



Justice Immersion Trips 2018-19

Central Coast Plunge – From the Grasslands to the Fisheries

October 25-27, 2018

This interdisciplinary trip will immerse students in the ecological, cultural, historical, and economic diversity of the central coast ecosystem with a focus on Monterey Bay. Honoring the progression of the water cycle from grasslands to ocean, the delegation will consider the importance of producing sustainable food sources from land to fork and ocean to fork. Students will visit an organic farm and learn about organic farming, grass-fed beef, managing the grasslands to convert carbon, vitalizing the region's watershed, and mimicking the natural environment. They will explore the Elkhorn Slough as a vital thoroughfare between the grasslands and the ocean, and visit UC Santa Cruz's Marine Mammal Lab. They will visit with local fishermen and fishery advocates who are working to create the Community Fisheries Networks in regards to eco-justice, marine life preservation, and industrial practices involving seafood distribution and sustainable choices. Students will stay at a hostel in Santa Cruz.

Open to: Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Maximum capacity: 10 students

Duration: 3 days

Cost: \$450

Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice: Washington DC

October 31-November 5, 2018

Join this nationwide summit in Washington, DC to deepen understanding of a faith that does justice. This year's theme is "Discipleship at the Crossroads: The Courage to Journey Together as an Intersectional Community" and one of three keynote speakers will be Bishop George V. Murry, prelate of the Catholic Church, member of the Jesuit Order, and bishop of Youngstown, OH. There will also be ten speakers from the Ignatian network and over 50 breakout presentations, and students will be challenged, engaged, and inspired to be agents for justice and solidarity. Students will share ideas and resources for social justice programming and learn strategies to effect positive social change in local and global communities. The work of the Ignatian Solidarity Network is based on Jesuit Father Pedro Arrupe's work to engage all Catholic Christians in solidarity with all of humanity, and to commit to serving those on the margins. In the Jesuit tradition, acting for social justice is core to nurturing, expanding, and living one's faith in Christ.

Open to: Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Maximum capacity: 6 students

Duration: 6 days

Cost: \$1,500

Urban Plunge: East Los Angeles – Dolores Mission/Homeboy Industries

January 17-19, 2019

Tracing the footsteps of Jesuit Father Greg Boyle, students will tour Homeboy Industries and meet employees from the bakery, café and office. The delegation will work and stay with the elementary school community of Dolores Mission in the Boyle Heights neighborhood. They will attend Mass at Dolores Mission and dine with the local Jesuit Volunteer Corps community. They will serve members of the Guadalupe Homeless Commission, who receive overnight shelter in the church. Delegates will engage in spoken and written reflection as they consider the complicated landscape of the urban poor of East LA.

Open to: Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Maximum capacity: 12 students

Duration: 3 days

Cost: \$450



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Neighborhood Plunge: San Jose – Women Facing Poverty

January or February, 2019

Through Campus Ministry and Sacred Heart Community Service, freshmen will get a chance to experience their first immersion trip – to San Jose! The delegation will spend the afternoon at “the Heart” working in the food pantry and clothes closet, meeting SHCS staff and customers, and listening to a presentation focused on the challenges and realities of local women living in poverty. The mission of SHCS is: “... *to build a community free from poverty by creating hope, opportunity, and action. We provide essential services, work together to improve our lives, advocate for justice, and inspire our community to love, serve, and share.*” The delegation will be exposed to direct service, charity and advocacy in this day-long Justice Immersion trip.

Open to: Freshmen

Maximum capacity: 24 students

Duration: 1 day

Cost: \$35

Urban Plunge: San Francisco/Tenderloin

April 18-20, 2019

This immersion trip is an opportunity to visit a local urban community in desperate need. Students will tour the neighborhood and meet staff from various agencies, including formerly homeless people, Street Sheets Collaborative, and county social service workers. They will hear a history of the community and an orientation to the Franciscan values of loving and serving the poor with dignity and respect. Then, they will stand in solidarity with the guests at St. Anthony’s Foundation, waiting in line with them to share food and conversation in the Dining Room. Staff will lead the group in a reflection of the day and on the broader causes of poverty and homelessness. The delegation will get a chance to see the contrasting commerce and social atmosphere of the area and visit Union Square Park.

Open to: Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Maximum Capacity: 12 students

Duration: 3 days

Cost: \$350

Urban Plunge: New Orleans, LA

Spring Break: April 20-26, 2019

The delegation traveling to New Orleans will witness first-hand the struggles left in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the BP oil spill, and the long process of rebuilding New Orleans. The New Orleans Delegation will work with “lowernine.org”, a nonprofit revitalization organization for residents of the Lower 9th Ward, an area that now has less than 40% of its pre-Katrina population. The delegation will stay at Camp Hope, a non-profit organization that provides housing and food to volunteer groups in New Orleans. This trip will explore the spiritual, political, economic, racial, and environmental issues at play in New Orleans. Through intentional prayer, reflection, and conversation with locals, participants will confront the most central questions: “Why do the needs of New Orleans residents remain unmet in the face of these national crises?” This trip includes direct service/physical labor (painting, cleaning, and other unskilled labor) as a significant component of the experience.

Open to: Juniors and Seniors

Maximum capacity: 22 students

Duration: 7 days

Cost: \$1,500



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| Sisters in El Salvador | June 15-23, 2019 |
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This trip will provide a historical, economic, and political overview of the peace and justice issues affecting the people of El Salvador as a microcosm of these issues around the world. Students have the opportunity to witness the effects of injustice while building solidarity with Salvadorans in a local community. We will visit various historical sites from the civil war, meet with political leaders from all sides, as well as with human and environmental rights groups. We will learn more about the issues facing Salvadorans today, including climate change and community building. We will visit with Yancolo, our sister community, and continue to build solidarity as we participate in group discussions, support of the local elementary school, and visit with families. Daily reflections, discussions, and journal writing will be key elements of this trip to grapple with the emotional complexities of the region.

Open to: Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

Maximum capacity: 10 students

Duration: 9 days

Cost: \$2,400