



# OUR MISSION

**Global Outreach is committed to the  
building of a civilization of love  
in Central and Eastern Europe as well as in  
the United States  
through the formation of young dynamic  
Catholic servant leaders  
who are committed to rebuilding  
the Church**

# OUR VISION

Building on its foundation of **Catholic spirituality and servant leadership**, Global Outreach aspires to encourage and develop **Catholic students to become global leaders.**

It hopes to engage its participants and supporters to **prayerfully explore and live out Catholic teaching on global issues** and to **contribute to and support a civilization of love and a peaceful world.**

## H I S T O R Y



**1989–1990**

In the face of restructuring and declining enrollment at St. Mary Central Catholic High School, Spiritual Director, Fr. Michael Carroll's visionary idea took root - to welcome international students to participate in a one-year Catholic high school experience rooted in faith, education, and service.



**1990**

Global Outreach's story begins - an experiment in faith, culture, and friendship that will soon grow into a mission across continents. By invitation, 7 students from Latin America, Japan, and Switzerland arrive at St. Mary Central.



### 1991 - 1993

GO bridges the East & West  
a new era - religious freedom

**1991:** First students (6) from  
Czechoslovakia and Hungary  
attend St. Mary Catholic  
School & Roncalli

**1992-1993:** NE Catholic  
Schools and Xavier joins



### 1994-1998

**1994:** GO becomes a non-profit  
Mary Piette, 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Director  
1<sup>st</sup> student from Latvia

**1995-1996:** 1<sup>st</sup> students from  
Slovakia & Lithuania

**1995-1998:** Expanding WI & MN  
partner schools



### 2007 - 2014

**2007:** GO welcomes Fr. Larry  
Seidl. Spiritual Director

**2008:** Barbara Tota-Boryczka,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Director.

First students born after  
Velvet Revolution join

**2014:** 1<sup>st</sup> student from Poland



### 2020

COVID-19 pandemic  
reshapes the program.

2021-2022 "virtual"  
student interviews  
completed across October-  
December weekends  
80 applications received -  
the most in GO history!



### 2021

In-person Summer Camp is  
canceled but reimaged locally.  
Virtual Summer Camp unites  
students worldwide.

1<sup>st</sup> student from Ukraine accepted  
2021-2022 GO Program cancelled.  
U.S. embassies are closed for Visa  
interviews / borders are closed



### 2022

January: War in Ukraine begins  
GO Board of Directors grants a  
special dispensation: Ukrainian  
students, Victoria and Valeriia,  
attend their 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a  
senior in their WI school -  
completing and graduating  
from high school



**2023**

GO celebrates 30+ years of forming servant leaders building a civilization of love across the world!

A moment to “reimagine the future” and renew the mission

Welcome Fr. Kevin Ripley, Spiritual Director



**2025**

Temporary “hold” on issuing Visas results with insufficient time to welcome GO Students to the US as a unified class results in orientation being conducted during Summer Camp.

A follow-up virtual mini-orientation completed in September



**HOST FAMILIES**

Global Outreach host families open their homes and hearts to international high school students from East-Central Europe (Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine) for an academic year.

# 2026 EVENTS

## JUNE

- **June 14**  
Host Family  
Orientation

## JULY

- **July 12–18**  
Summer Camp  
in Hungary
- **July 31**  
GO Students Arrive

## AUGUST

- **August 2-6**  
GO New Student Arrival  
Orientation at Mount  
Tabor Retreat Center,  
Menasha

## SEPTEMBER

GO Staff Visits  
GO Students in WI  
Partner Schools & NE  
Partner Schools

## OCTOBER

Continue Visting GO  
Students in WI  
Partner Schools

## NOVEMBER

GO Staff Travel to  
Europe for  
2027–2028 GO Student  
Applicant Interviews

## DECEMBER

Merry Christmas!

- **October 1**  
2027-2028 GO  
Student Applications  
Due

- **November 13 - 15**  
Teens Encountering  
Christ (TEC) - Anchor  
of Hope Green Bay

# 2027 EVENTS

## JANUARY

- **Friday, January 22**  
March for Life,  
Washington, D.C.

## FEBRUARY

- **February 10–13**  
Mid-Year Gathering  
Mount Tabor Retreat  
Center, Menasha, WI
- **February 13**  
18th Annual Taste of  
Europe – Fundraising for  
Scholarships

## MARCH

GO Student Church  
Presentations /  
Seeking Host  
Families

## APRIL

- **April 16-18**  
TEC - Anchor of  
Hope; Green Bay  
GO Student Church  
Presentations /  
Seeking Host  
Families

## MAY

GO Student Church  
Presentations /  
Seeking Host  
Families  
Students Begin  
Returning to Native  
Country

## JUNE

- Students Continue  
Returning to Native  
Country
- **June 15**  
Target Departure Date

## JULY

- **July 2027**  
GO Summer Camp,  
Slovakia



# SUMMER CAMP 2026



**GO Summer Camp** is a week-long experience that prepares students for their Global Outreach year in the United States.



The 2026 Summer Camp will take place in Hungary July 12-18. Students meet their mentors and GO classmates in person for the first time.



The week includes daily Mass and activities, team-building, a candle ceremony, and sightseeing.

## MID-YEAR GATHERING

- **Mid-Year Gathering** is a four-day event that brings together all Global Outreach students.
- Each day includes Mass, shared programs, and time together as a community.
- Students also prepare for **Taste of Europe** by prepping and baking traditional desserts.



## TASTE OF EUROPE

**Taste of Europe**, an annual February Global Outreach Scholarship Fundraising event brings together faith, family, fellowship, fun, culture, and community.

During **Mid-Year Gathering**, GO Students prepare and bake desserts native to their home country for the **European Dessert Shoppe**. Guests with the "highest bid" take home a delicious international "sweet(s)".





The evening begins with **Mass** and continues with **food & fellowship, student entertainment, family-fun activities.**

Proceeds from **Taste of Europe** support the **Global Outreach Student Scholarship Program** making the exchange experience possible for future students.



## SERVANT LEADERSHIP PROJECT

### **BUILDING A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE**

An ongoing service initiative, a student leads by serving others. Instead of a one-time volunteer activity, the project involves consistent effort over time and responds to a real need in the community.



## Global Outreach Prayer

Dear God,  
Your mercy shines upon us every day  
And you are always with us.  
I ask you for one thing,  
That I will be aware of your presence  
As often as possible.

Dear Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
I should thank you more.  
Thank you for the simplest things, for my talents,  
For people who care about me,  
And for your love toward me,  
But the most important thing for which I thank you,  
O Lord, is the gift of life.  
I thank you for it every day when I get up,  
In every situation  
When I give and receive love from others,  
And even when I struggle.

My struggles are hard,  
But I know that they are my offering to you –  
An offering leading to eternal life.  
Everything depends on you,  
Lord, my God,  
So why am I in fear of the future?  
Why do I collect things instead of giving?  
Please, give me the love  
With which I can help people in need  
And with which I can work with you, dear God,  
To build the civilization of love.  
Bless the Global Outreach Program  
That people involved in it may become  
True dynamic servant leaders.

Through the Holy Spirit and Your Son,  
Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Composed by a 2014-2015 Global Outreach Student

