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# A Catholic Foreign Exchange Program



## Helping Build a Civilization of Love



## through the formation of Young Catholic Servant Leaders



# Global Outreach

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Linking Eastern Europe and the United States

***Our Mission...Global Outreach is committed to the building of a civilization of love in Central/Eastern Europe as well as in the United States through the formation of young Catholic servant leaders dedicated to rebuilding the church and society.***

## **Background**

Global Outreach seeks Christian renewal for the Church and society in the former communist countries of Central/Eastern Europe by offering committed young Catholics the opportunity to attend a Catholic high school in the U.S. as juniors while living with Christian families. To American young people and adults Global Outreach offers a summer trip experience in Central and Eastern Europe, including an international youth camp.

Our carefully chosen foreign students grow in self-confidence, broaden their worldview and engage in rich faith experiences while in the U.S. Their growth in communication and in faith sharing skills helps them to "return as missionaries to their own countries," assisting with the "new evangelization" of their homelands.

American youth also benefit by experiencing the "universality" of the Church as well as the call of Pope John Paul II "To build a civilization of love."

## **Where**

Global Outreach students have studied in three states: Wisconsin, Nebraska and Minnesota and in 17 different Catholic high schools since 1990.

## **Benefits to European Students**

Global Outreach students come from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, and Slovakia. They are recommended by church and school officials based on the following criteria: strong faith, personal maturity, English proficiency, leadership ability, and good health.

For their part students are expected to participate in school, parish and community activities, especially in youth ministry programs. They are asked to share their culture, faith, and talents. Global Outreach emphasizes skills in the areas that will enable students to participate in the rebuilding of the Catholic Church and their societies through the development of faith sharing, volunteerism, public speaking, interpersonal communication, and organizational skills. Through the principles of servant leadership, Global Outreach seeks to form young adults who will make a difference in their countries, homes, schools, and faith communities.

## **Serve as Missionaries Without Leaving Your Home**

Host families are needed for the school year. Families are asked to provide room and board as well as to include the young person as part of their family. By hosting a young person from Central/Eastern Europe, American families can contribute significantly to the rebuilding and renewal of the post-communist countries of Central/Eastern Europe while at the same time grow through sharing the friendship and faith of their Global Outreach student.

## **About the Program**

The Global Outreach staff coordinates recruitment efforts in Central/Eastern Europe and makes placements in U.S. Catholic high schools. The staff also conducts orientation, mid-year and final evaluation sessions for students and provides support services for host families.

Global Outreach is incorporated in the State of Wisconsin as a private, non-profit 501(c) (3) tax exempt corporation approved by the Diocese of Green Bay. The Global Outreach board of directors sets program policy and supports the fund raising efforts of the program. The annual budget is raised through individual donations, fund raising events, student fees, and grants.



## **Reaction - European Parents**

Parents of some of our alumni have said to Global Outreach representatives: "Thank you for what you have done for our children. In the United States they became more self-reliant and mature and developed a broader worldview. In America they had rich spiritual experiences and came back home with stronger faith. Our own attitudes toward your country have changed significantly. They were negative because of your media, but our children brought back stories of your people that were very positive, and we are most grateful."

## **Personal Reactions**

"Catholic schools in America have taught me they are truly Christian because the schools are open to all religions. We must be open to each other and look inside before we judge."  
- *Global Outreach student.*

"The presence of Global Outreach students in our school raises our consciousness of the global world we live in. As they share their faith life and their unique personalities with American students, everyone is enriched beyond what a book or the media could tell us." - *American school official.*

"The students return from America changed. They are more self-confident and they want to help." - *Czech school principal.*

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