

I am Laura Carlson, and I am going on the Summer Mission trip with St. Bridget's to Billings, Montana! I am a senior at Chisago Lakes and will be graduating this June! St. Bridget's has been so impactful in my life through the community, friends, worship, and all-around fun activities throughout the years. Our Church has provided me with friendships and memories that will be with me forever. In this investment pitch, I will explain to you why I am an outstanding prospect for you to invest in for this upcoming mission trip!

This will be my 4th mission trip with St. Bridget's, going to Catholic Heart Work Camp. I have been on one trip in Minnesota and two in Iowa. I am looking forward to this year's trip to grow deeper in my faith and to help those in need. These trips have been so impactful in my life and are my favorite part of my summer.

One of the best parts of the trip is that you are surrounded by Catholic youth. Going to a public school, you are not surrounded by a ton of Catholic people who are on fire for their faith. Going on these trips has shown me that the Catholic Church is extremely alive in the youth. It gave me the confidence to grow in my faith and share my faith. Being surrounded by like-minded peers for a whole week is an amazing experience that helps you grow deeper in your faith. Not to mention that these trips have provided opportunities to make incredible friendships with people from across the country!

The main reason I go on the mission trip is to help people. Over the past 3 years of service, I have served many people who were in need. I have done physical labor on all the mission trips, and it's hard work but so rewarding. Meeting the people we serve and learning about their stories and struggles has also taught me to be more grateful for what the Lord has blessed me with, as well as, a more caring and humble person..

This is my last year being able to go on the mission trip as a teen. I have enjoyed every year and have made memories that will last a lifetime. I hope to come back and chaperone these trips! I love seeing all the youth in love with Christ and experiencing his love in a whole new way. This trip will help me to connect more deeply in my faith before I go off to college. College is a hard time where faith is tested, and I know the encounters with Christ and others I will experience will equip me with the necessary courage to stand firm in our Catholic faith.

I hope this short pitch helped to show you how impactful the mission trip is for all the teens who attend it. Thank you for your time, and please consider investing in me for this unique, once in a lifetime experience to change others' lives and to grow deeper in my faith.