

GENERATION CHRIST / JUVENTUTEM MICHIGAN
2013 ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK TRIP
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION –MALE STUDENTS ONLY

Generation Christ and Juventutem Michigan have organized an alternative spring break trip to Our Lady of the Annunciation of Clear Creek Abbey, in the western foothills of the Oklahoma Ozarks. Six male students from the state of Michigan will travel to this remote sanctuary, which has been set aside for the beautiful worship of God. On the morning of their arrival, they will join in the annual “Work Day” – in which members of the abbey’s surrounding community descend onto the property to help the monks with the upkeep of their farm, property and shops. For an additional four days, the ASB pilgrims will join in the ordinary life of work and prayer that is the vocation of the monks.

Both Generation Christ and Juventutem Michigan work to promote Christian culture, according to the *genius* of the American people – that is, acting on the Catholic faith according to the American spirit (with both its virtues and its limitations). Clear Creek Abbey has been selected for this ASB trip both because of its place in the Benedictine Order – which has been nourishing Christian cultures in a variety of particular places for nearly 1,500 years – and because it is a fruit of the work of Dr. John Senior and the KU Integrated Humanities Program – the single best striving toward an American Christian culture to have developed in the years since the Second Vatican Council (or, for that matter, since the founding of the Republic).

Details: **The road trip will depart Ann Arbor at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 1st.** Students from other parts of the state are welcome to meet the traveling party along the way. The men will arrive at the monastery on the morning of March 2nd and will stay till March 6th. On the return trip, various persons and sites worthy of pilgrimage may be visited. We anticipate returning to Ann Arbor by noon on Friday, March 8th.

Costs: \$150; must be paid by February 27th – Financial Aid may be available – ask!

A non-refundable \$50 deposit must be submitted with the application. The application is due by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 17th and may be mostly submitted through the online form. The deposit will be returned if there are too many interested persons and an applicant cannot be accommodated on the trip.

Notes:

- Generation Christ, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, and Juventutem Michigan assume no responsibility for accidents, injuries, etc. which might occur on the trip to and from the sites or at the sites. Individuals going on the trip automatically assume these risks by turning in this application form.
- Cell Phones: Use of cellular phones and other internet-connected wireless devices is discouraged throughout the whole trip. In particular, the ASB participants are required to surrender their mobile devices to the team leader from the evening Angelus on March 2nd (6:00 p.m. CST) until the noon Angelus on March 6th. To the extent that there even is wireless connectivity in the Ozarks (?), family members may call the team leader in the event of any emergencies.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Year in School: _____ Have you participated in any other ASB trip? Y N

Catholic? Y N Major _____ If so, doing what? _____

Home Diocese: _____ Emergency Contact: _____
Name + Cellular Phone Number

Required Questions:

- 1) Why do you want to go on Alternative Spring Break? Please list two or three reasons and explain.
- 2) What, if anything, do you hope to learn or gain from the opportunity?
- 3) The life of Clear Creek Abbey – a house of the Solesmes Congregation of Benedictine monks – is a life of prayer, worship (Mass in Latin, according the Missal of Pope John XXIII), and manual labor. How do you currently practice prayer in your daily life?
- 4) Do you have any sense of the vocation that God is calling you to live? If so, what is it?
- 5) Do you participate in the student ministry at your institution of higher education? In what ways? How many hours a month?
- 6) In order to participate in ASB 2013, it is necessary to attend a 2 hour prayer and preparation session with all other members of the traveling party, at 7:00-9:00 p.m. on one of these evenings. On which of these evenings would you be able to attend such a meeting? Please select all evenings when you could attend – the more evenings that work, the more likely you are to be included.

M, 2/18	<input type="checkbox"/>	Th, 2/21	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sa, 2/23	<input type="checkbox"/>
Su, 2/24	<input type="checkbox"/>	M, 2/25	<input type="checkbox"/>	W, 2/27	<input type="checkbox"/>

Generation Christ and Juventutem Michigan are constantly working to identify and form more young adults for leadership in student and young adult ministry, in Ann Arbor and throughout the state of Michigan. Universities studies are a constantly flowing stream and student ministry needs constant attention and renewal. In the event that more than six applications are received for ASB 2013, we will give preference to young students and/or those students with more remaining years of study at their current institutions. In addition, we will also give preference to those students who have succeeded at involving their fellow students in student ministry activities (related in Q&A5, above), as well as Generation Christ and Juventutem Michigan activities or are committed to doing so in the future.

- 7) Starting with September 2013 – how many more semesters do you expect to study at your current university?
- 8) Since September 2012: How many Generation Christ Holy Hours have you attended? How many Juventutem Michigan “last Friday” Masses have you attended? How many young adults have you brought with you to GenChrist? How many young adults have you brought with you to Juventutem?
- 9) How many Generation Christ Holy Hours will you attend, September 2013 to May 2014? How many Juventutem Michigan Masses will you attend, September 2013 to May 2014? How many young adults will you bring with you to GenChrist during that year? How many young adults will you bring with you to Juventutem Michigan during that year? What other ministries are you committed to evangelize on behalf of?

Alternative Break Trip Agreement

The purpose of Alternative Break is to provide an ALTERNATIVE to other Winter and Spring Break opportunities. The goal of the program is to offer an opportunity to build community and serve others in a safe, healthy and fun environment.

Please review the following statements.

Sign and date if you agree to adhere to each of the statements.

- I will respect all members on the trip and everyone I meet at the site.
- I will be an active participant in all aspects of the trip including:
 - Providing service at volunteer site
 - Making decisions as a group
 - Cleaning the space we will be staying in
 - Prayer and discussion sessions
 - Doing any chores the monks or team leader give me
- I will not illegally consume drugs or alcohol while participating in the Alternative Break Program.
- I will attend the planning meeting prior to the trip.
- I will pay required participant fees by the dates they are due.
- I understand that participant fees for this program are nonrefundable. If I withdraw from this trip for any reason, I am aware that I will not be refunded any money I have contributed.

I, _____, understand that by signing this agreement I agree to abide by
(print full name)

all the statements above.

Signature _____ Date _____