



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 2020 OFFERINGS

For the spring and summer of 2020, St. Ignatius High School will offer the following service/immersion experiences:

FOR CLASS of 2022: **See Page 2-3 for more details**
Domestic Trips: Louisville and West Virginia (Wayne County)

FOR CLASS of 2021: **See Pages 3-6 for more details**
Domestic Trips: Alabama, Cleveland, and West Virginia (Wheeling)
International Trips: Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico (Kino Border)

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.

West Virginia (Wayne County)

Repair homes for families in need with students from across the country

WHAT? Join over 100 volunteers from all over the country at the Wayne County Work Camp in rural West Virginia. Since 1983, this camp has provided opportunities for volunteers of all faiths to put faith into practice by doing home repair for local families. You will get to know the family you serve as you live, work and pray with the people of the Wayne County community.

WHO? 12-14 Members of the Class of 2022

WHEN? June 7-13, 2020

WHERE? Wayne County, West Virginia

COST? \$250.00

CHAPERONES? Mr. Guy Savastano



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 given the opportunity to spend time with people on the margins. All participants are asked to live simply and participate in prayer and reflection. 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 2022

WHEN? July 13-19, 2020

WHERE? Louisville, KY

COST? \$330 per student

CHAPERONES? Mr. Brian Dybicz '99



FRIENDSHIPS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD

Alabama

Explore the history of the Civil Rights Movement and its impact on our country

WHAT? This is an educational immersion trip with opportunities for service. On this trip, you will learn about the history of the Civil Rights Movement in America by traveling the steps of great American leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

You will learn about the interesting challenges of poverty, race, and access to education, healthcare, and jobs.

WHO? 6 Members of the Class of 2021

WHEN? July 17-23, 2020

WHERE? Montgomery, Birmingham, and Selma, Alabama

COST? \$600.00

CHAPERONES? Mr. Christian Sanders '10,
& Mr. James Luisi



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 Members of the Class of 2021

WHEN? July 27-30, 2020

WHERE? Various sites in Cleveland, Ohio

COST? \$150.00

CHAPERONES? Mr. Connor Walters '09
& Fr. Dan Reim, SJ



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West Virginia (Wheeling)

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 Appalachian culture.



- WHO?** 12-14 Members of Class of 2021
- WHEN?** June 21-26, 2020
- WHERE?** Appalachia Country, West Virginia
- COST?** \$330
- CHAPERONES?** Mr. David Croglia

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 immigrants. The Kino Border Initiative will help us to humanize, accompany and complicate the issue.

- WHO?** 6-8 Members of the Class of 2021
- WHEN?** April 16-22, 2020
- WHERE?** Nogales, AZ and Nogales, Mexico
- COST?** \$900.00
- CHAPERONES?** Mr. Tony Krzmarzick



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?	10 Members of the Class of 2021
WHEN?	June 7-20, 2020
WHERE?	Santiago, Dominican Republic and rural Dominican Republic
COST?	\$1,800 per student
CHAPERONES?	Mr. Rodney Gallaway

Guatemala

Meet and serve Guatemalans on the margins and explore their rich culture

WHAT? This trip combines direct service with relationship-building in an entirely new context: a garbage dump community. You will get to know the people of Guatemala through service, assisting in the nursery and schools, building homes and classrooms, and helping to prepare meals. After purposeful, meaningful days, you will return to a retreat center for dinner, discussion and reflection. You will visit Antigua and Atitlan as well.



WHO?	8 Members of the Class of 2021
WHEN?	July 12-20, 2020
WHERE?	Guatemala City, Guatemala Antigua and Atitlan, Guatemala
COST?	Approximately \$2,150 per student
CHAPERONES?	Mr. Bill Kelley '62

FRIENDSHIPS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD

PARTICIPANTS FROM 2019

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

Wayne County (13)

Jack Burns '21
Vince DiNunzio '21
Andrew Fornadel '21
Jacob Free '21
Matt Goodman '21
Jack Hille '21
Caleb Hils '21
Everett-Allan Hood '21
Reagan Larcey '21
Brendan Oliss '21
Eric Shyne '21
Jack Slemenda '21
James Thoma '21
Mr. Guy Savastano
Mr. Nathan Chaffee

Wheeling (13)

Michael Chopra '20
John Criscione '20
Daniel DeVenney '20
Daniel Drellishak '20
Brandon Hom '20
Robert Keim '20
Sam Kempton '20
Jacob Love '20
Sean O'Donnell '20
Drew Polito '20
Nick Rodriguez '20
August Slawinski '20
Ian Sugar '20
Mr. Joe Betz '01
Mr. David Croglia

Louisville (7)

Andrew Boeckman '21
Connor Geary '21
Miles John-Baptiste '21
Tommy Knezevic '21
Francis Pacetti '21
Jack McCarthy '21
Ryan Zix '21
Mr. Brian Dybicz '99
Mr. Tony Krzmarzick

Mexico (6)

Connor Barchanowicz '20
Patrick Hyland '20
Joseph Mian '20
Ben Slater '20
Michael Zwissler '20
Matthew Bell '20
Mr. Alex Voigt
Mr. Mike Strauss '87
Mr. Augie Pacetti '96

Alabama (7)

Joseph Bonner '20
James Crosby '20
John Cugel '20
Jaylen Harris '20
Arshad Muhammad '20
Cole Ramirez '20
Cerri Yormick '20
Mr. James Luisi
Mr. Christian Sanders '10

Dominican Republic (9)

Matthew Clement '20
Michael Corte '20
Drew Hoffman '20
Christopher Hustey '20
Charlie Kinzel '20
Max Lew '20
Ben Rossi '20
Will Sullivan '20
Braeden Yarian '20
Mr. Rodney Gallaway
Mr. Michael Tracy

Tanzania (5)

Micah Anglin
Alex Mrosko
Gino Santillo
Thomas Staunton
Noah Virant
Mrs. Nikki Henderson
Ms. Emily Samek
Mr. Roger Stewart

Guatemala (9)

Sean Armen '20
Ben Baratian '20
Cian Hoban '20
Charlie Miner '20
Jacob Shuckerow '20
Patrick Sheehan '20
Alex Waldron '20
Ryan Walsh '20
Ross Williamson '20
Mr. Bill Kelley '62
Fr. Dan Reim, SJ

MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

Saint Ignatius High School

Campus Ministry

AMDG



APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete all necessary items of the application:
 - a. Page 8
 - b. Page 9
2. Submit application (pages 8 – 9) to Campus Ministry by Thursday, December 5th, 2019
3. Interviews conducted in December and January.
4. Notifications to selected students by January 31, 2020.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: Thursday, December 5, 2019

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.

APPLICATION FOR THE FR. GAFNEY MISSION TRIP PROGRAM

NAME: _____

CLASS OF: _____ HR: _____

CELL #: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

EMAIL: _____

CURRENT GPA _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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 are your free periods for second semester? What days are you available before or after school?

List your co-curricular involvements:

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

For Class of 2021:

- ___ Alabama
- ___ Cleveland
- ___ West Virginia (Wheeling)
- ___ Mexico (Kino Border)
- ___ Dominican Republic
- ___ Guatemala

For Class of 2022:

- ___ Louisville
- ___ West Virginia (Wayne County)

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STUDENT WRITING RESPONSES

Please type up your responses to the following questions and staple the responses to this page. 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 or justice experiences.

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: _____