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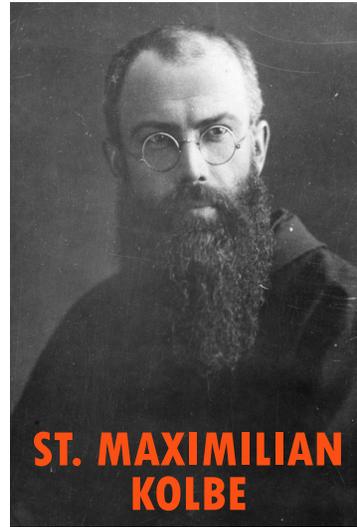
*“If we love each other, God lives in us and His love has been brought to full expression through us.”*

1 John 4:12

We will offer opportunities to incorporate the SEVEN principles of Catholic social teaching:

1. Dignity of the human person.
2. Call to promote family and community.
3. Promote individual rights and responsibilities.
4. Care for the poor and marginalized.
5. Dignity in work.
6. Solidarity.
7. Care for all God's creations.

**“Forget not love.”**



**“A single act of love  
makes the soul return to life.”**

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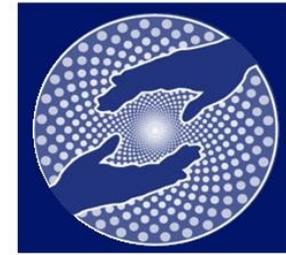
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## **ST. MAX'S Fellowship For Teens**

The St. Max's Fellowship for Teens is a non-profit, faith-based organization inspired by the life of Christ and Catholic social teaching.

The fellowship's mission is to provide local teens with opportunities to reach out to those most vulnerable and to restore hope and dignity to all those in need. Our mission is to provide fun, safe and transformative mission trip experiences for teens who are searching for purpose and meaning in their lives.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe pray for us.**

# ST. MAX'S

## Self-Discovery

*“Act in a way that all those who come in contact with you will go away with joy!”*

*St. Faustina*

We invite you to begin a journey of personal growth and transformation through serving others. In order to guide this growth and development, St. Max's Fellowship for Teens is founded on a multi-generational model. This model will provide the opportunity to pass on the wisdom and faith necessary for our mission.

By serving others, **AMBASSADORS** (ages 13-17) are empowered to discover their unique gifts and talents; through which they share the light of God's love. **MENTORS** (ages 18+) guide Ambassadors' before, during and after their journeys through teaching, support and example. **SHEPHERDS** (ages 30+) organize and facilitate local and national events as well as journeys abroad while maintaining the foundation of St. Max's Fellowship for Teens.

## Solidarity

*“Hope is like embers under the ashes; let us help each other with solidarity, blowing on the ashes to rekindle the flame.”*

*Pope Francis*

We will promote a culture of respect, peace and harmony. By serving others, we discover our deep connection and inherent responsibility for one another; for we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. We will foster feelings of fellowship, both in our community and beyond.



## Service

*“The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace.”*

*St. Mother Teresa*

We intend to lend a helping hand with an open heart wherever we are welcomed. We will partner with local, statewide and national non-profits to accomplish the missions of St. Max's Fellowship for Teens. Our missions include serving at-risk youth as well as and others in need.

St. Max's Fellowship for Teens will provide:

- Volunteer training sessions prior to mission trips.
- Group sessions upon return to help process the experience.



*“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” -Mahatma Gandhi*