes pocket knives) is strictly prohibited. Anyone who brings a weapon to an event will be asked to surrender it to leaders and further action will be taken.
7. Disruptive behavior, language, clothing, or items are not acceptable at events. This includes any which is obscene, profane, or inappropriate to the activities of the Archdiocese.
8. Appropriate clothing is expected.
9. Any form of gambling is strictly prohibited.
10. Participants are expected to take direction from their adult leaders.
11. In the event that behavior requires extreme action, it is to result in dismissal from the event. Parents will be contacted and participants will be sent home.

The Archdiocese of Seattle does not insure personal property against theft or loss; please exercise caution regarding your personal items. You are expected to observe the guidelines above in light of Washington State statutes and definitions. The Archdiocese of Seattle respectfully asks for your cooperation and hopes that you will have no trouble adhering to this code of behavior. Keep in mind that you represent the Church at all times during the event and are asked to demonstrate an image of Christian consideration, sensitivity, and respect to others and to the property around you.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CODE OF BEHAVIOR ABOVE AND WILL ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS DICTATED BY THIS CODE.

Participant's signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's signature

Date

Group Leader's signature

Date