



Capuchin Outreach Program - COP 2018

May 2018

Dear

During the week of June 24th – June 29th, I will participate in the Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries' Outreach Program (COP). Our team of teens and adults 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 serve meals at a soup kitchen and community center in Newburgh. Still others will visit the elderly in Wingate, or those dying of cancer at Rosary Hill Cancer Hospital in Hawthorne. Another group will be making bunk beds for single moms who decided to bring their children into the world. The enclosed question and answer sheet provides a further overview of our Outreach Program.

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 Mission. Companions in Mission** 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 and well right here in the Hudson Valley!

Recording your prayer request on the accompanying form. Learning to pray for our brothers and sisters in need is essential to the youth's experience of the week.

If you're willing and able to give a **"Yes!"** to these requests, please return the enclosed *Companion in Mission 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, and their intentions, close in our hearts and prayer during our experience. God bless!

Gratefully,