

## **FAITH IN FLINT MINISTRY**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **WHEN:**

We go to Flint **every Saturday** (rain or shine) from FGR and from Panera Bread in Brighton

- We **gather at FGR at 8:45 AM** and leave by 9:00 to 9:15 AM
- We stop at **Panera Bread in Brighton** (just off US-23 at the Lee Rd Exit). Volunteers may join the group at this location if it is more convenient. We arrive sometime after 9:15 to 9:30 AM and try to leave by 9:30 to 9:45 AM.

Our ministry in Flint takes about 2 hours and we usually leave for home by 1:00 – 1:30 PM.

#### **PERMISSION FORMS:**

Any students not accompanied by a parent must fill out a **Faith in Flint Permission Form** every time they attend. These forms are not the normal FGR permission forms and have been developed specifically for Faith in Flint. Permission forms must be signed by one of the student’s parents.

#### **WHERE:**

We travel to two trailer parks in Flint and one low-income apartment complex:

- 1) **Elms Mobile Home Park** at 2801 S Dort Hwy, Flint MI 48507
- 2) **Cranberry Estates Trailer Park** at 1549 E Atherton Rd, Flint MI 48507
- 3) **Atherton East Section 8 Housing** at 3123 Chambers St, Flint, MI 48507

#### **DRESS CODE**

Students who attend must dress modestly. Please do not wear short shorts, tank tops, muscle t-shirts, etc.

#### **SIGN UP LINKS TO ATTEND, TO PICK UP & PACKAGE BREAD, OR TO DONATE**

**SIGN UP TO ATTEND** Please let us know you are coming with us by signing up using Sign-Up Genius at:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4aacad2fa46-faith1>

**PICK UP PANERA BREAD** To help by picking up the donated baked goods at Panera sign up at:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4cafab28aa8-panera>

**DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS** Donations are requested on Sign-Up Genius at:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4aacad2fa46-faith>



**STUDENT GUIDELINES**

**Administrative & Safety**

Please **use the rest rooms at FGR or when we stop at Panera**. There are no rest rooms at our first two stops. It will be at least 2 hours after Panera before a rest room will be available.

**Please give your cell number to Father Lobert or one of the Adult ministers** who will write it on a list in case you become separated from the group. **Please put the lead minister’s cell number in your phone.**

**Never go into a trailer or to a home at Atherton by yourself.** You may **only** go inside a trailer or to a home **if** you are going **with Father or another adult**. Politely decline, saying that it is against school guidelines.

If you have any questions, ask one of the adult ministers with you.

**General Information about Our Ministry**

Every human being is made in the image and likeness of God. The dignity of a human person comes from being a child of God and not from how much they make, where they live, or what kind of clothes they wear. Please see every person we meet as another dearly beloved child of God. They are just like you in many ways.

Be kind. Be courteous. Be polite. Smile and bring joy with you. Speak to people you meet. Learn their names and tell them yours.

Please do not eat any of the baked goods we are bringing to give to our friends in Flint. They have real need. If we are hungry, we should use our hunger to identify with their lives. Many poor children go to bed hungry every night.

When we arrive at Elms and Cranberry trailer parks, **please go with one or more adults to visit the residents.** Take some of the baked goods or other items as directed by the adult ministers on the trip.

When we arrive at Atherton East housing complex, **please help to unload all of our vehicles.** Many families will come with their children. Please interact and play with the children. You can help make it a little easier on the parents by playing with them. We will have some simple games for you to use (Jacks, Hula Hoops, Go Fish cards, Jump Rope, etc.). Or you can even just sit down and offer to read them a children’s book.

**Do not ever give anyone money** if asked. Simply state that it is against our school policy.

If someone asks you to bring a specific donation **do not make any promises**. Ask them to speak with one of the ministry team members.

**STATISTICS**

<u>United States</u>	<u>Flint</u>
40 Million people in the U.S. live in poverty - 14 Million are children under age 18 - 5 Million are adults over age 65	Population: 97,386 Population Living Below the Poverty Level – 41.9%



**Parent Permission Form for Faith in Flint Participation**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter is eligible to participate in a school-sponsored activity requiring transportation to a location away from FGRHS. This activity will take place under the guidance and supervision of employees of Father Gabriel Richard High School.

Name of Event/Destination: **Faith in Flint Ministry**

Method of Transportation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Anticipated Time of Return: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervised by: \_\_\_\_\_

If you allow your child to participate in this activity, please complete, sign and return the following statement of consent and release of liability. As a parent or legal guardian, you remain fully responsible for any legal responsibility that may result from any personal actions taken by the named student.

I hereby consent to participation by my child, \_\_\_\_\_, in the Faith in Flint Ministry. I understand that this will take place away from school grounds and that my child will be under the supervision of FGRHS employees on the stated date(s). I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this activity, including the method of transportation.

In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in this event, I hereby agree on behalf of myself and my child, to release Father Gabriel Richard High School, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing, and any all affiliated organizations, their employees, agents and representatives, including volunteer drivers (collectively "Releasees"), from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in the activity. In the event this release on behalf of myself and/or my child is held to be invalid or unenforceable, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in the activity. This release or indemnification does not apply to claims for intentional misconduct or gross negligence; nor does this release or indemnification apply to the extent of commercial insurance coverage for any claim, but this Release or Indemnification shall apply to the extent of any self-insurance or deductible applicable to any claim.

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(Print Parent/Guardian Name)

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_