February 2016

**Hebrews 10:25**

Love Begins Here

Shared by: Brittany Schoeder

* What is Love Begins Here?
	+ History/Fun Facts
		- Launched in June 2009.
		- 56 missionaries
		- After 7 years—over 600 missionaries have served on LBH trips in 2015
		- To date, LBH has given over 48,000 hours of service both materially and spiritually
	+ Who’s Who
		- Blessed Mother Teresa--patroness
		- Lindsay Becher, Founder and Mission Director
		- Sarah Z.—LBH intern
		- Core team
	+ Purpose
		- “And so here I am talking to you—I want you to find the poor right here, right in your own home first. AND BEGIN LOVE THERE. Be that good news to your own people. And find out about your next-door neighbor—do you know who they are?” –Bl. Mother Teresa, Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, 1979
		- Love Begins Here, an apostolate of the Catholic Diocese of Madison's OEC, works to provide the youth with an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a life changing way through weeklong, local Mission Trips where they live in Catholic community and continue His work on earth.
* 3 Forms of service
	+ - Individuals
		- Community orgs.
		- Host parish
* Mission Manifesto
* Teen testimonies
	+ **"For the first time in a while, I felt loved, which pushed me so far forward that I surprised myself. I’m grateful for the love in God that I felt this week. It was powerful. I was smiling with my soul rather than just my body. It’s something I haven’t felt in a long time.” -**2015 Second Year Missionary
	+ **“LBH is always the high point of my summer, and I couldn’t imagine getting through the year without it. I have never heard such phenomenal talks by the Core Team or been affected so much by giving of myself. The community at LBH makes me a better person.” -** 2015 Four Year Missionary
* Personal Involvement
	+ First year—high school only
	+ Second year—middle and high school
	+ Third year—middle school, high school, and HOSTING!
* A day in the life of a missionary
* Take-Aways/End of Summer celebration
* Online presence
	+ Websites
		- <http://madisoncatholicyouth.com/lbh/>
		- <http://www.madisondiocese.org/Ministry/EvangelizationandCatechesis/YouthMinistry/LoveBeginsHere.aspx>
	+ Blog:
		- <http://madisoncatholicyouth.com/category/love-begins-here/>
* Social media
	+ - Facebook—<https://www.facebook.com/lovebeginshere/>
		- Instagram--LoveBeginsHere
		- Snapchat--@lovebeginshere
* Promotional Materials
* Love Continues Here
* Coming to the GB Diocese summer 2017
	+ 3 weeks
		- 2 high school
		- 1 middle school
	+ Host cities:
		- Green Bay
		- Kaukauna
* Questions/concerns/prayers
* Contact information
	+ Brittany Schoeder (Faith Formation Coordinator/Youth Minister(Saint Gabriel, Neenah))
		- bschoeder@smcatholicschools.org
		- 920-725-0660 ext.238

(ALL RESOURCES/DATA CURTESY OF THE DIOCESE OF MADISON!)