

# St. Vincent de Paul

## Youth Serve Parent Information

Youth Serve is a three-day, two-night service learning program designed for teams of adults and students entering 8th and 9th grades. The program offers quality time for learning, service and prayer. Youth Serve provides an opportunity for your child to learn and dialogue together about the role of service and social justice in our daily lives as disciples of Christ.

### **Program Goals**

- Involve young adolescents in a creative and integrated approach to service learning from a Catholic perspective.
- Impact the way families with young adolescents view, understand, and respond to justice issues in their community.
- Introduce and model a process for local leaders to effectively engage young adolescents in Catholic service learning experiences.

By participating in this program young adolescents will:

- Deepen their understanding of the gospel call to discipleship and justice
- Learn about local and domestic poverty and explore its causes, consequences and responses
- Explore Catholic social teaching and its application to life today
- Live, learn, pray and work in community with other Catholic youth and adults
- Engage in hands-on service involvement with people and agencies that assist people in need locally
- Share their learning insights and creative ideas with peers and family members
- Discover ways to continue their justice and service involvement as individuals, with their families, and with their parish or school groups

### **Location:**

St. Columban Retreat Center  
1904 Calhoun St. - Bellevue, NE

### **Dates: July 23 – 25**

Participants should arrive at 12:45 pm on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to be ready to start promptly at 1:00 pm. The program closes on Tuesday with a special Family Session and Mass from 6:45-8:00 pm. It is important for your child be present for the entire program (Sunday to Tuesday). It is equally important for you to be present at the Family Session and Mass as it will provide a summary of your child's experience. Preregistration form and registration fee needed by Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Cost:**

\$140 per person. Make checks payable to SVDP Youth Ministry. No refunds will be made after June 16, 2017.

### **For questions or more information, contact:**

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