



GLOBAL PHILANTHROPY LEADERS APPLICATION INFORMATION

Global Philanthropy Leaders (GPL) is a new initiative at St. John's that started in 2020. This small group for high school students will meet for lunch and discussion once a month on **Sundays between 12:30 – 2:30pm** Sept 2022 – April 2023. GPL will be led by Kate Kile (Dir Finance & Stewardship), Stephanie Amidon, Ben Bowersox, JR Saginario, Bo Shippen and other Youth Program leaders. All new students must first attend the Year 1 cohort where they will learn about global philanthropy, micro-loans, personal finance, global poverty, and hunger. Returning students will have the option of continuing with Year 2 curriculum (economic impact of racism in America) or Year 3 (Creation care – investing for a sustainable future.)

Youth will be entrusted with church funds to make micro-loans (through kiva.org) and positively impact people in the US and around the world. Through scripture and group discussion, we will consider “who is our neighbor?” and how can we share God's abundance by investing in others.

We ask that Youth commit to attending **ALL** sessions on the following dates:

- October 7, 2022 6pm *Friday night “dinner & movie”
- October 30, 2022
- November 13, 2022
- December 11, 2022
- January 29, 2023
- February 26, 2023
- March 26, 2023
- April 30, 2023 (Parish Forum/Presentation)

Upon acceptance into GPL, we request that all first-year students contribute \$25 at the first Sunday session in October, preferably from their own savings/earnings, to combine with funds provided by St. John's to make loans. This by no means should be a barrier for anyone, *need based \$25 scholarships will be available upon request.* Returning students will invest with accumulated loan repayments.

Youth will learn about risk, diversification, barriers to capital, and debt. They will acquire a basic understanding of loans, what life is like for the poorest of the poor, and what kinds of programs do and don't help. They will learn the difference between spending one's own money and being entrusted with the responsibility of being good stewards of church funds. They will take on leadership roles, deepen their faith, and work together to create a final presentation for the parish.

Applications will be accepted online through 6/30/2022 at <http://bit.ly/stjohnsGPL>