

Southern **MARYLAND** **ROOTS**

Dear Friends:

The Southern Maryland Roots High School Youth Group, comprised of youth from Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Chaptico, MD; Holy Angels Church, Avenue, MD and Sacred Heart Church, Bushwood, MD and St. Francis Xavier Church, Newtowne, MD are hosting the first annual **High School Youth Pilgrimage, September 24, 2022** on St. Clement's Island in the Potomac River, Colton's Point, MD.

The goal of this Pilgrimage is to gather in sharing a spiritual journey to historic St. Clement's Island, the foundation of Catholicism in the British American colonies, for Maryland and D.C. high school youth offering an unprecedented opportunity to encounter Christ while becoming deeply rooted and enriched in Faith, Love, Friendship and Heritage.

The Theme: "The Journey ...Why did they come?"

385 years ago, on March 25, 1634, known today as Maryland Day, English colonists landed on this very island in search of religious freedom and tolerance. In thanksgiving, Jesuit priest Father Andrew White, erected a cross and said the first Catholic Mass in the English speaking New World! What an incredible opportunity for our youth to journey together to this same island kindling their hearts to be part of something much bigger than themselves!

We need your help in order to accomplish this mission! Supporting this event are 7th District Optimist Club, the St. Clement's Hundred, Department of Natural Resources and the St. Clement's Island Museum — all part of the history and culture of the Island. We are asking for donations, sponsorships, and in-kind contributions from others to make this event possible. An event like this could never be possible without the love and support from our communities. Anything you wish to give will make a difference in a significant way! We are confident that many will join in these efforts to enrich our youth, preserve our history, and come together in unity to make a difference.

Through the Southern Maryland ROOTS Youth Groups' "Art of Giving" outreach, this experience will provide not only a spiritual journey but also expose new pilgrims to our heritage and community through new founded awareness of the Island and Cross. What an honor it will be to come together doing something beautiful for God!

May God bless you for your support of our Youth, our Community and our History. Thank you so much for your time and generosity.

With sincere thanks and Blessings —



Rev. Chip Lockett
Pastor - Our Lady
of the Wayside Parish

Rev. Stephen Wyble
Pastor – Holy Angels
& Sacred Heart Parishes



Rev. Ryan Islo Pineda
Pastor – St. Francis
Xavier Parish



Theresa Friess
Youth Minister

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SOUTHERN MD ROOTS YOUTH PILGRIMAGE - SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

"The Journey...Why did they come?"

DONATION LEVELS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Please consider one of the following levels of giving if you are able.

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- _____ HERITAGE - \$100 - \$199
Benefits: 2 commemorative T-Shirts; recognition in the printed program
- _____ ROOTS PATRON - \$99 and Below
Benefits: Recognition in the printed program

ANY AND ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Make checks payable to "Our Lady of the Wayside",
(a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization).
Please note on check "The Pilgrimage"
For more information, contact Theresa Friess at 240.298.3879
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