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An Overview of the 2018 Capuchin Outreach Program

Q. What is the Capuchin Outreach Program?

A. The **Capuchin Outreach Program** is a weeklong service experience for a team of youth and adults. The primary goal is to offer the participants an experience of living in an intentional Christian community and thus experience the Gospel in a powerful and perhaps a new way. It promotes the personal and spiritual growth of the participants through prayer, study, living together in community, and service to the poor. It also provides participants 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 Capuchin Outreach Program is sponsored and directed by CYFM, a ministry of the Capuchin Province of St. Mary. This is our 22nd year of the program.

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

A. Lodging – We live for the week 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 a soup kitchen in Newburgh; Rosary Hill Cancer Hospital, a facility dedicated to poor who are in last stages of living with cancer; Wingate Nursing Home; and we will provide a bible school here at CYFM.

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 Capuchin Outreach Project go?

A. Our registration fee covers part of the cost. Your donation helps make up the difference in the cost of our food, housing, and transportation (gas, and rental of some vehicles) during COP. Part of the money our sponsors give also goes to CYFM to cover its cost in providing this program so it can continue this and the many other programs it offers for young people and their families.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call or email and we will be glad to share with you in greater detail the wonderful works of this week.