

Villa Joseph Marie High School Campus Ministry

Service Immersion Trip with the Sisters of St. Casimir to CHICAGO, IL

When & Where: March 20-22, 2019. At the Mother Maria Kaupas Center – with the Sisters of St. Casimir.

What: A 3-day service immersion experience, living in simplicity and in community, serving the poor and vulnerable populations on the south side of Chicago.

Who: 10 juniors or seniors interested in serving and being served, Mr. Kardish, Ms. Ellen Brooks, and the Sisters of St. Casimir.

How: The cost of the trip will be around \$600.* This amount will cover the transportation (flight & van rental), food, and lodging for the 3 day service experience.

Why: Our Catholic faith, tradition, and values call us to see Christ in each of our brothers and sisters, not just the ones we know. This service experience will allow us to live out our faith on a new level, while working with our founding order, the Sisters of St. Casimir.

Components of the Chicago Service Immersion Experience

Simple Living:

During this 3-day experience you will be challenged to live more simply. While focusing on a more simple lifestyle students will have all their basic needs met (food, clothing, shelter, safety) but will not have the same luxuries as they may at home. You will be asked to pack lightly, only bringing what you NEED for the three days.

Community:

Living in community allows students to become fully present to those around them. The group will be sharing house-hold chores such as meal prep and cleaning. Students will share rooms. During free time students are asked to spend time together to deepen their communal relationships.

Prayer and Reflection:

Each day the group will spend time in prayer and reflection together. As Catholic's we believe a vital part of service, is allowing time to properly reflect on and process the experience. This will also allow students to deepen their faith through a combination of personal and communal prayer.

Tentative Schedule:

Wednesday – carpool with parents from VJM to the Philadelphia International Airport for an EARLY flight (possibly as early as 6am departure). Arrive in Chicago in the morning, pick up rental vehicles and drive to the Sisters' convent. Attend Mass with the Sisters and begin service experience.

Thursday – A full day of service at local ministries, prayer and reflection, free time in community.

Friday – prayer, reflection and cultural experience. Head out to the airport for an evening flight. Carpool with parents back from the Philadelphia International Airport to VJM for final drop off late that night.

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Please turn in this page, completed and signed.

Name: _____ Class year: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Other time commitments: M: _____ T: _____

W: _____ TH: _____ F: _____

What has been the most impactful Mission and Ministry event or program to you? (You may also list something else that impacted your spirituality, sense of service, and/or understanding of community.)

I understand the full maturity needed for this experience. I am available for the dates of this trip March 20-22, 2019 and the pre-trip meetings 2/27 7am and 3/13 from 3-4:15pm. I understand I will be missing class for this trip and will speak with my teachers in advance to make up any missed work. If I have any other overlapping commitments I will notify those people involved upon my acceptance. My parent and I have read the information sheet provided by Mission & Ministry and understand the purpose of the trip and the fact that my cell phone will be collected at service sites. (If applicable: I have approved the dates with my coach or the Athletic Director.)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coach/Athletic Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application questions: Please type your responses.

1. What do you think the purpose of this Immersion Trip is? Why do you want to go?
2. What is your understanding of the Mission of Villa Joseph Marie High School? How do you see it in your own life?
3. How do you hope your relationship with the sisters will change after meeting them? In what ways do you hope or expect to grow?
4. What does social justice mean to you? What experience have you had with working for justice and how has the experience shaped and transformed your faith?

Applications are due by 3:00pm on December 7, 2018 to Mrs. McCarthy in person or by email smccarthy@vjmhs.org . There will be no exceptions, including absences.