

St Thomas Summer 2018 Service Mission Trip:

Dominican Republic

St. Thomas is partnering with Catholic Mission Trips Inc. to host a service trip to the Dominican Republic on June 3 – June 9. Fr. Jason Sharbaugh and Juliane Pierini will lead a group of students to San Pedro de Macoris focused on serving the people of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) through manual labor and personal encounters. The trip will also focus on prayer and solidarity with the poor. We invite you to take this information sheet to consider over Christmas break if you'd like to spend a week of your summer serving the NPH community in the Dominican Republic. St. Thomas staff visited NPH in October and we found it to be a wonderful organization with which we'd love to share with our students. On the back of this sheet, you will find information about the trip with which to discuss finances and travel requirements. Please contact Juliane Pierini by email, jpierini@uark.edu, or phone (479) 444-0223 for any questions or concerns.



Important Information

Interest Deadline: Sunday, January 21 (if selected, a \$100 non-refundable deposit will be due Sunday, Jan. 28).

Space: 10 students: Students are expected to attend several preparatory meetings leading up to the mission.

Estimated Cost: \$1,300:

Fundraising: Students are encouraged to fundraise a portion of their mission fees by appealing to their families, friends, and home parish communities. We have fundraising tips available upon request.

Travel Requirements:

1. Current Passport: your passport must be valid at least until 2019 to travel abroad
2. Medical Information: recommended vaccinations for the Dominican Republic can be obtained at the Pat Walker Student Health Center
3. Insurance: the student is responsible for their own medical insurance for traveling abroad. This information, along with a copy of your passport, must be provided to St. Thomas upon acceptance to the mission.

Background Checks/Safe Environment Training: Students attending the mission will be expected to complete our diocesan safe environment training and comply with a background check.

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Age: _____ **Year:** _____ **Major:** _____

Please type your responses to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper (at least a paragraph for each question):

1. What do you hope to gain from this mission trip experience?
2. How would you describe a life of Christian simplicity? What are three things you could do to cultivate this life?
3. What gifts can you offer to this trip? Which aspect of the trip will challenge you the most?