

# Share the Glory - Main Campus 4

**ORGANIZATION:** Dirty Vagabond Ministries

**WEB ADDRESS:** [www.dirtyvagabond.com](http://www.dirtyvagabond.com)

**ITEMS COLLECTING:** Gas Cards. Snacks and beverages that can be stored and kept on-hand for use in the youth center - please do not bring items that need to be refrigerated, frozen or could spoil easily. Some examples of needed food items would be prepackaged cookies, chips, popcorn, granola/energy bars, candy or crackers. Beverages could include soda, bottled water, Gatorade, or fruit juices. Please brainstorm with your groups for other ideas.

**ABOUT THIS MINISTRY:** Dirty Vagabond Ministries is a non-profit organization that runs almost entirely off of contributions. They have a downtown youth center in Steubenville named Urban Underground. Many of the youth that Dirty Vagabond Ministries serves come to this youth center to do homework, attend bible studies, play and record music, or simply hang out with friends. The gas cards are the most necessary thing as they have several buses that pick all of the youth up and drop them off from various events. Thus, gas has become a very high expense for them. Also, it is a privilege for them to have snacks and drinks during their time at Urban Underground. These food/drink items will not serve to replace meals, but rather affords them a luxury they may not have otherwise. Most of these youth have faced major obstacles in their lives, including varying degree of hunger.

Dirty Vagabond Ministries aims at raising leaders in a grassroots' effort and incarnational model of ministry. All ministry that happens in Dirty Vagabond Ministries, happens in conversation, relationship, and recreation, as opposed to formal "youth group functions". Though the goal is the same as any Catholic youth ministry program - raising saints, rooted in the sacramental life of the Church - the approach is different. The centerpiece of Dirty Vagabond Ministries is its community centers. These centers, located in the heart of urban communities, are a place where youth workers live, and catechesis happens, in the midst of holistic ministry – focusing on the physical, educational, emotional, and spiritual needs of the young people. The Dirty Vagabond youth workers live as missionaries, volunteering 3 to 5 years of their lives to be Christ among the people.

The Mission of Dirty Vagabond Ministries is to provide effective, Catholic Youth Ministry to urban communities. They accomplish this goal as they mentor inner-city youth in a holistic model of relational ministry.

The Anthem of Dirty Vagabond Ministries is to strive to live radically the model of Christ's incarnation: to be Christ "among" the people. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." (John 1:14)

*This list is not exhaustive of what is needed by this organization, but rather a list of some suggestions. Each group is welcome to brainstorm and come up with additional items based on the needs of the organization.*

**Items will be collected during check-in on the first day of the conference**

