



2015 Holy Week Missions Cincinnati | April 1st – April 4th

▶ What are Holy Week Missions

“Go, do not be afraid, and serve. If you follow these three ideas, you will experience that the one who evangelizes is evangelized, the one who transmits the joy of faith received joy.” - Pope Francis

This Holy Week come visit the sick, serve the poor, feed the hungry, be part of the evangelizing missions, celebrate Holy Week Liturgies, and participate in the Annual Cross Walk. Experience Holy Week!

You will be practicing the *works of mercy* that we are each called to do. These are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. As a missionary you will touch the lives and souls of others by participating in corporal works of mercy, doing simple acts of kindness, making a child or elderly or homeless smile, ignite fun in someone’s life by playing cards or basketball, listen to someone in need, inspire someone to go to confession, or maybe your presence alone will spark one soul to get closer to Christ.

Holy Week Missions are brought to you by Mission Youth and take place in many cities around the USA and the world—yes, it is that awesome! You don’t have to travel far to be a missionary! Step out of your own home and come join us!

▶ When

Holy Week Missions begins on Wednesday, April 1st evening until Saturday, April 4th evening

- Everyone is encourage to attend the Commissioning Mass for all missionaries on Wed evening, April 1st
- Missionaries can choose to do all 3 days or 2 Days or 1 Day
- High School Youth and Young Adults are *highly* encouraged to do all 3 days! And Families, too!

▶ Who can attend

There will be 4 types of missionary groups:

- High School young men
- High School young women
- Young Adults (18+)
- Families (all ages/attend as a family/or can also split into different groups)

Note: The High School Youth Missions are overnight at a base location (see below). High School Youth will be in gender specific groups. Lodging will be in distinct locations yet a few mission activities will be co-ed. Families and Young Adults will sleep at their homes. Host families are available for out-of-town missionaries.

▶ What will we be doing

Wed. Evening	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check-in for missions • Commissioning Mass for all missionaries at Royalmont Academy • Social Gathering <p>Everyone is encouraged to attend regardless of how many days or which day you will be participating!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missionary Training • Street Missions • Faith Survey & Activities • Corporal Works of Mercy • Mass of the Lord’s Supper • Eucharistic Holy Hour • Confessions • Night Fever 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Cross Walk” from St. Peter in Chains Cathedral to Holy-Cross Immaculate in Mt. Adams • Collect Prayer Intentions and nail them to one of the 3 crosses during the “Cross Walk” • Pray “the steps” at Mt. Adams • Stations of the Cross at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral • Confessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Missions • Corporal Works of Mercy • Confessions • Closing Ceremony, testimonies and dinner in St. Peter in Chains Cathedral undercroft • Easter Vigil at Cathedral

*Detailed schedule at www.missionyouthmissions.com and will be available during check-in

Where

Below are the locations for the events where all missionaries (high school youth and families) will be participating. Visit www.missionyouthmissions.com for a detailed schedule.

Wednesday: Commissioning Mass for all missionaries and their families

- Royalmont Academy, 200 Northcrest Dr., Mason, OH 45040
- Check-in at 6:30 p.m.; Mass at 7:30 p.m.; Social Gathering at 8:30 p.m.
- All missionaries and their families should attend
- Youth will be transported to their "Base" church

Friday: Annual Cross Walk

- All missionaries and their families will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, 325 West 8th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202
- High School Youth that are staying overnight will be transported to the Cross Walk location

Saturday Evening: Closing Ceremony and Easter Vigil

- St Peter in Chains Cathedral *undercroft*, 325 West 8th Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 at 5:00 p.m.

High School Groups Overnight Accommodations

- High School Freshman and Sophomore Young Women Base Church: St. Leo the Great Parish
- High School Junior and Senior Young Women Base Church: St Williams Catholic Church
- High School Young Men Base Church: Chancery office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

"Base" Churches

- St. Peter in Chains Cathedral: 325 West 8th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 (downtown Cincinnati)
- St Williams Catholic Church: 4108 W. 8th St. Cincinnati, OH 45205 (close to downtown Cincinnati)
- St. Leo the Great Parish: 2573 St. Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225 (close to downtown Cincinnati)
- Chancery office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 East Eighth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 (downtown Cincinnati)
- Holy Cross Immaculata, 30 Guido St. Cincinnati, OH 45202 (Mt. Adams- close to downtown Cincinnati)

Information

- Questions: cincymissions@gmail.com or 513-720-2767
- Mission Youth: <http://www.missionyouthmissions.com/>
- Facebook Link: <http://www.facebook.com/CincinnatiHolyWeekMissions>
- Links to videos that will give you an idea of this AWESOME experience:
 - [Cincinnati Holy Week Missions 2014](#)
 - [Cincinnati Holy Week Missions 2013](#)
 - [Cincinnati Holy Week Missions 2013 – High School Boys](#)
 - [Good Friday: Pilgrimage to Holy-Cross Immaculata in Mt. Adams \(Cincinnati, OH\)](#)

Cost

Holy Week Missions consists of 3 days of missions plus the commissioning mass. It is *highly* encouraged that you attend all 3 days as you will get the full Holy Week Mission experience.

- **Families Missions Fee**
 - Children Under 3 are Free
 - Family Mission fee includes registration, all meals for family except breakfast, and family mission kit which includes: 1 field guide and each family member will receive a missionary cross.
 - It is *highly* encouraged that a Mission Youth T-shirt is worn each day.
 - T-shirts are available for purchase at registration and Friday morning before the Cross Walk
 - Young adults are welcome to attend high school youth or family missions

How many days participating	Cost per person
1 Day	\$15
2 Days	\$20
3 Days	\$25

Note: 1) Large Family Cap of \$175 (if the math adds up to more than \$175, only pay \$175!)
2) If a family is attending "family missions" and they have a high school youth attending "high school missions", the high school youth rate is discounted to \$40 per participant.

▶ Cost (cont.)

- **High School Youth Mission (overnight) Fee**
 - 3 Day Missions Fee: \$75
 - If the high school youth family is attending missions, then the youth fee is discounted to \$40 per participant.
 - Fee Includes: registration, lodging, meals and 1 Mission kit (field guide and missionary cross).
 - It is *highly* encouraged that a Mission Youth T-shirt is worn for each day.
 - T-shirts are available for purchase at registration and Friday morning before the Cross Walk

▶ Mission Youth Merchandise

- Mission Youth Store will be open on:
 - Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Royalmont Academy
 - Friday from 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at St Peter in Chains Cathedral (before Cross Walk)
- T-shirts are \$10; Sweatshirts \$20 (children and adult sizes are available)
- Cinch Bag \$5; Water Bottle \$5; Missionary Field Guide \$5; Mission Youth Wooden Cross \$2





▶ Registration:

To register mail in:

1. Registration Form
2. Parent Permission for under 18 yrs. old OR Release form for over 18 yrs old (all attendees need one filled out)
3. Transportation Waiver (one for each attendee)
4. Registration Fee (see cost section) - check made out to: Mission Youth Network Activities USA, Inc
5. Mail in all the above forms and payment to:
 - Holy Week Missions Cincinnati
 - Attn: Maria Gaviria
 - 7267 Lawyer Road,
 - Cincinnati, OH 45244

Registration Questions: cincymissions@gmail.com

The following forms need to be filled out and mailed as indicated in the above registration instructions:

Forms: Holy Week Missions 2014 Registration	Document
Registration Form	 Registration Form Holy Week Missions 2
Parent Permission Waiver –under 18 years old	 Permission form under 18 Holy Week I
Release Forms– over 18 years old	 Waiver 18 and Over Holy Week Missions 2
Transportation Waiver	 Transportation Waiver Holy Week Mi

▶ **What to Bring (High School Youth Overnight):**

Suggested Packing List

- Under 18, 1 copy of Parent Permission Form (must be signed by parents; see above)
- For those over 18, bring a copy of your signed release form and a copy of your Virtus Training Certificate (Protecting God's Children– see below).
- Photo/Student ID
- Sleeping Bag/mat
- Bible / Rosary
- 2-3 pairs of blue jeans and/or khaki pants (note to girls: no shorts, but capris acceptable)
- Warm, tops to go under sweatshirt (note to girls: modest tops), layer clothes
- Warm pajamas
- Extra Socks
- Tennis Shoes
- Towel
- Water Bottle
- Hand Sanitizer, Mouth Wash (optional)
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Spending money
- Any medication you need

What Not To Bring

- iPods, MP3 or anything that is fancy and expensive
- Alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, or fireworks

Note: Mission Youth will not be responsible for any lost or stolen personal items. Also be advised that the Holy Week Mission is an opportunity to share yourself with others; therefore cell phones, ipods, mp3 players, electronic games, etc. tend to distract missionaries from the important work at hand. Mission directors have the right to ask their missionaries to refrain from the use of any of these devices during the course of the mission, particularly if they become a distraction.

▶ **Virtus Training (Over 18): Protecting God's Children for Adults**

Any adult attending must have attended the Virtus Training and received a certificate (see below for opportunities in the next few weeks). This training is a requirement by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Link to Archdiocese of Cincinnati Virtus Training: [Information on Virtus Training](#)

Link to Upcoming Sessions in Cincinnati: [Virtus Training Sessions in the Tri-State Area](#)

A Glimpse at the significance of the Triduum during Holy Week

Holy Week Missions are a transforming Faith experience during the Holy Triduum, the holiest of all Catholic Church celebrations beginning on Holy Thursday, moving into Good Friday, Easter Vigil on Saturday evening and Easter Sunday. These liturgies bring to life, in vivid detail, the events of the Last Supper, and Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. All other feasts of the year look back to this great feast.

Reconciliation is a beautiful way to prepare for the holiest week of the year.

HOLY THURSDAY

The first event of the Triduum is the mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. This celebration weaves together two very different accounts of the Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist, and the washing of the feet with Jesus' command to love one another. With the gift of the Holy Eucharist, Jesus showed you how to love. When Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the last supper, Jesus showed his followers how to serve one another.

During this liturgy, the people are invited to bring their gifts for poor people in procession. People have their feet washed as a reminder that we are to wash the feet of others. The Mass of the Lord's Supper celebrates the establishment of the Eucharist and the priesthood, and Christ's commandment to love one another. There is no formal ending to this liturgy. The altar is stripped of linens after Mass and the church is silent.

GOOD FRIDAY

We honor the cross, on this day we recall Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. Good Friday is the most solemn day in the church year. During the Good Friday liturgy, we thank Jesus for his great sacrifice.

We proclaim St. John's version of the Passion, because of all the Passion stories it is the one that most shows that Jesus is God, and that he was in complete charge of his destiny. It is called Good Friday because Jesus willingly gave his life for the sins of the world—that is good.

The mass is not celebrated on Good Friday. There is a communion service instead. During this liturgy the people come forward to venerate the cross with a gesture of respect, such as a kiss or a bow of the head. The community receives Holy Communion that was consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. At the end, all depart in silence.

HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday is a day of silent prayer as the Church waits for the joy of Resurrection. During the day we spend time thinking and praying. We remember that Jesus died to save all people and thank God for this gift. Then on Saturday evening, at the Easter vigil, the third sacred day begins. This day begins the special celebration of Jesus' Resurrection.

The Easter Vigil is the celebration, in which we renew the nine dominant sacramental symbols that we need in order to be the Church we are called to be. This service begins in darkness, waiting for the light of Christ. Then, when we see the light of the large Paschal candle, we then begin to sing with joy. At this vigil there are many readings in the Liturgy of the Word. We hear again all the wonderful things God has done for his people. We have not sung the Alleluia since Lent began but we sing it now with great joy. Jesus has indeed risen from the dead!

One high point of this vigil is the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation- Baptism, Communion and Confirmation and we welcome new members into the church.

No one should miss this night that is different from all other nights. It is the night the entire Church is made new. It is the night our Christian symbols are most fully expressed.

EASTER DAY

Among the excitement of colored eggs, blooming lilies, and family dinners, Catholic families are reminded of the real significance of our Easter celebrations. The liturgy of the Solemnity of the Lord's resurrection shows us that this is the most glorious day of the church year. Gleaming white linens and gold vestments are signs of joy. Church bells that have been silenced since Holy Thursday evening ring out, and the Gloria and Alleluia return in splendor in our mass celebrations. The words of the hymns celebrate the victory of life over death, love over loss and salvation over sin.