



## 2012 CYE Cover Letter & Application

Slogan: VIVA CHRISTO REY  
Scripture: "Tell yourselves; we are useless servants for we did only what we should have done." (Luke 17:10)  
Saint: Blessed Miguel Pro  
Song: *Accepted* by Marie Miller

"In the modern world there is the tendency to reduce man to the horizontal dimension alone. But without an openness to the Absolute, what does man become? The answer to that question is found in the experience of every individual, but it is also written in the history of humanity with the blood shed in the name of ideologies and by political regimes which have sought to build a 'new humanity' without God."  
--Blessed JP II *Redemptoris Missio* (*Mission of the Redeemer*)

Reduction. Reduced. Refused. Truth be told, we have all been reduced in a significant way at some point in our lives. We have been marginalized by our disbelief in God's unconditional love for us. Blessed John Paul II knew that the reduction of human life comes from our reduction of who we believe God to be. He instinctively knew that for man to be exalted we must exalt the Absolute--the incarnate love of the Father sent to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. It seems at times that this reduction of ourselves has silently chipped away our identity. We are no longer happy, content or fulfilled. We are no longer alive and this silent interior reduction of our existence has become a confusing mystery even to ourselves. A mediocrity begins to take hold. A complacency and apathy to this colorful play of life drains us of all vibrancy, imagination and vividness. Our reduction becomes an unaware alter reality of what the TRUE image of life is meant to be.

As I write this, I am reflecting on these past seven days spent in Nicaragua with some friends and our Missionary Interns. Nicaragua, from what I have learned has been reduced by ideologies and political regimes that have wounded many people. There seems to be a deep healing that needs to happen in the country. At the same time, however, there is cause for great hope in the New Evangelization of its culture. Furthermore, it gives cause for reflection on how my own life has all too often participated only in the horizontal dimension. The trip itself appears to have been a renewal of sorts. It has become an abundant and life-giving adventure that renews my dedication to seeing in everyday life the expansion of horizons and an appreciation for the Absolute and everyday concrete existence of God.

Jesus Christ has indeed allowed us to enter into this renewal of our faith thereby thwarting the reductionist view of human existence. He has given us something which is not static, but dynamic. VIVA CHRISTO REY! Long live Christ the King! As tomorrow is the Feast of Christ the King, it seems fitting to write about Christ's absolute kingship. He reigns in our hearts! But this can not happen unless we are willing to sacrificially enter into the love which demands that we truly become not only His subjects, or His servants but His friends. Serving Him can allow a new horizon to take

shape. This vertical horizon can begin to stake its claim in the earthen vessels that we are. His Kingship and “Klaim” can be the only way to put to death the reducing paralysis of sin.

“Tell yourselves; we are useless servants for we did only what we should have done.” (Luke 17:10) I suppose in a sense we *are* useless! Only to the degree that we allow Christ to use us will we become “useful” in the real sense. To know that we are useless servants doing only what we ought pushes us to reduce not the identity of who we are, but to reduce the consuming ego that competes for the sacrificial service that we are called to live out. As we say, “More of you God and less of me!” Instead of asking the wrong questions, we can begin to ask the right questions. Instead of asking, “How can I get more?” We can ask, “How can I do without?” Instead of asking, “How can I find myself?” We can ask, “How can I lose myself?” Instead of asking, “How can I win friends and influence people?” We can ask, “How can I love God?” We begin to see that the horizontal conception of ourselves has reduced the breath and scope of our vision. We have been reduced to go-getters instead of becoming go-givers rooted in sacrificial service of one another. Without the vertical horizon our lives become a hollow shell of what it is meant to be. VIVA CHRISTO REY! We are useless servants because His reign rains on the bloated parade of our pride.

Blessed Miguel Pro shouted out these words before his execution and he will live on while regimes and ideologies fall. Long live the expansion of our minds, hearts and souls! I am but a useless servant participating in a small role within the grand sacrifice of the cross. The cross is not reduced to the horizontal. In fact for the cross to exist and for the sacrifice to be complete, it had to have a vertical beam connecting God to man. So we begin to see that being a Christian means losing ourselves in the vertical pursuit of the Absolute. We become useful to the degree we acknowledge our uselessness. Only the self-sacrificial love of Jesus’ heart intersects the horizontal to the vertical dimensions of life’s grand adventure. It means that the gray pragmatism of the Church of religiosity is thwarted by the claim of Christ’s kingship. It means that we can be rocketed out of our complacency and ordinary horizontal way of comfortable and routine modes of living through the discovery of a new method! Now there is a new order and ardor of Christian living that breaks up through the ground while simultaneously driving down all that is not of God! The Christian stereotypes of inconsequential and benign lifestyles is defeated once and for all!

Are you tired of reducing your life to the pursuit of material “security”? Are you bored with the false kingship of the consumer appetite for more of nothing? Then join the 2012 CYE summer staff or missionary internship! Join those who are looking to claim Christ as King! Become a useless servant and sacrifice your ego on the altar of self-forgetting love! Trade in your reductionist life for the bountiful blessings of Jesus Christ! The journey up is never easy and it will lead to suffering. It will demand the shedding of the false conceptions of who we think we are! It will cost you your life in the end, but it will open a new one; a life much broader in scope. Claim Christ as your King! Be useless to be used by Him! Become a missionary and see what it means to reach a deeper vista of human existence! Discover what it means to open yourself to the Absolute love that God has for you! VIVA CHRISTO REY!

Sincerely In Christ,



Father Quinn Mann  
Founder/Director

**Please mail/email your completed 2012 C.Y.E. Summer staff/missionary internship application by February 15, 2012 to: CYE Application, 1000 W. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton, WI 54914 or email: mail@cyexpeditions.org**

*Please write legibly. The intent of this application is to be used as discernment so take your time and pray over your answers. Upon review and recommendations, we will be in touch with you by the beginning of February with our discernment!*

**SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Present Occupation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you ever been on a Catholic Youth Expedition? Y / N When & Where?

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Are you a returning staff member? Y / N If YES, why do you want to return?

*(please answer on a separate sheet of paper)*

How did you hear about C.Y.E.?

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**SECTION 2: PARISH INFORMATION**

Home Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Home Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

If in school, where do you attend Mass?

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Campus Minister Contact (reference): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 3: CERTIFICATIONS**

Are you a lifeguard? Y/N Are you willing to be trained as one? Y/ N 1st Aid/CPR certified? Y/ N

*If you are certified in any of the above, please provide proper documentation of training certificates with your completed application.*

Have you been VIRTUS trained in the Diocese of Green Bay? Y / N

Where: \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_ (we will have training at the Formation Center in June)

Have you had a background check completed through the Diocese of Green Bay? Y / N

*The background check is required to do any ministry in this diocese and can be done online as well. If you have any questions, just give us a call! This must be done before the summer experience begins!*

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## SECTION 4: EXPERIENCE

**ABOUT YOU: A: No Experience B: Minimal Experience C: Moderate Experience D: Extensive Experience** (use separate sheet of paper if necessary)

1) Leading Peers: A B C D Explain:

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2) Leading Prayer: A B C D Explain:

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3) Athletics/Lifeguarding: A B C D Explain:

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4) Cooking: A B C D Explain:

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5) Techy: A B C D Explain:

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6) Musician: A B C D Explain:

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7) Maintenance: A B C D Explain:

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8) Camping/Hiking A B C D Explain:

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9) Ministry Experience A B C D Explain:

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## SECTION 5: (to be completed on separate sheet of paper)

- 1) I would like to serve/return on C.Y.E. staff because...
- 2) Please describe where you are at in your journey of faith and your relationship with God?
- 3) What do you hope to give to this summer missionary experience and what do you hope to receive?
- 4) What gifts and talents do you think you can share as you serve on C.Y.E. staff?
- 5) Are you currently active in the Church? In what capacity?
- 6) Describe two strengths and two weaknesses that you possess.
- 7) What does it mean to be a missionary of Christ? Describe a time when you were on mission.
- 8) What does it mean to be called to holiness?
- 9) What does it mean to discern a vocation? Where are you at vocationally?
- 10) Have you ever lived in community? If yes, please explain:

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**Please include a picture of yourself along with this application**

If you have any questions regarding CYE's summer staff or missionary internship please do not hesitate to call or email:

Fr. Quinn Mann      920.312.0070      fatherquinn@cyexpeditions.org  
Peggy Duemling      920.707.2894      peggy@cyexpeditions.org

The applications that arrive on time will be considered first. Deadline for the application is February 15, 2012. May God grant you his peace in this process.

### CYE PRAYER

In need of special help, I appeal with confidence to you, O Blessed Miguel Pro for I require not only spiritual graces but also temporal ones, and particularly the grace to let *Catholic Youth Expeditions* continue in the true spirit of apostolic zeal so as to set up a future ministry for young people led by your Holy Spirit. May you, who on earth had such great devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and to Mary, Help of Christians, and who always had compassion for those who were in suffering, obtain from Jesus and from His heavenly Mother the grace I now request, and also a sincere resignation to the Will of God. *Amen! Alleluia*