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St. John the Baptist D.H.S. Volunteers to Travel to Peru to Make a Difference

WEST ISLIP, NY – On June 26, 2011 volunteers from St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School will be traveling to Chaclacayo Peru for their third mission trip of the school year. A total of nine students and three faculty members will volunteer their time at the Hogar San Francisco for one week. The Hogar is a home for 50 Peruvian children in need of medical attention.

Run by an American doctor, Dr. Anthony Lazzara, the Hogar provides basic medical care for young people who otherwise would not receive it. The Hogar also makes appointments and provides transportation when more intensive care is needed. The St. John's students will perform tasks such as feeding the children, washing them, and accompanying them into Lima for medical care.

“Our students go to Peru to minister to those whose basic needs are not being met. However, the result is that by the end of the trip, our students feel they are the ones who have been ministered to, and in fact, have been made whole,” said Rich Costa, Campus Minister.

This is St. John's second year in a row going to Peru to help at the Hogar and it is the final of three mission trips that the school ran this school year. In February, the students and staff traveled from Manhattan to Montauk while working with a homeless program, an immigrant program and a food pantry. In April, the school revisited New Orleans again to work with Helping Hands, the Katrina Recovery branch of Catholic Charities.



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About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School: 1,700 students attend St. John the Baptist DHS, a college preparatory Catholic High School located on the south shore in West Islip. As part of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, St. John's offers a value-centered education that recognizes the unique talents and abilities of each child, while fostering a school environment that challenges students to reach their true potential. Open since 1966, St. John's offers a rigorous curriculum and extensive activity and athletic programs. Students have the opportunity to take numerous Advanced Placement classes and 99% of St. John's graduates continue on to higher education. For Mission Statement and additional information: www.sjbdhs.org