



*Sisters of St. Francis
of Mary Immaculate*

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**Service Opportunity Application Form
(please print)**

Full name as it appears on your passport _____

Date of birth Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

Present address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail address _____

Emergency Contact _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Work phone _____

Application due on or before December 8, 2009

Please complete and send the following questions along with a current photo.

List any previous volunteer experiences you have had in the U.S. or abroad and indicate how you believe you grew from these experiences.

Why do you want to participate in this service opportunity to Brazil?

Our experience of service will include community living, prayer, and ministry. What gifts do you have to bring to such an experience? What skills do you have that you can share?

We will be involved in a number of ministries that require flexibility and adaptability. Give a couple of experiences from your life that required flexibility and share how you adapted to these experiences.

This is a volunteer opportunity for young adult Catholics. Are you active in practicing your faith? Are you comfortable sharing your faith with others? Share how your faith is integrated into your daily life.

You are a citizen of a first world country who will be embarking on a mission trip to a developing country. How will you demonstrate sensitivity to the people? Have you had previous experience with a culture different from your own? If so, please describe this experience.

You will encounter some stressful situations during this experience. How do you deal with stress? How do you address conflict? Describe a conflict situation that you recently dealt with.

Please supply a brief personal medical history. List any hospitalizations or surgeries, mental health issues, allergies and current medications you are taking.

Please ask three people to write letters of recommendation for you. One of these should be someone who knows you in a professional capacity; a second should be someone who can attest to your faith life; the third should be a friend or someone who can comment on your interpersonal skills.

I understand that the volunteer experience I am applying for will involve preparation that will include a spirituality component. I am willing to commit to daily prayer and honest theological reflection with the other volunteers with whom I will be ministering. In addition, I am willing to participate in the Eucharist at least weekly with the volunteer community.

I understand that I will be asked to participate further when I return from this experience by publicly sharing my experience with others and helping to prepare others for this mission experience.

Signature _____ Date _____