



since 2004

MISSION

The Agape Service Project fosters service, community, and prayer as participants encounter Christ and uphold the dignity of our farmworker brothers and sisters.



GOALS

- To serve the migrant community of Whatcom County by providing food, clothing, and community support with the ultimate goal of building personal relationships with those we serve
- To teach participants about Catholic social justice, especially in response to issues affecting the migrant community
- To inspire and encourage participants to continue answering the call to service throughout their lives
- To create a space where participants can grow in their faith and meet Jesus through prayer, people, and service
- To do everything with agape love



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SERVICE, COMMUNITY + PRAYER

Your group will have the opportunity to encounter others through service, community, & prayer. Everything that we do at Agape has a purpose, from the food we eat to the service-learning activities. Your week will include:

Prayer + Formation - Mass, Adoration, and daily sessions of prayer, formation, & reflection root our work in Christ and Catholic Social Teaching

Community Building - Engaging activities help strengthen your group & parish community through the culture of encounter

Agape Food Bank - Groups spend a full day setting up and running a food bank for the farmworker community in Whatcom County

Summer Enrichment for Children of Farmworkers - Create community with children at local agriculture housing complexes by providing educational & recreational activities (ex: sports, games, crafts, science, reading)

Volunteer Farm Work - Groups support local mission-oriented farms with volunteer labor; helping farms that are caring for creation & people



Donations

- Groups are asked to collect donations in their communities prior to their week
- What you bring will be used to stock the food bank - depending on what week you come to Agape, you will be assigned specific donations to be collected

COVID - Please read all current COVID protocol on the website: [archseattle.org/registration](https://www.archseattle.org/registration) If updates are made to the protocol, they will be emailed out to registered groups & posted on the website.



PARTICIPATION

Group Size

The maximum number of participants per week is 30; if a group is smaller, you may have the opportunity to combine with another group of middle or high school youth.

Expected Adult Participation

The groups' adults play a necessary and important role in the Agape week. Their involvement and positive leadership sets the example and creates a rewarding experience for the youth of your parish and those of the community we will serve.

Group Leader

Every group is required to have a group leader (ex: youth minister, teacher, parish volunteer) who will serve as the main contact with the Agape Staff. We are ready to support you with engaging and practical resources as you prepare and form the youth and adult leaders.

Adult Leaders

You will need 2 adult chaperones (21 years of age or older) for the first 8 youth, and 1:8 thereafter. Please note, a minimum of 2 adults per gender is required.

- **Transportation** - Adults are responsible for their group's transportation to and from Agape, as well as throughout the week. (Agape staff cannot transport participants.)



Program Fees

- \$500 non-refundable group reservation fee due with group online reservation to secure your week
- \$400 per youth participant (in addition to the reservation fee)
- Adults are FREE!

The program fee funds: lodging and all meals, t-shirts, programming (formation, reflections, prayer, etc.), service supplies, resources, operations & safety supplies, and the staff who make it possible.

(See final page for payment schedule and policies.)

Community Living

We intentionally live simply to enter into a spirit of solidarity.

- We recognize that the communities we serve may not receive the quantity and quality of food that we may be accustomed to, therefore we serve simpler meals to bring us closer to our family in Christ.
- The groups share in the responsibility of daily chores.
- Groups will stay at a parish in Whatcom County, in religious education classrooms. Groups will sleep in separate rooms according to gender, and will sleep on the floor.



Staff

Agape has six passionate, faith-filled, and experienced program staff who work together to coordinate and plan the entire program. This includes: planning for the summer, facilitating morning and evening sessions of prayer and reflection, leading community building exercises, general cooking and cleaning, shopping for supplies, and leading service projects. **You get to focus on your youth and their spiritual growth because we take care of the logistics and programming.**

Five of the staff are college-aged young adults who are on fire for their faith and excited to work with youth - this offers a unique opportunity for youth to witness the faith lives of college students.

Available Weeks

June 25-29

July 16-20

July 30-August 3

July 2-6

July 23-27

August 6-10

July 9-13



REGISTRATION & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$500 **non-refundable** group reservation fee is due at the time of online group reservation (your parish will be invoiced) to secure your week
- Due by February 1: Finalized number of youth participants
- Due by May 1: \$400 per youth participant (your parish will be invoiced) with the participant list and contact information

Registration Policies:

- Weeks reserved on a first come first served basis; your group is considered registered once BOTH your online reservation and reservation fee have been received.
 - Upon registration, your parish will maintain a soft hold of your first (or second) preferred week and will be invoiced for the \$500 through the Archdiocese accounting department. Please notify your bookkeeper to be aware of this fee.
- At the time of reservation, you will be asked to enter a realistic estimated number of youth participants (this helps us determine if we can host 2 groups in one week).
- Your finalized number of youth participants is due by February 1, which sets the total invoice balance due on May 1.
 - Once your finalized group number is submitted, your parish will be invoiced for the total participant fee (\$400 per youth participant) through the Archdiocese accounting department. Please notify your bookkeeper to be aware of this fee.
 - If it turns out you are unable to get enough youth participants to sign up after you have submitted your final number, please note you will still be responsible for the total balance. Financial responsibility for unused spots can only be released if Agape is able to find another group to cover your remaining spots.



Registration for Summer 2023 opens October 18 (10am) @
archseattle.org/registration