



## PRAYER AND ACTION TEAM MEMBER INFORMATION

SUMMER 2023

### Dates

May 21-27 – Training (Savannah)  
May 28-June 2 – Week One (Augusta)  
June 4-9 – Week Two (Savannah)  
June 11-16 – Week Three (Savannah)  
June 18-23 – Week Four (Valdosta)

### Summary of Prayer and Action

Prayer and Action is a Catholic mission program that gives high school teens an opportunity to serve in their local diocese while living in authentic Catholic community with their peers. It provides the opportunity to evangelize all people touched by the program (the parish/school we are located, the host sites we serve, etc.), with a specific emphasis placed on evangelization to high school youth. Participants are given time to dive head first into the structure of what an authentically Catholic life looks like – rooted in the sacraments, participating in meaningful work, living in community and ending in prayer.

### Monthly Schedule

For mission leaders, Prayer and Action is a 5-week commitment. The first week is a training week in Savannah, Georgia. The second week, leaders will be running the program at Aquinas High School in Augusta, Georgia. The third and fourth weeks, leaders will return to Savannah to run camp at St. Peter the Apostle Church and School. The fifth week, leaders will be traveling to run the program at St. John the Evangelist Church and School in Valdosta, Georgia. For 2023, the commitment extends from May 21<sup>st</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup>. During the weekends, leaders are resting and preparing for the next week. Leaders must stay with the team for the entirety of the 5 weeks (including weekends). Students from local areas should not be returning to their homes.

### Weekly Camp Schedule

Sunday – Begins with 5:00pm Mass / Collatio / Welcome Talk  
Monday – Go to worksites / Collatio / Themed Talk  
Tuesday – Go to worksites / Collatio / Chastity Talk / Single-Sex Breakouts  
Wednesday – Go to worksites / Collatio / Mercy Talk / Penance Service / Dance Party  
Thursday – Go to worksites / Collatio / Eucharist Talk / Special “PandA Tradition”  
Friday – Morning Collatio / Dismiss at 11:00am

### Explanation of Collatio

Collatio is a Latin word that means to come together. This is perhaps the most important part of the day when it comes to reaching students. This is the time to strengthen community and give students a chance to dive into their faith.

Collatio includes:

*Skits*  
*Goofy songs*  
*Funny stories*  
*Announcements*

*Upbeat Praise and Worship*  
*GIGs (God is Good)*  
*Slower Praise and Worship*  
*Team Member Talk*

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## **General Schedule of a Workday**

7:00am Walking Rosary  
7:30am Morning Mass  
8:00am Morning Silent Reflection  
8:15am Breakfast and prepare sack lunches  
9:00am Garage Meeting  
9:15am Travel to work sites, pray, and begin work  
12:30pm Pray the Angelus/Eat lunch at worksite  
3:15pm Clean up, pray, and leave worksite  
4:00pm Showers and free time  
4:45pm Dinner preparations (crews take turns)  
5:00pm Adult leader meeting  
5:30pm Dinner  
7:00pm Evening Activity  
8:00pm Collatio  
9:15pm Small group conversations  
10:00pm Adoration  
10:30 Night Prayer  
11:00pm Lights out!

*\*Nightly schedule changes depending on activities*

## **Team Member Roles**

Team members are each given a specific role on the team. The Team Director works with team members in discerning their talents and fitting a role on the team. Roles are:

*Team Director(s)*

*Collatio Leader*

*Music Minister*

*Games Coordinator*

*Kitchen Coordinator*

*Work Projects ("Garage") Coordinator*

*Communications Coordinator*

The team works in collaboration with adults who serve roles outside of the team. This includes the Director of Youth Ministry, the Coordinator of Prayer and Action, the Chaperone Coordinator and the Host Site Coordinators.

## **Expectations of Team Members**

Team members should be college-aged practicing Catholics with an excitement for service and a desire for evangelization. Members are expected to be hard-working team players. Before all else, team members should have an established personal prayer life and be eager to grow even deeper into relationship with Christ. The team director will work closely with team members, challenging members to use their talents well and encouraging members to take on responsibilities that may push them out of their comfort zone. As well as taking on one of the team member roles, members will each lead a talk at one of the Collatio gatherings. Team members agree to limiting cell phone use so to better engage with their team, the teens in their care, and the people at their worksites that they serve. Team members must have a child protection safety training and uphold all safety standards. Prayer and Action team members will be invited into regular preparation meetings leading up to camp. There is a weekly stipend for this role.

*If you have any questions, contact Caroline Ebberwein at [cebberwein@diosav.org](mailto:cebberwein@diosav.org) or 912-433-4408.*

*Know that we are praying for you in your discernment!*

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