

The Jesus Our Savior Missionary Development Fund

To honor the Glenmary Home Missioners, Jesus Our Savior Church hereby establishes the JOS Missionary Development Fund.

The missionary ministry of the Catholic Church seeks to share the Good News of Jesus Christ not only by initiating new members but also by offering that Christian love and compassion which extends to everyone and which finds Jesus in the least of our brothers and sisters. Father W. Howard Bishop, the founder of Glenmary, taught that Christ, the Good Shepherd was the model for such missionary ministry. As the Good Shepherd feeds, protects and unites those he cares for, so also those who participate in the missionary ministry of the Church seek to feed, protect and unite those whom they serve.

When people share in the missionary ministry of the Church, they not only serve the material needs of brothers and sisters, but they also serve their spiritual needs and prepare the way for deeper encounters with God, with Christ and with the Church. Furthermore, when people share in the missionary ministry of the Church, they themselves are changed. They have tested and refined their ideals, expanded their vision and understanding of community, and have felt the difference that Christian charity and compassion can make.

- A) Purpose: to encourage youth members, and adults who are full time members of the parish to work in Mission/Service areas of the United States and Overseas. (Includes full time MSU Students who are members of the Newman center.
- B) JOS Funds are normally matched on a 1 to 1 basis with other support.
- C) Person(s) are volunteers (not receiving a salary but may be receiving a stipend).
- D) Mission and/or Service program/project must be approved by JOS.
- E) Maximum JOS Grant of \$1,000.00 to any one person; funds in excess of this amount must be approved by Parish Council. The overall budget is \$2,000 annually.
- F) Applicants should submit a 3 page document (no more than 3 pages) plus attachments describing the following by, April 1 or October 1:
 - 1) Summary of the proposed mission trip and your proposed activity and your reason for your involvement in this activity.
 - 2) Name of the Mission and or Service Project and the charity and/or religious institution you will be working for.
 - 3) Date of your mission trip, your length of stay, location,
 - 4) The activity you will directly be involved with.
 - 5) Amount of your request and documentation from the Mission of the overall costs plus travel and meals.
 - 6) Source of your Matching funds.
 - 7) Web Link and or brochures of the Project or Mission Site.
 - 8) Proof of insurance and/or waiver of liability need to be submitted as appropriate.
- G) A committee of at least 4 parishioners appointed by the pastor will administer this fund.
- H) At completion of the project recipients make a report to the parish in a way to be determined with the committee at the time of the awarding of the grant.
- I) This policy becomes effective July 1, 2012 and is subject to an annual review.