



College Capuchin Outreach Program

*An Overview of the
2009 College Capuchin Outreach Program*



Q. What is the College Capuchin Outreach Program?

A. The **College Capuchin Outreach Program** is a weeklong service experience for a team of young adults. The primary goal is to offer the participants an experience of Catholic service to people in need while living in a prayerful, reflective community. The program promotes the personal and spiritual growth of the participants. It also provides participants with opportunities to become more aware of the reality of the disadvantaged in our society and how we as Christians are called to respond.

Q. Who sponsors the program?

A. The College Capuchin Outreach Program is sponsored and directed by Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries (CYFM), a ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Mary.

Q. Where will the community stay and what work will they do?

A. Lodging – During the week of our service, we will live at our Retreat Center in Garrison. **Work** – Each day members of our community will go out to the surrounding area to engage in service. We will work at eight different locations including a soup kitchen in Newburgh; a cancer hospital, dedicated to the poor who are terminally ill; Habitat for Humanity in Newburgh; nursing home in Cortlandt Manor; a drop in center for the needy in Newburgh run by Newburgh Ministries.

Q. What will community members do when they're not directly involved in service?

A. Back at our "home site," participants will take part in theological reflection, educational, worship and recreational activities. This experience is designed to foster the experience of Gospel community and provides the participants with the opportunity to learn, serve, relax, enjoy, and grow together.

Q. Where does money donated for the College Capuchin Outreach Project go?

A. Your donation helps make up the difference in the cost of our food, housing, and transportation (gas, and rental of some vehicles) that is not covered by our registration fee.

December, 2008

Dear _____,

During the week of January 4-8, 2009, I will participate in the Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries' College Outreach Program (CCOP). A group of college students will live at the CYFM retreat center in Garrison, New York. During our week of service we will serve the poor in a number of ways. Some members of our community will go into the community to build and repair homes with Habitat for Humanity for people who do not have the means to do so on their own. Others will serve meals at a soup kitchen in Newburgh or work with children in a special education program. Still others will visit the elderly in Cortlandt Manor, or those dying of cancer at Rosary Hill Cancer Hospital in Hawthorne. The enclosed question and answer sheet provides an overview of our Project. It will give you an idea of what the program is about.

I'm coming to you, someone who cares about the young people of our community, with several requests for support -- that's right, not just one, but several! I'd like you to sign on with our team as a **Companion in Service**. **Companions in Service** don't *give by going*, but rather *go by giving*:

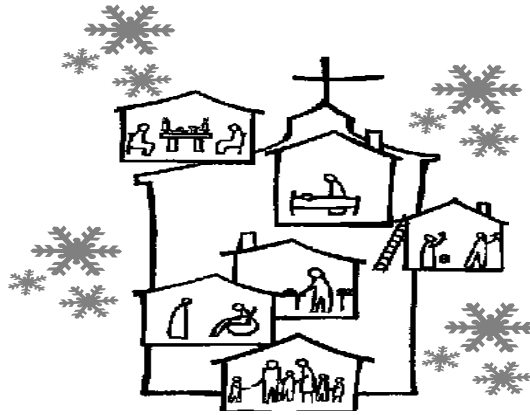
Giving attention to the unjust situations faced by poor children and families in our country

Giving up a few minutes each day to pray for us who are going, both as we prepare for the trip, and eventually spend our time in service

Giving a financial contribution to help make the experience possible for our community. Consider it a worthwhile investment, aimed at keeping the work of Gospel justice and service alive in our midst!

If you're willing and able to give a **"Yes!"** to these requests, please return the enclosed *Companion in Service Commitment Form*. Checks should be made payable to: CYFM. Know that we will appreciate anything you can do to make our trip a reality and will keep our companions in service close in our hearts and prayer during our experience. God bless!

Gratefully,



Commitment Form Companion in Service

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I would like to join the young people of our community in their service to those in need in the Hudson Valley Area as a Companion in Service. Although I am not able to *give by going*, I would like to *go by giving!* I promise to:

- Pay closer attention to what I read or hear in the news about children and families in need
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- Keep team members in my thoughts and prayers as they prepare for and engage in service to those in need
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- Make a financial commitment so that their Service Project experience can be possible.

Enclosed is a contribution of _____.

Signed _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

College Capuchin Outreach Program Participant: _____

Please make your check payable to CYFM and send it to:

Capuchin Franciscan Youth & Family Ministries
 PO Box 192
 Garrison, NY 10524



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