

# Dominica Service Project at a Glance

May 19 – May 29

Tentative dates

## ***Why are we going?***

1. An opportunity to put our education to work
  - a. to put into practice what we learn during the academic year
  - b. to help other people
2. An opportunity to learn
  - a. for Le Moyne students to experience a third world culture and formulate strategies back home to work for social justice. This includes the one-credit course REL 100: “Catholic Theological Reflection on Service,” during the stay in Dominica.
  - b. for Dominicans to get to know Americans in ways other than through the media

## ***Where are we going?***

1. The Commonwealth of Dominica
  - a. Area: slightly more than 4X the size of the District of Columbia
  - b. Population 72,660 (July 2010 est.)
  - c. Languages: English and French Creole
  - d. Per capita Gross Domestic Product US\$4,750 (2008 World Bank est.) [U.S. is \$49,0930 (2008 World Bank est.); Haiti is US \$660 (World Bank est. 2008)]
  - e. Unemployment rate 23% (U.S. 9.3%)
  - f. Population below the poverty line 30% (U.S. 12% [2004 estimate])
  - g. More information at the official web site of the Commonwealth of Dominica <http://www.ndcdominica.dm/> or the U.S. CIA. <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/do.html>. The BBC also provides an excellent site for information [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/country\\_profiles/1166435.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/country_profiles/1166435.stm) A good virtual tour is at <http://www.avirtualdominica.com/home.htm> Photos of Le Moyne participants can be seen at <http://dominicalead.shutterfly.com>
2. Roseau
  - a. the capital
3. Portsmouth
  - a. second largest city
4. Sightseeing and fun (beaches, mountains)

### ***What will do?***

1. Visit the elderly
2. Construction
3. Work with handicapped children
4. Be a Big Brother or Big Sister
5. Teach in elementary school, high school, and vocational school
6. Work in a women's cooperative teaching computer skills
7. Work in elementary schools
8. Work in vocational school
9. Work in pre-school

### ***Where will we live?***

1. Youth Centre in Roseau
2. Parish center in Portsmouth

### ***How much does it cost per person for 10 days?***

Expenses in 2009:

- Total for 19 people: \$22,874.36 (\$1,203.91 per person).
- Major expenditures:
- \$3,352.16 donations (\$860 in 2007)
- \$15,181.00 airfare (\$7,599.95 in 2007)
- \$1854.84 food (\$938 in 2007)
- \$930 transportation within Dominica
- \$926.68 lodging (\$1340 in 2007)
- \$474 exit tax (\$220 in 2007)

Funds raised in 2007: \$9,631.35

Deficit: \$(1,680.29)

Funds raised in 2008: \$2000

2009 projected airfare: \$800 per person