

Mission Education Opportunities for Teachers, Catechists, and Youth Ministers

Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are “disciples” and “missionaries,” but rather that we are always “missionary disciples.”

~Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

Missionary Disciples Formation Program

Professional development program which provides practical tools and strategies for educators and ministers to:

- Identify as missionaries and mission educators
- Discover and relate the Mission Story in Scripture
- Form students/school communities as evangelizing communities rooted in Gospel values
- Engage students in relationship and service to the world around them, locally and globally, in accordance with Church teaching and best practice

The program consists of 4 sessions, approximately 3 hours each. Offered in collaboration with the Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle. *Certified for teacher continuing education clock hours and Renewal of Catechist Certification hours in the Archdiocese of Seattle.*

Upcoming Programs

October 10-11, 2015 or March 12-13, 2016

Full program offered at the Maryknoll House on these **weekends**. Participant donation of \$35 suggested to help cover materials and meals. If no donation is possible, we are happy to offer the program as our gift.

Upon Request: We can also offer the full or partial program at your school or parish.



Immersion Programs

On-the-ground training in missionary discipleship, professional development in engaging young people in mission, and faith formation designed at grounding service and outreach in the Catholic tradition and faith.

**Scholarships
available!**

Guatemala— June 21-29, 2016

Every day, our neighbors from Central America make the perilous journey into the United States. Discover Christ in our Guatemalan brothers and sisters, deepening your faith and enlivening your ministry through encounter with their hopes, joys, and struggles. Meet and learn from the lay and religious missionaries walking with them and discern how you can invite your own community into a spirit of encounter with our sisters and brothers on the margins.

Program Fee: \$575 (includes room and board, meals, and in-country transportation)

El Paso/Juarez—August, 2016 (Dates TBA)

El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico are communities joined at the hip but separated by the border. Join us for this opportunity to observe, learn about, and put a human face to border issues and explore the realities, complexities, and inter-connectedness of these two cities. See first-hand how economic and immigration policies affect people in Mexico as well as the United States and explore how we are linked to our Mexican sisters and brothers in the bonds of global solidarity.

Program Fee: \$500 (includes room and board, meals, and in-country transportation)



Middle School Urban Immersion

Take your students on a **day-long urban immersion** to better understand missionary discipleship and to learn about poverty and injustice in their own neighborhoods!

We can provide a tool-kit complete with Religion-Standard cited lesson plans & activities to understand how:

- We are all called to be missionary disciples in everyday life
- Jesus models this for us
- Systems and situations can put people on the margins of society
- To accompany people on the margins
- To take this experience and discern next steps

Stay tuned for the upcoming launch of our easy online form to sign up for a location where your students can **encounter** people living **on the margins of their own communities** and **discern** what that means for them in light of our shared Catholic faith.

Sign up for our newsletter to stay tuned for when we launch registration!

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MDI for 7th Grade



Interested in helping your 7th grade students grow more mission-oriented? Are your students feeling called to do something more with their understanding of faith in action?

We invite you to take a look at our *Missionary Discipleship Institute* (MDI) for 7th grade. This **year-long program** created in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Seattle, Seattle University, and Maryknoll comes to you with ready-to-use lesson plans and activities in 3 units to address the questions:

Planned to address the questions:

- **Who is my neighbor?** Students will encounter & research their neighbors on the margins & the issues they face around the world.
- **Who is showing love to my neighbor?** Students will consider how the Church is living out the Gospel call to know, love, & serve their neighbors on the margins.
- **How am I called to love my neighbor?** Students will discern, plan, & enact a class response to the plight of their neighbors on the margins, local or global.

The Institute also includes a training program for teachers, further resources, and a day of learning and sharing at Seattle University for students. The curriculum incorporates the new religion standards.

Want to learn more? Contact Anna Clarke at aclarke@maryknoll.org or 206.322.8831.

Consulting and Resources

We gladly work with individual teachers/ministers, school faculties, and parish staff to help develop programs and resources that fit your mission education needs. Areas of support include: faith-based service learning, global solidarity, Catholic Social Teaching, local faculty/staff immersion retreats, formation for student mission trips, and more!

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To sign up for the opportunities listed here, as well as for additional online resources, please visit:

www.Teachers.Maryknoll.us