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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings to you! I hope this finds you well and that your week has gotten off to a good start. I am writing this letter to you because your daughter has expressed interest in participating in an event of social action in Washington, DC on November 17. As you may know, an organization called Invisible Children came to Mission's campus on October 24, 2012 to raise awareness of their campaign against Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army. Kony is the leader of an army that has waged a war of mutilation and murder across Uganda, the Congo and other regions of Africa. Invisible Children's goal is to stop the war by catching Kony and putting him on trial for his actions. For more information, check out www.invisiblechildren.com.

Invisible Children has gotten the attention of lawmakers and politicians worldwide. There will be a summit of these world leaders held in Washington, DC on Saturday, November 17 to discuss world issues including the conflict led by Kony. Invisible Children is mobilizing people from across the United States to "march on Washington" in an effort to encourage all representatives to attend the summit. That's where your daughter comes in. Because we are global citizens, as Catholics social justice is an important element of how we live our faith. This is also a priceless service learning opportunity for your daughter. Not only will she engage in social action but she will also learn about conflict around the world and will have the chance to experience what it is like to work in the name of justice.

I understand this is very short notice. However, I believe that we can plan a successful trip that will teach your daughter lessons she would never experience inside the classroom. Please consider supporting your daughter in her desire to make a notable, practical and life-saving difference in our world. A working itinerary is on the back of this sheet. If there is enough interest in this opportunity, I will be holding a meeting for parents and students in the coming weeks. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to support this endeavor.

In the Peace of Christ,

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Washington DC Tentative Itinerary

Dates:

Friday, November 16, 2012 – Monday, November 19, 2012

Cost: \$920

Deposit of \$575 due on Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Where We'll Stay: A hotel in Washington DC or the surrounding area within distance of public transportation.

What we'll do:

Friday, November 16

- Leave Mission at 6:30 am for the airport.
- Fly to DC
- Get settled into hotel
- Dinner
- Meet Invisible Children staff?
- Tour Georgetown University?

Saturday, November 17

- Morning prayer and reflection
- Walk on DC with Invisible Children
- Tour of National Mall, White House etc
- Reflection
- Recreation
- Night time prayer
- Tour Catholic University of America?

Sunday, November 18

- Morning prayer
- Reflection
- Museums: National Holocaust Museum, World War I and Vietnam Memorial
- Smithsonian Museums
- Liturgy
- Reflection
- Recreation
- Night time prayer

Monday, November 19

- Morning Prayer
- Head to airport
- Home!