



2011 Summer Staff Cover Letter & Application

Scripture: "Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that He has loved us." I John 4:10
Saint: Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta
Slogan: Gye Nyame! (Ghanian phrase that means: Accept God)
Song: *Holding On* by Luke Spehar

Journal entry, Ghana, West Africa, October 3, 2010

Praise the Lord! Yesterday we visited the Matthew 25 House with Father Bobby Benson, the novitiate of the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer and said our good byes to the children of Our Lady of Fatima School. Today, I am spending some time at the Generalate in prayer and reflection. Peggy and the interns went to Cape Coast, an old slave-trade castle west of Accra. I pray that it goes well for them. The entire trip has gone exceedingly well so far. I am grateful to God for the privilege of being in a position to help the sisters with their school. It was a blessing to see all the children. As we visited the novitiate, I was extremely overwhelmed by the gift Father Carr has shared with us. The gift of the Sisters and the witness of the local Church here in Ghana, West Africa.

As I write this, the Sisters are working on lunch. Amazing to know that they work all morning in order to see to it that we eat a good lunch. It is so difficult to receive goodness. So challenging to receive love. I offer so very little to them, personally. What is being offered, I suppose is Christ Jesus working through the priesthood. Yesterday I struggled through feelings of unworthiness. I couldn't accept the love presented to me and had to try mightily to be a gracious guest. I felt like I was a liar, a cheat, a phony and undeserving of any generosity. I suppose that is really at the root of it all. The prince of lies, the accuser generally presents these charges in the court of our souls. The accuser points his twisted and sinister finger at our sinfulness; snorts, scoffs and jeers at our own pitiful attempt to overcome human weakness. But to Christ Jesus the Lord do we look! To Him do we offer the worse version of ourselves in hopes that His mercy will somehow shed light on otherwise troubled souls. How can it be that the God who has created all things would be willing to look upon our lowliness, our deficiencies? How can it be that His Son, Jesus Christ acquitted Himself to free us from the charges of our own insufficiencies? HE IS A GOD OF LOVE! Love can do no other thing! The acceptance of love is just as important as the giving of love. In fact, acceptance is the prerequisite. "Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God but that He has loved us and sent His Son as an offering for our sins. Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another." (I John 4:10) Love is the necessary precursor to love others. For to accept God's love is to have the power to reject the lies of our own subconscious degradation. His accusation becomes our own self-destruction thereby undermining our ability to accept love. The denial of God's merciful love is nothing more than the acceptance of the wrong voice!

To believe, to have faith is to recognize this inner battle and call things for what they are. The very ability to resolutely deny the false accusations of the prince of lives, the accuser is a gift of pure grace.

Open to this gift, we begin to win the interior battle of self-doubt. Listening to and accepting God's love then becomes a matter of habit. A habit that becomes a virtue only after approaching the throne of grace countless times on our hands and knees. A battle only victorious by the sacramental grace of Confession and Eucharist.

Truth be told, the youth today seldom experience the freedom that comes in having confidence in God; an assurance of God's love. Perhaps the primary reason for the instability is rooted in a lack of receiving love. There is a huge deficit of love in their world so they have never received adequate or authentic love. As Fr. Jacques Phillip states in his book, *Interior Freedom*, "The highest and most fruitful form of human freedom is found in accepting, even more than in dominating." If they have not received the love, they can not know they are loved. If they do not know they are loved, how can they give love? A receptive heart can give love. A heart hardened to protect oneself throughout life for self preservation and survival can not give adequate love. A heart not infused with divine grace certainly will not be able to love. As Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta stated, "You can't give from an empty well."

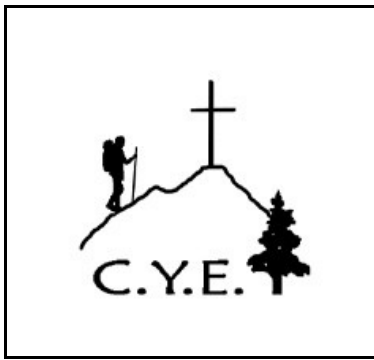
It is no wonder that the common Ghanian symbol means ACCEPT GOD (Gye Nyame). Consider being on the 2011 CYE summer staff and discover what it means to accept this love from our Redeemer. This summer I challenge you to invite that love into your life. Receive Christ's love as the beginning of healing. Do not accept anything else than Divine Love. For Divine Love is the sword that slices through the sadistic, sly, salacious and slithering lie of lucifer. You are not a phony. As JP II states, "You are not who they say you are." Chances are you are a good person, but even this will fall short of God's glory in your life. Being good is not the goal of the Christian life. That can be achieved apart from Christ. Don't just strive to be good. Strive to be God's. Be His possession. His loved one. Receive Divine Love. Be healed by Divine Love. Accept Divine Love. Become a new creation by Divine Love. Holding onto His Divine Love allows us to let go of everything else!

I tell myself once more to accept the meal graciously. More importantly, learn to accept the Divine Meal, the Eucharist, graciously. Chances are that if we don't we aren't accepting something else in our lives —HIS LOVE.

Enclosed is the application for the 2011 summer staff. Prayerfully consider if this summer would be a providential place for you to serve the Lord.

Now & Forever!

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CATHOLIC YOUTH EXPEDITIONS

Application for Summer Staff 2011

Please snail mail your completed 2011 C.Y.E. Application by January 31st, 2011 to:

Catholic Youth Expeditions
C/o Staff Application
1000 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Appleton, WI 54914

Please write legibly. The intent of this application is to be used as a tool of discernment so take your time and pray over your answers. Upon reception, review, and recommendations, we will be in touch with you by the end 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?

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.?

SECTION 2: PARISH INFORMATION

Home Parish: _____

Pastor: _____

Address of Home Parish: _____ Phone: _(____)_____

If in school, where do you attend Mass?

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: _____

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

Please provide proper documentation from the diocese if you have completed this training. If you haven't please log onto the diocesan website www.gbdioc.org and find a time to get trained. 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!

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: _____

2) Leading Prayer: A B C D

Explain: _____

3) Athletics/Lifeguarding: A B C D

Explain: _____

4) Cooking: A B C D Explain: _____

5) Techy: A B C D Explain: _____

6) Musician: A B C D Explain: _____

7) Maintenance: A B C D Explain: _____

8) Camping/Hiking A B C D Explain: _____

9) Ministry Experience A B C D Explain: _____

SECTION 5: ALIVE AGAIN! *(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 from this?

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 servant of Christ? Describe a time when you have served.
- 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.

Please include a picture of yourself along with this application or email is to:
mail@cyexpeditions.org

If you have any questions regarding CYE and the 2011 summer staff, please do not hesitate to call or email:

Fr. Quinn Mann 920.312.0070 fatherquinn@cyexpeditions.org

The applications that arrive on time will be considered first. Deadline for the application is January 31, 2011. May God grant you his peace in this process.

CYE PRAYER

In need of special help, I appeal with confidence to you, O Saint John Bosco, Blessed Giorgio Frassati, JP the Great, & Saint Padre Pio, St. Expeditus and Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta 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 the 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*