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“Love Begins Here” connects youth with local mission experiences

GREEN BAY, Wis. (Feb. 23, 2017) – This summer, the Diocese of Green Bay will partner with the Diocese of Madison to host local mission experiences based in our communities. Inspired by the life and work of St. Teresa of Calcutta, each mission experience aims to serve those most in need in humble and simple ways.

Love Begins Here (LBH) provides middle and high school youth with an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a life-changing way through week long, local mission trips. LBH launched in the summer of 2009 in the Diocese of Madison. Eight years later, over 700 missionaries are serving individuals, parishes, organizations, and communities throughout the Catholic Diocese of Madison. LBH has now branched out to help other Catholic Dioceses and communities engage in their own local mission trips.

"When serving as a missionary on Love Begins Here, we will encounter the Lord in new ways through service, prayer, and fun. I know this summer is going to change lives through LBH, and I cannot wait to be a part of it," said Torey Gostas, Love Begins Here intern for the Diocese of Green Bay. "Join us in being a part of local service projects right here in our Diocese, all inspired by the beautiful work of St. Teresa of Calcutta."

Summer 2017 Dates

- June 11-14, 2017: Middle School - St. Bernard, Green Bay
- June 18-23, 2017: High School - St. Katharine Drexel, Kaukauna
- June 25-30, 2017: High School - St. Joseph, Green Bay
- July 5-8, 2017: Middle School - SS Peter and Paul, Kiel
- July 9-14, 2017: High School - Sacred Heart, Shawano

Parishes can register as a group to attend, and any middle school or high school student whose parish is not taking a group and can register on their own. The cost to attend is \$120 for high school weeks and \$100 for middle school weeks. Adult chaperones are free. Cost covers food, accommodations, resources, and anything else to help those in need in our communities.

For additional information and to register, please visit www.gbdioc.org/youth-ministry/events/love-begins-here-missions.html. Torey Gostas, Love Begins Here intern for the Diocese of Green Bay, is also available to answer questions and coordinate parish groups. Please contact her at lbhgbd@gmail.com or 920-272-8122.

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Who we are: As friends and followers of Jesus, the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay is devoted to fostering households and communities of discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church. We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God. Established in 1868, the diocese is composed of 324,000 Catholics in 16 counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

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