

Catholic Mission and Volunteer Organizations

Circle the name of the mission or volunteer organization you will research:

- Dominican Volunteers
- Holy Cross Associates
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps
- Maryknoll Lay Missioners
- Mercy Volunteer Corps

Research answers to the following questions about your assigned mission or volunteer organization. Use additional paper if necessary.

1. What is the history of this mission or volunteer organization?

2. Where do its volunteer members serve? In what ministries do they engage (e.g., education, parish ministry, social work, community organizing)?

3. What are the core values, principles, or tenets of this program?

4. How much money do the volunteers receive each month to cover their basic living expenses?

5. What are the requirements to become a volunteer?

6. How is this program rooted in Gospel values and the example of Jesus?

7. How do you think the volunteers serving in this program are making sacrifices and accepting suffering for the good of others? How do their sacrifices benefit those in need?

8. Find the story of one current volunteer serving in this program. Take some notes about this person on the back of this handout and be prepared to share some details about her or him with the class. For example, you might share her or his educational background, current ministry and location of service, and why she or he chose to engage in full-time volunteer work.

