Church of the Presentation

Anawim Ministries Mission Trip

June 27 - July 2, 2027

Applications are due no later than Sunday, February 7, 2027.

Destination

Anawim Ministries is a volunteer-based organization which began by reaching out to the poor and disadvantaged of Clearfield County, Appalachia through practical support such as home repairs, cleaning, transportation to medical appointments, and other essential services not readily available through existing agencies. This work continues with the help of dedicated volunteers and is rooted in compassion, dignity, and community care. This mission is special and unique in that the persons who volunteer are invited to live a life of Christian community in solidarity with the poor.

What we will be doing?

Projects may include but limited to home renovations, building or repairing porches, indoor/outdoor painting of houses or apartments, working with the handicapped, assisting at our emergency shelter, visiting nursing homes and shut ins, yard work, cleaning, work on the Retreat Center Grounds, as well as other similar services. We seek to develop Christian leadership skills and provide an experience of living in a Christian community which is accomplished through participants assisting in organizing the jobs each day, through work on the job sites and interacting with the people of the area, helping with meal preparations and clean up, assisting in daily routine tasks at the Retreat Center, and planning evening prayer and reflection time.
Another focus of the week is building community with each other. There will be recreational and other activities each day with this focus in mind.

Who can apply?

Any Presentation parishioner who will be 25 years old by June 1, 2027, may apply for this mission trip.

Each application must include the following:

- Completed Application form
- Typed, signed letter of intent
- Copy of your current driver's license
- Summary of your availability to be in the parish area from February 1 through June 2027
- A deposit of $200.00 towards travel costs, submitted by personal check, payable to Church of the Presentation, memo "***Anawim Mission Trip***" which, upon selection, will be non-refundable.
- The COMPLETE PACKET (Application form, as well as letter of intent, copy of driver's license and deposit) is **due by Sunday, February 7, 2027**.

Dates & Cost

Mission Dates: June 27 - July 2, 2027

Fundraising Dates: To be determined in partnership with other Church of the Presentation mission trips. *Each missionary is expected to participate fully to the extent of their availability in possible joint fundraising projects.*

The overall cost of the mission trip is anticipated to be approximately $450.00 per person.
After application of the deposit, potential sponsorships and individual fundraising efforts, each team member ultimately will be responsible for the net individual cost of the trip.

Letter of Intent

This helps us understand why you want to go on this trip and what you hope to get out of this experience. Please be detailed and specific in this letter about what gifts and talents you will bring to this mission trip and what gifts and blessings you anticipate receiving during the trip.

What commitments are required to participate in this mission trip?

Once the team is established, formation and community building meetings and events will be planned. It is helpful for the group to develop a level of trust that will empower a good working relationship, beginning prior to the trip. Through the course of the formation meetings, the group will work together on team building activities and lessons for understanding the population we intend to serve. There will be opportunities to participate in cultural sensitivity training, explore Catholic Social Teaching, and cultivate a deeper personal relationship with Christ so as to be better able to become a servant as he was.
****Dates for formation meetings and fundraising events will be provided after applications are submitted. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to coordinate dates as efficiently as possible.*

When will I find out if I have been accepted or not?

All completed applications will be considered for this mission trip that are submitted by **Sunday, February 7, 2027**. **Applicants will be advised of their acceptance on the mission trip by February 28, 2027, at which time, you will be required to confirm your participation, and your deposit will become non-refundable.**

What are the next steps to take if I am accepted for this year's trip?

Once an applicant receives notice of their acceptance and confirms their participation, medical paperwork, waiver forms, and additional information will be distributed at the first meeting (*Exact date TBD)*

If you have any questions about any follow up information, please contact **Catzel LaVecchia @ catzel@churchofpresentation.org.**

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APPLICATION FORM

Name_____Date of Birth_____Gender_____.

Address_____City_____State_____.

Email_____Phone_____ .

Please provide by separate confidential email to Catzel LaVecchia: catzel@churchpfpresentation.org information concerning any medical condition and requested accommodation that you may require during the mission trip (*this information will be held confidential by the mission team leaders.)*

You must include with this application form the following:

❑ **Letter of Intent explaining:**

- Why do you want to participate in this mission experience? What do you hope to gain from this experience?
- What gifts, talents, motivations, and interests can you offer that would enhance the experience for the group?
- If you have been on a mission/service trip before, what experience/expertise will you bring to the group? Why do you wish to do another mission/service trip? How do you see your participation in this mission trip assisting you to grow as a Catholic Christian?

❑ **Copy of your driver's license**

❑ **Your Availability (from March 1 through June 2027)**

1. What dates will you **NOT be available** to participate in formation meetings?

2. List days of the week that work best for you for in-person and/or Zoom meetings.

3. If there is a weekend fundraising event or formation experience (such as a team retreat) that is scheduled, indicate the likelihood you would be able to travel to the parish for that weekend.

Please describe your availability from March 1 through June 2027:

1.

2.

3.

❑ **Deposit of $200.00** submitted by personal check, payable to Church of the Presentation, memo ***"Anawim Ministries Mission Trip 2027"***

Statement of Agreement

By signing this form, I am agreeing that all of the information I have supplied is accurate and truthful. I am stating that I have read through and understand the entire application process and further agree that by applying for this mission trip:

Please initial each of the following understandings:

_____ I understand that, if my application is accepted, my $200.00 will become non-refundable.

_____ I understand that, if my application is accepted, I will be personally responsible for the overall cost of the trip (approximately $450.00), which will be reduced by my deposit, any sponsorships that may be applied, and by my individual payment and/or fundraising.

_____ I understand that I am committing to participate in future formation meetings.

Applicant Signature_____Date_____.

Please deliver the completed application packet to:

Church of the Presentation
Attn: Catzel LaVecchia – Anawim Ministries Mission Trip 2027,
271 W. Saddle River Rd.
Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458

or email to catzel@churchofpresentation.org a PDF of *all* completed documents and deliver your $200.00 deposit to Catzel on your next visit to the church. Applications are not complete without the deposit. Deposit check will be returned to you if for some reason you are not selected for the trip.