**India Trip Application Form for December 10-22, 2024**

Please fill out and return this form to Fr. John Pozhathuparambil, OFM Conv. in the Office of Campus Ministry (CNHH 016) Completion of application does not guarantee a spot on the trip, only consideration for selection. Initial review and selection process will begin beginning of January 2024. Selected applicants will be notified by January end, 2024, and open spots will be reviewed and filled on a rolling basis until trip is full. Trip participants are required to enroll in the associated Fall 2024 section of IDC 401: India, instructed by Fr. John.

NAME (as it appears on passport): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL AND PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

YEAR IN SCHOOL (as of Fall 2023): JUNIOR SENIOR

DO YOU HAVE A PASSPORT: YES NO EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRIES VISITED OUTSIDE U.S. PREVIOUSLY (please include year and length of visit): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach short answers (100-150 words) to the prompts below:*

* *Why do you want to be part of the India trip?*
* *What do you hope to learn by being part of this trip?*

Full Trip Fee $2000-3500

There is a fund to cover the cost of the trip within India (approximately $1,000 for 10 days --all accommodations, meals, and transportation), but students are expected to pay for their airfare (common flight designated by the University), passports, visas, and immunizations. The estimated roundtrip fare is $1800-2500, but fees fluctuate tremendously and rise as the date gets closer. We expect students to purchase the designated ticket through Knights Travel agency as arrangements are made available, as early as April 2023.

**What to Expect**

This trip is offered through the Office of Campus Ministry and generous contributions of friends of Bellarmine and India. We will be visiting various sites in India and getting to know a culture rich in ancient traditions.

Participants are hosted by the Conventual Franciscan friars of Kerala, India, who welcome us into their world and take care of us as family. Accommodations are clean and safe. Each student will have a private room with a window AC unit. Food is plentiful and well-prepared. Purified water, juices, coffee, and tea are provided. All meals and travel within the country are provided at no cost to the student. Previous groups have commented that the hospitality of the friars was the essential ingredient to making this a trip to remember!

To the extent possible, we will work with Sigma Travels in order to travel together. The arrival and departure airport is Cochin (Kochi) in Kerala, India.

The following information can be helpful:

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PASSPORT, GET THE FORMS ON LINE OR FROM THE POST OFFICE AND APPLY IMMEDIATELY.

YOU WILL NEED A TOURIST VISA FOR INDIA BEFORE YOU DEPART. We are able to request an electronic visa. Staff in the Campus Ministry Office will walk you through this process. Before you apply, you will need your passport (including a scanned electronic copy), a current photo (cell phone photo will suffice), and driver’s license or state-issued ID. You will also need birthplace and permanent resident information for your parents/guardians and their employers. Generally, you should plan to apply for the visa about 20 days prior to departure only.

MEDICAL PREPARATION. You may want to consult your physician concerning any immunizations you might want to get. The area we are traveling is safe and secure but many want to be “extra prepared.” There is an international travel clinic in Louisville that can provide both information and the desired vaccinations. It is located at 250 East Liberty, Suite 604 and their phone number is 502 852 3691. Bellarmine also has a mandatory release form and insurance policy whose cost is $50.

PROGRAMS include visiting health care, university, and religious places. Opportunity for service learning, shopping, sightseeing, family visit, food, and lots of fun.

Where We Will Stay

Assisi Shanthi Kendra

Karakutty – 683 576

Ernakulam Dt.

Kerala, India