



*A School in the Tradition  
of St. Francis of Assisi*

Melbourne Central Catholic High School  
Catholic Heart Work Camp  
Diocese of Orlando-Dominican Republic

Saint Croix Mission Trip Application  
Dominican Republic Mission Trip Application

Completed forms are due to Sullivan Ministry Center by:  
Wednesday, May 1, 2019

## Melbourne Central Catholic High School Mission Application

Melbourne Central Catholic is pleased to continue its partnership with St. Patrick School in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands (STX). Melbourne Central Catholic has also partnered with the Diocese of Orlando and its Mission Office to offer trips to our sister schools in the Dominican Republic (DR).

Students from MCC will serve the communities of St. Croix and the Dominican Republic during February 2020. The trip is tentatively scheduled for February 15, 2020 through February 22, 2020. During the trip to St. Croix, students may have the opportunity to volunteer at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's schools, the local soup kitchens, a foster home for children, a home for disabled adults, a village of impoverished families, and learn about the rich culture and history of St. Croix. While in the Dominican Republic, students will work in two remotes villages, La Cucarita & Montazo. There, students will plan & teach English lessons in our sister schools San Pablo (La Cucarita) & Sagrada Familia (Montazo).

**Students who will be 18 years of age or older while on the mission trip MUST be fingerprinted through the Diocese before attending the trip.**

**Students who wish to be considered for either mission trip must complete and submit the attached Mission Trip Application by Wednesday, May 1, 2019.** Application is open to all MCC students who will be a junior or senior during the 2019-2020 school year. Any student who wishes to be considered for this opportunity, must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative weighted grade point average.

***First opportunity for the St. Croix Mission will be given to those students who have not attended a mission trip in the past. Depending on space availability, students may attend a 2nd trip to St. Croix. Students applying to the Dominican Republic Mission Trip should have prior international mission experience (including St. Croix) or proven experience in Mission work or service activities. However, prior mission work experience is not required to participate in the DR.***

***Students will be required to attend monthly meetings and participate in activities leading up to the trip to prepare for this experience. Students who do not attend the monthly meetings will NOT be allowed to attend the trip.***

**All students will also be required to volunteer over the summer during the Catholic Heart Work Camp retreat. This retreat takes place on the campus of MCC during the week of **July 6-13, 2019**.**

Students need to be aware that the trip is scheduled during the school year; students will be responsible for making up assignments while on this trip. Final cost of the trip will not be determined until the airline tickets are purchased. **Estimated costs of each Mission Trip is expected to be \$1,600.00.**

A principal-appointed Faculty Council will use the information provided for selection.

Prospective applicants will need to print the application in its entirety and **complete all sections**. Type or neatly print all forms and type the required essays. Submit the completed application by the published deadline. **Do not be modest**. Every bit of information will be used by the Faculty Council to assist with the fair consideration of your candidacy during the selection process. Completion of this application does not guarantee selection.

**The completed application form is due to Sullivan Ministry Center by **Wednesday, May 1, 2019**.**

Applicants will need to provide blank recommendation forms to teachers prior to the deadline. Please be considerate of deadlines. Teachers will give completed recommendation forms directly to the Sullivan Ministry Center not to the applicants. Applicants will be notified of the Faculty Council's decision in writing.

# MCC–St. Croix/Dominican Republic Mission Application Form

## Section A.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City Zip Code

What Mission Trip experience are you applying to? Must indicate at least one. If both, please indicate your 1st choice.

St. Croix, USVI  Dominican Republic

If both trips indicated, what is your first choice? \_\_\_\_\_

Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative weighted grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly answer the following questions:

1. Are you willing to participate in all activities and learning opportunities leading up to the trip? Students must attend ALL monthly formation meetings or not be allowed to attend the trip. Please explain how you believe these meetings will benefit your formation to the trip.

2. Will you need financial aid for the trip? If so, are you willing and able to raise the money that is required for the trip? If you need financial aid, you will be required to participate in all fundraisers. Please

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indicate fundraising ideas that you would be interested in participating. The estimated costs are \$1,600.00.

[Empty rectangular box for fundraising ideas]

**Section B. The following sections must be completed:**

**Leadership Positions**

List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities. Only those positions in which you were responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. For example, elected officer for the student body, class, or club; committee chairperson; team captain; newspaper editor; work area manager; or other community leader. Please include the name of the adult responsible for supervising your leadership in each position.

Grade	Leadership Position	Activity or Organization	Supervising Adult

**Service Activities**

List service activities in which you have participated. These can be individual or group service projects done either in or out of school. Generally speaking, service activities are those that are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. Please ask an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity to sign on the appropriate line, and also list the estimated number of hours you invested while performing this service. List hours spent per week, and indicate how many weeks or what months of the year if this is not a weekly occurrence .

Grade	Activity	Hours of Service	Supervising Adult

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**Other Student Activities**

List all other school-based activities (*not* noted above) in which you have participated in school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and any significant accomplishments in each.

Year	Activity	Accomplishments	Supervising Adult

**Other Community Activities:**

List other community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishment in each. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example: religious groups, clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, community art endeavors, etc. Do not repeat participation already listed above. Please include the name of the adult supervisor of each activity.

Year	Activity	Accomplishments	Supervising Adult

**Work Experience, Recognition, and Awards**

Please list below any job experiences, honors, or recognition that you have received . Work experience may be paid or volunteer. List hours per week.

Year	Job, Recognition, Award	Group, Activity, Business	# of Hours	Adult Supervisor

### Section C.

**Essays:** All applicants must choose essays based on the Mission Trip to which you are applying. If you want to be considered for both trips, you must complete the required essays for both trips. Priority decision will be given to the Mission trip you indicated as your first choice. Students may only attend one trip per year.

**REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICANTS APPLYING TO ST. CROIX ONLY: Each essay should be at least one page long. Please respond to two out of the three essay prompts below. Type the essays, double-spaced, and attach them to your application. Please label each essay.**

SCA. Why do you feel called to go on the mission trip? What do you hope to experience?

SCB. It is essential to be able to work well with others while on a mission trip. Describe how you are able to positively contribute to a collaborative group. What special qualities, talents or skills do you have that enable you to work well with others?

SCC. A mission trip calls upon leaders or people with leadership qualities to help serve others both abroad and in our local community. In what ways will you positively influence your peers and the local community once you return from your trip?

**REQUIRED FOR APPLICANTS APPLYING TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ONLY: Each essay should be at least one page long. Please respond to two out of the three essay prompts. Type the essays, double-spaced, and attach them to your application. Please label each essay.**

DRA. Please describe in detail your prior mission experience. Include location, sponsoring agency and detailed description of your activities leading up to the trip and while on the trip.

DRB. Participating in a mission experience not only changes your life but also those people with whom you interact on your journey. Discuss ways in which your participation in this mission trip can impact the people you serve. What gifts or talents do you have that could help the people of the Dominican Republic and the people on this mission trip? Discuss some specific projects that you think would be beneficial.

DRC. Discuss how participating in a mission trip has impacted how you treat others, respond to the poor in our area and view pieces of your own life (such as material possessions, use of your personal money and time, or participation in social justice projects). Do you carry on your mission experience in your home area? How are you a different citizen of the world because of your participation in a mission trip? Give examples.

### Section D.

**Transcript & Behavior Records**

**A copy of your transcript and documentation regarding discipline will be requested on your behalf.**

**Section E.**

Recommendations

Please provide a minimum of two recommendations from your teachers. Both should be from a teacher who knows your ability and character. Please give only the recommendation page to the teacher.

*Teachers from whom I am requesting recommendations are listed below. It is my responsibility to give the printed recommendations to the teachers. The teacher will return directly to the Student Services Office.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Section F.**

Signature

I understand that completing this form does not guarantee selection to the Mission Trip Program. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected, I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the MCC-Mission Trip.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete. If selected, I agree to allow my son/daughter to participate in the trip.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendation Form**

Give directly to teacher to complete and return to the Student Services Office.

**TO APPLICANT:**

Please provide a minimum of two recommendations from a faculty/staff member. Both should be from someone who knows your abilities and character. Please give only the recommendation page to the teacher. This recommendation is confidential between the teacher and the selection committee. Please give recommendation directly to the teacher.

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO RECOMMENDING FACULTY/STAFF MEMBER:**

Thank you for filling out this recommendation to Melbourne Central Catholic’s Mission Program. In order to attend, a student must not only excel in scholarship, but also in leadership, character and service. We ask that you rank this student on these four areas. Please be as detailed as possible as this is a highly competitive trip. This form is confidential to you and the selection committee. Please check the box that is appropriate.

	Outstanding	Good	Fair	Poor	Unable to Judge
Scholarship					
Character					
Leadership					
Service					
Overall recommendation for the trip.					

What attributes do you believe would make this student a good candidate for mission work?

What comes to mind when you think of this student?

Is there anything else you would like us to know about this student? If you marked “poor” in the chart above-please explain.

Thank you for your time. Please return this form to Sullivan Ministry Center by **May 1, 2019.**

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
(printed name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

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