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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



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P&P PRAYER FOR MISSION

LORD JESUS,
bless us with a restless discomfort
about easy answers, half-truths
and superficial relationships,
so that we may seek Your truth boldly
and discover Your love deep within our hearts.

LORD JESUS,
bless us with holy anger
at injustice, oppression,
and the exploitation of others,
so that we may tirelessly work
for justice, freedom,
and peace among all people.

LORD JESUS,
bless us with the gift of tears
to shed with those who suffer
from pain, rejection, starvation,
or the loss of all that they cherish,
so that we may reach out our hands
to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

LORD JESUS,
bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we really
make a difference in this world,
so that we are able,
with the power of Your Holy Spirit,
to do what others claim cannot be done.
This, we ask in the power
of Your Mighty Name. Amen.

ORACION DE LA MISIÓN

SEÑOR JESÚS,
bendícenos con el malestar inquietante
sobre respuestas fáciles, medias verdades
y relaciones superficiales, para que podamos
buscar con audacia Tu Verdad y descubrir Tu
amor en lo profundo de nuestros corazones.

SEÑOR JESÚS,
bendícenos con la santa ira
en la injusticia, la opresión,
y la explotación de otros,
para que trabajemos incansablemente
por la justicia, la libertad
y la paz entre todas las personas.

SEÑOR JESÚS,
bendícenos con el don de las lágrimas
para derramarlas con los que sufren
dolor, rechazo, hambre, o la pérdida de todo
lo que aman, de tal manera que podamos
extender nuestras manos para consolarlos y
transformar su dolor en alegría.

SEÑOR JESÚS,
bendícenos con suficiente sutileza
para creer que realmente podemos hacer
una diferencia en este mundo, para ser
capaces, con el poder del Espíritu Santo,
para hacer lo que otros dicen
que no se puede hacer.
Esto lo pedimos con el poder
de Tu poderoso Nombre. Amén.

WHY GO ON MISSION?

Jesus calls us to stand with those in distress, reminding us, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me." (Matthew 25:40)

For two weeks, our Sts. Peter and Paul Missionaries will join the Samaritan Foundation in the Dominican Republic to build homes for families in need and serve local communities through hands-on outreach.

A. ACTIVATE YOUR FAITH

- **Make a difference.** Provide real, practical help to those in need.
- **Live your faith.** Put Christ's call to serve into action.
- **See the impact.** Witness the difference your efforts make.

B. BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVE

- **Experience more.** Discover a different culture and way of life.
- **See things differently.** Appreciate what you have and understand others better.
- **Grow personally.** Build gratitude, compassion, and perspective.

C. CREATE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

- **Meet new people.** Connect with others who share your faith and values.
- **Build friendships.** Grow closer through shared experiences.
- **Find your community.** Become part of a spiritual family that lasts beyond the mission.

WHAT IS THE SAMARITAN FOUNDATION?

Founded by Elio and Lena Madonia, the Samaritan Foundation is an organization that builds homes for the poor and provides them with several resources to empower them to rise above a life of poverty.

What started as a wrong turn on the way to a resort in 1988 led to 14 Villages, 8 Schools, 6 Clinics, 6 Playgrounds, 3 Trade Schools and 2000 homes 38 years later.

In addition, they help oversee the following ministries:

- **Asher School**, a school built by the Foundation for children whose parents work at a local dump.
- **Esperanza de Vida (Hope for Life)**, a ministry that serves women with unexpected pregnancies, many of whom are victims of the the sex trade at a young age.
- Elio and Lena's son, John, has taken over as Chair of the Samaritan Foundation following his father's death earlier this year.

MISSION TRIP DATES

WEEK 1 STAY:	**MONDAY, JULY 5, 2027 – MONDAY, JULY 12, 2027**
WEEK 2 STAY:	**MONDAY, JULY 12, 2027 – MONDAY, JULY 19, 2027**
TWO WEEK STAY:	**MONDAY, JULY 5, 2027 – MONDAY, JULY 19, 2027**

THE MISSION WORK

Missionaries can serve through construction, children's day camps, and community outreach. Activities depend on local needs and project availability. No experience is required, and missionaries can participate according to their abilities and comfort levels.

1. CONSTRUCTION

Help build new homes and improve existing homes for families in need.

HOUSE BUILDING

- Mix and transport cement
- Lay cinderblocks and level ground
- Carry water and building materials
- Assist with general construction

HOUSE PAINTING

- Prepare walls and surfaces
- Paint interior and exterior walls
- Paint metal ceilings
- Help with finishing touches

2. DAY CAMPS

Organize and lead full-day programs for local children through games, sports, education, and activities that build friendships and share our faith.

ASHER SCHOOL

Lead a full-day camp for children in Asher Village, a predominantly Haitian community where many families work at the nearby garbage dump.

NEST OF LOVE SCHOOL

Lead a full-day camp featuring educational activities, recreation, games, and opportunities to connect with local children.

ONE-ON-ONE ENGLISH CAMP

Help middle school students practise conversational English. Two missionaries will work with two students throughout the day using conversations, games, and interactive activities to build confidence and communication skills.

DAY CAMP ACTIVITIES

- **Art:** Colouring, painting, and crafts
- **Sports:** Soccer, volleyball, baseball, and basketball
- **Music:** Singing and dancing
- **Games:** Group games, cards, and team activities
- **Meals:** Prepare, cook, and serve lunch

3. OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Visit and support local ministries serving families, children, and vulnerable communities. Activities depend on each ministry's needs and availabillity.

1. GARBAGE DUMP VISIT

Visit the garbage dump near Asher Village, where many families earn a living sorting recyclable materials. Help prepare and distribute meals to workers and families.

2. PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTRE

Visit a centre supporting young mothers facing unexpected pregnancies, including women affected bthe sex trade. Learn about the ministry through a presentation by the family operating the centre.

3. VOCATIONAL WORKSHOP

Help at a woodworking shop providing practical skills and employment opportunities. Assist with assembling, preparing, and painting doors and windows for homes.

4. HOSPITAL VISIT

Visit a local public hospital serving families with limited access to healthcare. Meet patients in various wards and distribute donated toiletries and personal care items.

5. FEED THE VILLAGE

Help prepare, cook, and package meals for an entire village. Visit families in tleir homes to distribute food and connect with the community.

6. MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITIES

Visit Hogar Immanuel near Puerto Plata, a residential home caring for children and young adults with physical and developmental disabilities, including those who have been abandoned. Spend time with residents through games, music, and activities coordinated by staff.

7. MEDICAL CLINIC

Visit a local medical clinic providing healthcare to families in need. Learn about its services and help organize medical supplies, prepare care packages, and assist in non-medical tasks.

SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY
7:00 AM – 7:45 AM	Breakfast at the Resort
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Leave Resort
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Construction / Camp / Outreach
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch (provided)
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Construction / Camp / Outreach
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Return to Resort

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS



For our 2027 Mission Trip, participants will have two accommodation options: **Lifestyle Tropical Beach Resort & Spa** and **Presidential Suites by Lifestyle**, both located within the same Lifestyle resort complex in Puerto Plata. Both offer all-inclusive accommodations, shared resort amenities, and a comfortable place to rest and recharge after each day of mission work.

ABOUT LIFESTYLE TROPICAL BEACH RESORT & SPA

Lifestyle Tropical offers comfortable, affordable accommodations in a relaxed, family-friendly Caribbean setting.

- **Rooms:** Traditional Caribbean-style rooms surrounded by tropical gardens.
- **Atmosphere:** Casual and welcoming, with swimming pools and outdoor spaces.
- **Location:** Centrally located near restaurants, entertainment, and resort activities.

ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL SUITES BY LIFESTYLE

Presidential Suites offers upgraded accommodations with a more modern, upscale atmosphere.

- **Rooms:** Spacious studios and suites with modern furnishings and private balconies.
- **Atmosphere:** Elegant and relaxed, with a private pool area.
- **Location:** Within the same resort complex, with access to shared dining, entertainment, and recreational facilities.

SHARED AMENITIES

Both resorts offer access to extensive facilities and amenities, depending on your accommodation package:

- Multiple swimming pools, beaches, and resort shuttle service
- Medical centre and pharmacy
- Nightly entertainment, live shows, casino, and nightclub
- Two spas (additional fees apply)
- Fitness centres, gyms, tennis courts, and water sports
- Children's playground, Kids' Club, and recreational activities
- Shopping areas and duty-free shops

DINING OPTIONS

Enjoy a wide selection of all-inclusive dining experiences:

- International buffets and à-la-carte restaurants featuring Asian, Caribbean, Italian, Tex-Mex, Dominican, and Brazilian cuisine
- Casual restaurants, snack bars, and beachside dining
- Bars and lounges offering alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages

PLEASE NOTE: Access to certain restaurants, pools, and exclusive facilities may vary by package. Specific inclusions will be confirmed before the trip.

FLIGHT AND ACCOMMODATION RATES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **All-Inclusive Prices:** Include round-trip flights, taxes, hotel accommodations, meals, drinks, and airport transfers in Puerto Plata.
- **Booking:** All missionaries must book through our designated travel agent. Independent bookings are not permitted.
- **Travel Deposit: $200 Per Person:** A non-refundable $200 deposit per person is required to secure your spot. The remaining balance is due **Friday, March 26, 2027.**
- **Room Sharing:** We can help find roommates, but cannot guarantee matches. Opposite genders may share only if married or related.

CHILDREN'S PRICES

- **Ages 2–3:** Pay the listed flight-only rate when sharing a room with two paying adults.
- **Under 2:** Pay $100 and travel seated on an accompanying adult's lap (no separate seat).

ACCOMMODATION & PRICING

- Choose between **Lifestyle Tropical** and **Presidential Suites,** the same resort complex.
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ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

SERVICES FEE

The services fee is **$250 CAD** per missionary. Children under 13 as of Sunday, July 4, 2027, are exempt. This fee covers daily transportation to and from mission sites, ice and purified drinking water, one translator for every 10 missionaries, three mission T-shirts, and a mission booklet.

PAYMENT DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2027

The $250 services fee is non-refundable, unless another missionary takes your place.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

- We strongly encourage you to speak to an insurance provider and purchase insurance based on your needs (Medical, Cancellation, Baggage).
- Our Travel Agent will also provide insurance should you wish to purchase with them. Insurance will be quoted per person / family depending on age. Travel insurance is not included in the trip price and must be purchased separately if desired.

CASH

Bring cash for the following:

- **Offertory** for Sunday Mass. As usual, a collection will be taken up during Mass.
- **Tips** at the end of the trip for **Bus Drivers and Translators.** A collection will be taken and will be distributed evenly among the translators and bus drivers.

DATA, WIFI, AND HOTEL SAFE

- An additional expense will be for WIFI and Safe in the Resort. We are currently in negotiations with the resort about securing a discounted rate for both. Once the rates are finalized, they will be shared at one of our meetings leading up to the Mission Trip.
- We are also working to secure a good rate for sim cards so missionaries can have data in the Dominican Republic. Once the rate is finalized, it will be shared at one of our meetings leading up to the Mission Trip.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

- **CITY TOUR:** A bus driver and translator will be available on the two Sundays we are there to give a city tour.
- **OCEAN WORLD:** Within very close proximity to our resort is Ocean World, the Marine Land of Puerto Plata. We have secured a special group rate for Sundays. More info to be provided on subsequent meetings.
- **EXTREME SPORTS:** Horseback, ATV, ZipLining, etc. More info to be provided on subsequent meetings.

VOLUNTEER SCREENING PROCESS

To participate in the mission trip, all volunteers are required to complete the Archdiocese of Toronto's Screening Process. This process is mandatory for all overnight trips involving minors and ensures the safety and well-being of everyone involved. **Failure to complete the screening process in its entirety will result in removal from the mission trip, and you will not be eligible for a refund.**

- The screening process is valid **for five years.**
- If you have already been screened at this parish as a previous missionary or through involvement in another ministry, all you need to do is sign a form.
- If you were screened at another parish within the Archdiocese of Toronto, you may request your file to be transferred to our parish.
- If you were screened through another organization (e.g., a school board or a different diocese), you must still complete the Archdiocese of Toronto's screening process.
- There is no cost for screening.

For inquiries, contact **screening@peterandpaul.church.**

SCREENING STEPS: (This will be e-mailed to you)

1 ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

You will receive the form via email. There are two versions: one for participants aged 18+ and another for those under 18. Instructions will be provided at the first DR meeting.

2 VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

You will receive an emailed link to this document, which outlines the Archdiocese's policies and procedures for volunteers. Details will be shared at the first DR meeting.

3 ONLINE TRAINING MODULES

All volunteers must complete **two mandatory** training modules:

- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Training
- Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) Training

Links to the training will be provided at the first DR meeting.

4 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

(for participants aged 18+ by Sunday, July 4, 2027)

You will receive a link to initiate the criminal background check, which will be conducted through the Archdiocese of Toronto at no cost. This must be completed as part of the screening process. Be sure to attend the first DR meeting for detailed instructions and required links.

RELEASE AGREEMENT AND MEDIA WAIVER

All participating missionaries must read and sign the required forms. There are two versions:

- For missionaries **aged 18 and older** – to be signed by the participant.
- For missionaries **under 18** – to be signed by a parent or guardian.

The forms will be distributed at our first meeting.

IMPORTANT: If the form is not signed, participation in the mission trip will not be allowed, and no refund will be issued.

MEDICATION

Before the trip, it's highly recommended that you consult your family doctor or a travel doctor to discuss your travel plans. Share the following details with them:

- You're going on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic.
- Activities will include stepping outside the resort, including visits to a construction site.
- You'll be interacting with local communities.

Your doctor can provide the best advice on any vaccinations or medications you may need for your trip.

Important: The most common medical issue experienced by missionaries in the past has been dehydration-related diarrhea, often caused by not drinking enough water or consuming too much alcohol. Staying hydrated is key to staying healthy during the trip.

Note: No vaccinations are required to enter the Dominican Republic or to return to Canada.

MINORS AND YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-21

This mission trip offers young people a unique and powerful chance to engage in meaningful service. It's an opportunity to step outside their comfort zones, deepen their understanding of compassion, and experience the joy of helping others. Mission work can profoundly shape their hearts and minds, teaching lessons of humility, gratitude, and solidarity with those in need.

SUPERVISION AND GUIDELINES FOR MINORS AND YOUNG ADULTS

To **ensure the safety** and **well-being of all participants,** we require:

MINORS (UNDER 18)

- Must be accompanied by their parent(s) or guardian(s). If this is not possible, the minor must be accompanied by an adult chaperone of the same gender, chosen by their parent(s) or guardian(s). A notarized permission form from the parent(s) or guardian(s) is required to authorize their child's participation.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18–21)

- Must also be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or an adult chaperone **aged 25 or older,** chosen by the parent(s) or guardian(s). Each adult chaperone can supervise up to three young adults in this age group.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Before July 2027, we will hold three meetings to share important trip details and give everyone an opportunity to connect and build relationships.

Each meeting will begin with a potluck dinner, creating a relaxed and welcoming environment where we can get to know one another. Following the meal, we'll go over essential information about the mission trip, ensuring everyone is well-prepared and informed. These gatherings will help foster a sense of community and ensure a smooth and meaningful experience for all participants.

MEETING 1
FRI. JANUARY 22
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

MEETING 2
FRI. APRIL 16
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

MEETING 3
FRI. JUNE 25
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

SOLICITATION LETTER AND PLEDGE FORM

Once registered, each missionary will receive a solicitation letter and pledge form to help raise funds for the communities we serve.

100% of donations go directly to The Samaritan Foundation to support mission projects in the Dominican Republic, not personal travel or accommodation costs.

TWO WAYS TO FUNDRAISE

OPTION 1: SPONSOR A HOUSE
$12,000 CAD

Sponsor a house on your own or team up with other missionaries to raise $12,000. Your contribution will help provide a family in need with a safe, secure home.

OPTION 2: SPONSOR AN OUTREACH MINISTRY

Raise funds to support one of the ministries listed above, including children's day camps, education, feeding programs, and other community outreach projects.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Tax receipts:** Issued for donations of $25 or more.
- **Pledge forms:** Print clearly so tax receipts can be issued correctly.
- **Fundraising:** Reach out to family, friends, and co-workers for donations.

The Christmas season is a great opportunity to start fundraising. Share the mission with family and friends and invite them to be part of making a real difference.

CONNECT WITH US

For questions or clarifications, email:
missiontrip@peterandpaul.church

HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE

REGISTRATION OPENS:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026, AT 7 PM

STEP 1 GO TO THE WEBSITE

Go to **peterandpaul.church** and click the **DR MISSION 2027** tab.



STEP 2 FILL OUT THE FORM

Complete the registration form and select:

YOUR TRIP DATES:

- **Week 1:** July 5–12, 2027
- **Week 2:** July 12–19, 2027
- **Two Weeks:** July 5–19, 2027

YOUR ACCOMMODATION:

- Choose your preferred hotel and room type (single, double, or triple).

STEP 3 PAY YOUR DEPOSIT

- Pay the non-refundable $200 deposit per person directly on the registration website.

PREFER TO PAY BY CASH OR CHEQUE?

- Select this option on the registration form.
- Instructions for submitting your payment will be provided.
- **VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:**
  - Your spot is NOT guaranteed until the parish receives your payment.
  - If spaces fill up before your payment is received, you may lose your spot.
  - We strongly recommend paying online when you register to secure your spot.

STEP 4 RECEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION

You will receive a confirmation email once your registration and deposit are complete.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LIMITED SPACES

- **Week 1:** Maximum 60 missionaries
- **Week 2:** Maximum 60 missionaries
- **Two Weeks:** Maximum 40 missionaries

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ONCE ALL SPACES ARE FILLED.

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CONSIDER JOINING US IN 2027!

Discover how serving others can change the way you see the world, your faith, and yourself.

MISSION TRIP PRICES 2027

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

STANDARD | Lifestyle Tropical
A classic Caribbean resort experience with comfortable accommodations.

UPGRADED | Presidential Suites
A more refined resort experience with upgraded suites and added comfort.

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