



**SAINT MICHAEL  
THE ARCHANGEL**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Application**  
**for**  
**Mercy Missionaries**  
Year of Mission:  
Evangelization and Mercy

## Applicant Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male Female Date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

## Education

College or University Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Obtained (or in process): \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Completed? Yes No

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_(mm/yyyy)

## Faith and Sacraments

Have I been baptized in the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Have I been confirmed in the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Do I regularly attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation? \_\_\_\_\_

Do I meet the obligation to go to confession at least once a year? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Campus Ministry if you have participated in one: \_\_\_\_\_

Where do I regularly attend Mass? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of priest at my regular parish: \_\_\_\_\_

### Background and Recommendations

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? Yes No

If yes, what was the nature of the offense? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the date of the offense? \_\_\_\_\_(mm/yyyy)

*For this application, you will need recommendation letters from three people who know you, at least one of whom must be a priest. Please list below the names, phone number, and email address for each of your recommenders, as well as a note about your relationship to the person.*

#### **Recommendation 1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

For how long, and in what capacity, have you known this person? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Recommendation 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

For how long, and in what capacity, have you known this person? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Recommendation 3**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

For how long, and in what capacity, have you known this person? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Commitments

Volunteer Missionaries raise 100% of the cost of their living expenses. It is important for us to know the extent of the financial commitments you bring with you on staff.

Do you have any debt? Yes No

Are you currently making payments on your debt? Yes No

If not, when will you begin? \_\_\_\_\_(mm/yyyy)

Are you willing to fundraise? Yes No

Being a Volunteer Missionary is about making a total commitment to both his or her spiritual and personal growth and that of programs at St Michael. Missionaries must invest their lives into their service. We ask that missionaries make a 10 month commitment to St. Michael’s and be willing to serve in whatever capacity St. Michael’s asks of them.

We also ask our missionaries to take an Oath of Fidelity to the Catholic Church, indicating their desire and intention to always speak and teach in accord with what the Church proclaims. In order to be effectively prepared for mission work in the city of Portland, all missionaries must attend volunteer missionary training and dedicate themselves to their personal support raising efforts.

I am willing to make a 10 month commitment to serve as a mercy missionary.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to take an oath of fidelity to the Catholic Church.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to attend all mercy missionary training. (Date TBD)

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to devote myself during the summer to my personal support raising.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## Professional and Ministry Experience

If you have, please share briefly about your professional experience. Please share any ministry related leadership roles you have held. Examples may include student leadership, program teams, parish leadership, or retreat leadership.

## Personal Assessment

1-5 selection for each (5 being the most, 1 being the least)

I follow through with responsibility and commitment	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I am a leader to others	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I follow peer leadership	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I have the ability to listen to opinions contrary to my own	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I am responsible	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I am dependable	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I have self-control	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I have a cooperative, friendly, and courteous disposition	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
My peers respect me	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I am organized and efficient	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I have initiative and self-motivation	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I am comfortable with public speaking	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I am passionate about evangelization	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I am trustworthy	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I can empathize with others	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I have charisma and am outgoing toward people I don't know	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5
I can find common ground with others	1 -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- 5

From the list above, discuss one strength and one area that needs improvement.

## Short Essay

Based on the following questions, write an essay (500-750 words):

- Please explain why you want to be a mercy missionary.
- Please describe your short and long term goals including educational, professional, and personal.
- How has your relationship with Jesus Christ changed in the past six months?
- Have you lived in community in the past? If so, how was the experience for you? How do you feel about living in an intentional Christian community? What challenges will community life afford you?
- Is there anything else you believe we should know or take into consideration about yourself?

By signing below, I certify that the information included in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability.

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





5) Intentional Catholic community is an important part of this program. How do you think he/she will do as a member of the community? What will he/she bring to community life? What challenges will he/she likely face?

6) As part of their intellectual formation, Mercy Missionaries take graduate level theology classes. How do you assess the applicant's readiness for and interest in intellectual formation?

7) The mission of a Mercy Missionary has two basic aspects: ministry to those living on the streets and evangelization of youth/young adults. Given your knowledge of the applicant, how well prepared do you think he/she is for these two aspects of the mission year?

8) What else should we know about the applicant?

9) Please check the one that most applies:

I highly recommend the applicant without any reservations

I recommend the applicant with the following reservations: (please list)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I do not think this is the right time or the right program for this applicant

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

**St. Michael the Archangel Mercy Missionary Year Application**  
**Recommendation Form**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Position \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1) How long, and in what capacity, have you known the applicant?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) What are his or her strengths for the Mercy Missionary year?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) What are his or her weaknesses for this program?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) How would you describe the applicant's spiritual preparedness for beginning this program?  
What challenges do you think the applicant will face for his or her spiritual life if accepted?

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