

What are the laws about bringing things into and out of Jamaica?

There are some limits about what can and cannot be brought into and out of Jamaica. These will be discussed in greater detail once the group is put together

What will we do on this trip?

Two possibilities: One is that we will be involved in building a house for those in need in the area, but we will also get around to see much of what is being done in the area, such seeing a couple of orphanages, and a nursing home. We will get a chance to see various places in the diocese that benefit from the help given by our own diocese.

On another note, we have the possibility of spending the week involved in the “Pisgah Project”, which involves more strictly working in a very rural area of Jamaica, helping to build houses for those very much in need

What if I have health concerns? Will that be a problem?

Possibly. Those who have specific health concerns will have to look at the question of whether this will be a hindrance. This will have to be looked at on an individual basis.

Will we have to pay for this, or will we do fund raising?

Once a group is set for this trip, we will decide as a group what we want to do for this question, to see how much of it we will pay and how much will be done through fund raising. It is possible that some may be asked to help out more than others depending on their financial availability.

There will be some fund-raising that will be done to help to pay the price of building houses and helping with other needs for the people in Jamaica. You will be expected to help in these efforts.

Do I need different money for the trip?-

The American dollar is worth approximately 85 Jamaican dollars. Most stores, allow American dollars, though generally you will get a poorer exchange rate. You may, if you wish, exchange Jamaican money at the airport, but for this short of a trip, you are probably best off to simply use American money. How much spending money you bring is up to your discretion.

What must I do to reserve a spot for this trip?

While the trip is still a ways off, it is necessary that arrangements in Mandaville will have to be made well in advance. I am going to ask that anyone wishing to go begin by filling out a form provided, and turn it in, along with a \$50 deposit by December 31. Depending on the interest shown, some may be turned away, so it is important to get this in early. If a larger group is interested, a waiting list will be put together.

What else will be required?

Once a group has been formed, we will also be meeting at times for educational sessions, prayer and possible fund-raising functions. These will be announced later.

For further questions, feel free to contact Fr. Steve at any time at 784-1520