



SAINT IGNATIUS MISSION TRIPS

Fr. Thomas J. Gafney, S.J. Mission Trip Program

“Students, in the course of their formation, must let the gritty reality of this world into their lives, so they can learn to feel it, think about it critically, respond to its suffering and engage it constructively. They should learn to perceive, think, judge, choose and act for the rights of others, especially the disadvantaged and the oppressed.”

-Fr. Peter Hans-Kolvenbach, SJ
Former Superior General of the Society of Jesus

DESCRIPTION

The Fr. Gafney, SJ Mission Trip Program began in 1997 and is named after St. Ignatius alum, Fr. Thomas J. Gafney, SJ '50. Fr. Gafney, SJ was martyred in Nepal in 1997. Over the last twenty years, the program has offered students an opportunity to directly encounter the poor and marginalized, resulting in a deepened relationship with God and those on the margins.

The Fr. Gafney, SJ Mission Trips encapsulate the heart of an Ignatian education: prayer, service, reflection, learning, and direct encounters with the poor.

SPRING/SUMMER 2018 OFFERINGS

For the spring and summer of 2018, St. Ignatius High School will offer the following service/immersion experiences:

FOR CLASS OF 2018: **See Page 4 for more details**

International Trips: Mexico

FOR CLASS of 2019: **See Pages 2-4 for more details**

Domestic Trips: Cleveland, West Virginia & Louisville, KY

International Trips: Mexico, Dominican Republic, & Nicaragua

FOR CLASS of 2020: **See Page 2-3 for more details**

Domestic Trips: Cleveland, OH & Louisville, KY

The following pages provide a deeper description of each of the trips, the number of student participants, cost, dates, and chaperones. For more information, please see one of the listed chaperones or contact Mr. Krzmarzick, Director of Fr. Gafney Mission Trips or Mr. Pacetti, Director of Campus Ministry.

Cleveland, OH

A deep dive into homelessness will show you a different side of the city you call home.

WHAT? Participants will learn the stories of homeless men and women who are friends of the Labre ministry, experience a “day in the life” of a homeless person, learn about the agencies that work with the poor, and explore problems and potential solutions to the issue of homelessness. While local, this is an overnight trip that will take students outside their comfort zone all within city limits.

WHO? 8-10 Members of the Class of 2019 and the Class of 2020

WHEN? July 23-27, 2018

WHERE? Various sites in Cleveland, Ohio

COST? \$150.00

CHAPERONES? Mr. Connor Walters '09



West Virginia (Appalachia)

Encounter the poor and learn about the impact of coal mining on Appalachia

WHAT? This trip focuses on direct service to low-income communities in the Appalachian region. Possible projects include work in soup kitchens, home rehab services, or an after school program. Participants will explore how coal mining and economic development have affected the natural environment and experience the Appalachian culture through music and hiking.



WHO? 10-12 Members of Class of 2019

WHEN? June 24-29, 2018

WHERE? Appalachia Country, West Virginia!

COST? \$330

CHAPERONES? TBD

FRIENDSHIPS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD

Louisville, KY

Immerse yourself in direct service to refugees and the marginalized of Louisville

WHAT? This is a week-long immersion experience rooted in inner-city Louisville that emphasizes the bonds of relationships over acts of service. Students are divided into small groups and assigned a “WayStation” – a social service agency where students play, talk, work with, and share food with people on the margins. All participants will be asked to live simply and to participate in prayer and reflection on this trip. Students often discover new understandings of themselves, friendships with people they might never have met, and a new vision for living their faith.

WHO? 10-12 Members of Class of 2019
10-12 Members of Class of 2020

WHEN? June 18-24, 2018 (rising seniors)
July 16-22, 2018 (rising juniors)

WHERE? Louisville, KY

COST? \$330 per student

CHAPERONES? TBD



Dominican Republic

Encounter the Dominican Republic and its peoples through homestays and service.

WHAT? This trip offers both exciting experiences and major physical and emotional challenges. Students explore solidarity with the poor and need to be prepared for primitive living conditions and simple meals. Activities include building latrines in rural villages and staying with a local family who has been screened by ILAC, the Institute for Latin Concern. Info - www.creighton.edu/ilac



WHO? 8-10 Members of the Class of 2019

WHEN? June 3-17, 2018

WHERE? Santiago, Dominican Republic
and rural Dominican Republic

COST? \$1,800 per student

CHAPERONES? Mr. Gallaway & TBD

FRIENDSHIPS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD

Nicaragua

An educational and faith formation experience through travel and encounter

WHAT? Travel in and around the capital Managua while you familiarize yourself with Nicaragua's captivating political history and its engaging people. You'll visit IPM's Project Partners in the country and learn how local groups are working today to promote justice, peace, and hope for children, women and youth. This trip is organized by International Partners in Mission (IPM) www.ipm-connections.org.



WHO?	8-10 Members of the Class of 2019
WHEN?	July 8-16, 2018
WHERE?	Managua, Leon, Granada and campo sites in Nicaragua
COST?	Approximately \$2,250 per student
CHAPERONES?	Mr. Kelley '62 & TBD

Mexico (Kino Border Trip)

Direct encounter with migrants fleeing violence and poverty in Latin America

WHAT? Immigration is a controversial topic with complex facets. Participants will journey to Nogales, AZ, to immerse themselves in the issues surrounding the US/Mexico border and hear first-hand from: border patrol agents, missionaries, and even immigrants themselves. The Kino Border Initiative will be our guide throughout and as we cross the border, so students must have a passport. <https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org>

WHO?	6-8 Members of the Class of 2018 and the Class of 2019
WHEN?	April 7-11, 2018
WHERE?	Mexico
COST?	\$330
CHAPERONES?	Mr. Strauss '87



FRIENDSHIPS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD

PARTICIPANTS FROM 2017

Campus Ministry strongly encourages you to speak with any of the most recent participants to learn more about their transformative experience.

Kino Border

Phu Duong '17
Ian Flynn '18
Luis Medina '17
Liam Nigro '18
William Rochester '18
Patrick Strauss '17
Dr. Anthony Fior '02
Mr. Mike Strauss '87
Mr. Billy Chritchley-Mentor, S. J

Nicaragua

Nathan Abdelnour '18
Christopher Bishop '18
Sean Breen '18
Kazmir Dzurec '18
Christopher Harrington '18
Richard Hofstra '18
Ryan Mark '18
Beck Saine '18
Christian Seybert '18
Joseph Spirnak '18
Fr. Ray Guiao, S.J. '82
Mr. Bill Kelley '62

Dominican Republic

Colin Allen '18
Brad Anderson '18
Gavin Hearn '18
Ray Kman '18
Bain Kurtz '18
Mike Nickerson '18
Brock Robertson '18
Eric Turcu '18
Ryan VonKeyserling '18
Ryan Whitford '18
Mr. Rodney Gallaway
Mr. John Rowell

West Virginia (Appalachia)

William Deucher '18
Dominic DiNunzio '18
Sam Evans '18
Chase Jadrych '18
Evan Ketz '18
William McGuire '18
Diego Morales '18
Liam Rochester '18
Brett Saunders '18
Jack Snyder '18
Albert Vasek '18
Nico Warner '18
Max Zawodny '18
Mr. Rob Wolf
Fr. Paul Shelton, S.J.

Louisville - 1

Mark Bobinski '18
Patrick Criscuolo '18
Spencer Deel '18
Max Gruber '18
John Jakubisin '18
Matt Lindholm '18
Max Maruna '18
Aidan McCaffrey '18
Peter Nichols '18
Gabe Oliss '18
Chris Uhran '18
Sam Watters '18
Mr. Brian Dybicz '99
Ms. Liz Lewis

Louisville - 2

Jacob Agoston '19
George Byrne '19
Tyler Cox '19
Josh Davis '19
Grant Gottschalk '19
Jude Horning '19
Tommy Rochester '19
Alec Stimac '19
Patrick Sweet '19
Tim Williamson '19
Mr. Christian Sanders
Ms. Alex Miranda

Cleveland

Danny Brennan '19
Michael Fitzgerald '18
Ryan Grace '19
Matt Hutchinson '19
Luke Petros '18
Kevin Shearer '18
Zach Strom '19
Andrew Zerman '18
Mr. Connor Walters '09
Mr. Ed Nolan

Tanzania

Kevin Albertino '18
Nick Baratian '18
Colin Caniglia '17
Matt Golonka '18
Peter Harb '17
Robert (Louie) Kunkle '18
Jack Oebker '18
Mr. Tim Evans '87
Mrs. Mary Catherine Koehler

MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

Saint Ignatius High School

Campus Ministry

AMDG/BVMH



APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete all necessary items of the application:
 - a. Page 7
 - b. Page 8
 - c. Writing prompts (below)
2. Submit application to Campus Ministry by 12/1/2017.
3. Interviews conducted in December and January.
4. Notifications to selected students mid-spring semester.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: Friday, December 1, 2017

APPLICATION TO BE DELIVERED TO: Campus Ministry

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: Financial aid may be awarded on the basis of the applicant's financial need. Any student with a heart filled with faith and a desire to serve those most on the margins, should apply, regardless of financial situation. Please see Mr. Krzmarzick or Mr. Pacetti with questions.

STUDENT WRITING RESPONSES

Please reflect, respond, type, and staple the responses to the following questions to the application. Each of these should be a paragraph.

1. Why do you want to go on a mission trip?
2. How does your faith influence your desire to serve?
3. Describe one of your meaningful service experiences and say why it was meaningful.
4. How would you share the experience with the St. Ignatius community when you return?

APPLICATION FOR THE FR. GAFNEY MISSION TRIP PROGRAM

NAME: _____

CLASS OF: _____ HR: _____

CELL #: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

EMAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

SECOND SEMESTER CLASS SCHEDULE:

<i>Period</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		

IDENTIFY THREE REFERENCES (coach, teacher, etc.):

<i>Name</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
1		
2		
3		

What are your current summer plans (employment, vacation, camps, schooling, etc.)?

What is your current GPA?

What is your preferred time to conduct an interview?

List your co-curricular involvements:

Please rank the trips that interest you (1st, 2nd , 3rd, 4th, 5th):

For Class of 2018:

_____ Mexico

For Class of 2020:

_____ Cleveland

_____ Louisville, KY

For Class of 2019

_____ Cleveland

_____ Appalachia, WV

_____ Louisville

_____ Dominican Republic

_____ Nicaragua

_____ Mexico

PARENTAL SECTION:

Please provide any information about your son's medical history that might affect his participation in a summer mission trip, including allergies, medications, illness, etc.

Parental Authorization:

I have discussed with my son his interest in the summer mission trip program and have provided all pertinent medical information above. I have also reviewed his preferences and the anticipated expenses for the trips he selected, and I approve of his application to participate in one of these trips.

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____