

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...” Matthew 25:35

Show your Catholic Hospitality: Host a Student and Assist Global Outreach in Rebuilding the Church in Eastern Europe...

Global Outreach is a program in which high school students from Eastern Europe (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Lithuania, Hungary, Ukraine, and Poland) come to the United States to refine their English language and servant leadership skills as well as experience a year in a Catholic high school with an active Catholic family. The program, and the positive experiences it provides for both exchange students and host families, has been featured on Spirit Catholic Radio KVSS, and in articles in *The Catholic Voice*.

The **GO** program in Omaha is currently seeking host families for the 2023 - 2024 school year for **GO** students who will attend Archdiocesan Catholic high schools. Host families provide a loving family for a student for the school year, but are **not responsible for tuition and book expenses**. The students bring their own spending money from home. They are considered members of the family, not merely “guests.”

Many people are reluctant to host an exchange student because they fear they are not the “ideal” family. However, ideal host families live in any part of the city. They are in all stages of life: families with teenagers, empty-nesters, active seniors, young families, childless couples, or single-parent families. The only requirements are that the family be practicing Catholics and willing to welcome the student as a family member.

The families who have hosted students in the past attest that through the **Global Outreach** program, they have received as much as they have given. Can **you** open your heart and home to a student who is anxious to learn in the United States and be part of a Catholic school and family? Is **your family** being called to show Catholic hospitality and extend an Omaha welcome to a student for the next school year?

All three Omaha-area Archdiocesan high schools are willing to accept **GO** students if host families can be found. Roncalli Catholic will accept 1 student; Skutt Catholic will accept 2 students; and Gross Catholic will accept 2 students. Unfortunately, there are typically more exceptional candidates than families offering to host them.

If you are interested in hosting a student or have questions, please contact Monsignor James Gilg (402-618-0607), Dee Drozd (402-440-0817 dee.drozd@yahoo.com) or Allison Drozd (402-580-1369 allisondrozd22@gmail.com). More information about the Global Outreach Exchange program is at <http://globaloutreachprogram.com>.