



June 24 - 28, 2019

Anchorage, Alaska

**For Youth Entering Grades 7, 8, & 9 in 2019
and Adult Parish JH Youth Ministry Leaders**

\$ 310.00/Person

**\$ 100.00 Deposit and completed Registration Form
Due February 1, 2019**

Please submit a check payable to "AOA" (Archdiocese of Anchorage).
The deposit will be refunded should space be filled prior to submission of your payment and completed form.
Space is limited and filled on a first come basis.

Contact Matthew Beck at mbeck@caa-ak.org or 907-297-7734 with questions

www.archdioceseofanchorage.org

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Just 5 Days in Anchorage, Alaska

June 24 - 28, 2019

Please provide the following information and return the completed form and deposit to your parish youth ministry leader before February 1, 2019.

Participant's First Name _____

Participant's Last Name _____

Preferred Nickname _____

Birth Date _____ School Grade in Fall 2019: _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Mailing Address _____

City & State _____

Zip Code _____

Cell Number _____

A primary method of communication throughout the trip will be texting, so please list your cell if you have one

Email Address _____

Home Parish _____

Parish Chaperone/Team Leader _____

All adult chaperones must have their home parish verify an up to date Background Check and Safe Environment Training.

Please have your parish safe environment coordinator send verification to Matthew Beck at the Pastoral Center

Only Teen Participants Need The Rest Of This Form Completed

Grade in school beginning in the Fall 2019 _____ (7, 8, or 9)

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian's...

First & Last Name _____

Cell Number _____

Email Address _____

Payment Schedule:

February 1	\$ 100.00 Deposit Due Refundable up to April 15 with substitute
March 15	\$ 105.00 Due
April 15	\$ 105.00 Due

Payable to the Archdiocese of Anchorage
225 Cordova St., Anchorage AK 99501

This section is to be completed by the chancery office staff only.

Amount Paid _____

Method of Payment _____

Date of Payment _____

Received by _____

Dear Parents,

The Archdiocese of Anchorage Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry is very excited to be participating in the Just5Days program in 2019. Just5Days is a summer service program designed just for middle schoolers, sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development. This program provides a five-day experience for middle schoolers that includes three days of direct service to those in need, as well as experiences to help middle schoolers learn about justice and to bring their experiences to God within prayer and liturgy. We are planning on participating in the Just5Days being held in the week of June 24 – 28 in Anchorage.

We believe this will be an excellent opportunity for teens, and we hope that you will consider having your teenage child that is entering grades 7, 8, or 9 in the Fall 2019 participate.

If you decide to have your child participate in Just5Days, there will be some additional meetings to help participants prepare. These meetings will be set at a later date and all will be available to participate via phone or online. Parents will be invited to participate in the learning session that we do in the spring and will also receive some additional information to help you and your child prepare.

I am happy to answer any additional questions that you may have. If you would like your child to participate, we will need to know by February 1, 2019. Space is limited and filled on a first come basis. Once your completed form and deposit have been received, I will contact you to let you know the status of availability. If space has been filled the deposit will be refunded immediately. If space is available, the deposit secures your child's spot with the group. After that, the deposit is refundable only with a substitute up to April 15, 2019.

It's hoped that parishes will form teams of youth and adults and come to Just 5 Days together, so please communicate with your home parish youth ministry coordinator throughout the registration process. During the event, the entire group will stay overnight at Lumen Christi School. Please visit <https://www.cmdnet.org/j5d> for more information about the program and daily schedule.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Beck
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
Archdiocese of Anchorage
225 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
907-297-7734

Q. What is *Just5Days*? *Just5Days* is a five-day service experience for teams of middle schoolers and adults. *Just5Days* programs are being offered at several different locations throughout the country with more than 1000 participants. *Just5Days* brings a strong, Catholic perspective to the work of assisting people in need.

Q. Who sponsors the program? *Just5Days* is sponsored and directed by the *Center for Ministry Development*, a national, non-profit organization that works each year with over 100 dioceses in the United States, Canada, Ireland, Scotland, and Belize. The *Center for Ministry Development (CMD)* has been providing service learning programs since 1993 through *Young Neighbors in Action*, a program for high school youth that currently serves over 2,500 youth each summer. The *Center for Ministry Development* also provides quality leadership training programs and resources for ministry leaders. Among the programs and resources developed by *CMD* are the *National Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies Program* (for adults), *Youth Ministry Access* (for youth ministers), and *Fashion Me a People* (for parish leaders). To find out more about *CMD*, visit www.CMDnet.org.

Q. Where will my child stay while taking part in the program? Lumen Christi School in Anchorage, Alaska. All housing sites are located in safe neighborhoods, and the program staff ensures that facilities are locked while participants are away from the building and at night.

Q. What type of service might my child do during *Just5Days*? Job sites, sponsored by church and social service agencies, differ from place to place. Normally, each parish team will be assigned to one service site that they will visit for three consecutive days, allowing the youth to become comfortable within the service site and see the results of their work. Jobs and sites are selected with safety in mind; all work and travel takes place during the daylight hours. Work opportunities include: soup kitchens, food pantries, nursing homes, homes for refugees, homes for mothers and children, Catholic Worker homes, thrift stores, community gardens, and environmental clean-up projects.

Q. What will my child do when they're not involved in service? Each afternoon, participants will have a chance to talk about their own service experiences that day and learn about what others did. The evenings involve participants in learning more about their Catholic faith and the demands of justice, through presentations, skits, activities, games, and discussions. The day begins with morning prayer and ends with a prayer experience, and the whole week culminates with Mass. *Just5Days* includes at least two hours a day for recreation, including an hour each evening for recreation and play.

Q. Who will be in charge of my child while he/she is at *Just5Days*? Matthew Beck, the Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Anchorage, will be in charge of the group throughout the program, and your child will never be left in the care of an adult who is not from our archdiocese. There will be at least one other adult chaperone from Alaska, which would be a female.

Q. How do I know that my child will be safe and well cared for during *Just5Days*? All *Just5Days* program staff members receive a thorough background check through the Center for Ministry Development. Additionally, all program staff and parish leaders (including those from the Archdiocese of Anchorage) must go through the diocesan Safe Environment training and background check within their home diocese. These adults will always be with your child—at the program site and at the work site—to ensure their safety, both physically and emotionally. *Just5Days* provides healthy meals and snacks and participants will have the opportunity for eight hours of sleep each night. Additionally, the program is designed to be engaging and interesting for middle schoolers, with a wide variety of activities to meet the needs of the participants.

Q. Where do I go if I want more information? Contact Matthew Beck at mbeck@caa-ak.org or 907-297-7734 or visit www.archdioceseofanchorage.org to download and print additional forms. You may also wish to visit www.Just5Days.org.