

# SAINT IGNATIUS MISSION TRIPS



*Fr. Thomas J. Gafney, S.J. '50 Mission Trip Program*

FRIENDSHIPS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD

*“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 is named after St. Ignatius alum, Fr. Thomas J. Gafney, SJ '50. Fr. Gafney, SJ was martyred in Nepal in 1997. Through prayer, service, reflection and learning, students are inspired by the example of Fr. Gafney to engage issues of faith and justice and encounter those who are often overlooked by society. The goal is to deepen our relationship with God and live in solidarity with those whose lives are very different from our own.

## **SUMMER 2023 OFFERINGS**

**FOR CLASS of 2024:** See Pages 4-5 for more details

Domestic Trips: Los Angeles, CA

International Trips: Mexican Border and Dominican Republic

**FOR CLASS of 2025:** See Page 3-4 for more details

Domestic Trips: Los Angeles, CA; Wayne County, WV and Camden, NJ/Philadelphia, PA

## **Financial Aid**

St. Ignatius High School does not want cost alone to prevent a student from applying to go on a mission trip. Therefore, financial aid is available for those going on the mission trips, and we encourage students in need to apply for it.

For more information about financial aid or anything else related to the mission trips, please see Mr. Tracy, Director of Mission Trips or Mr. Pacetti, Director of Mission.

## Urban Challenge

*Explore Faith, Service and Community at the Romero Center in Camden, NJ.*

**WHAT?** Want to better understand the issues of urban poverty and inequality that we see here in Cleveland? The Romero Center is an urban, service-learning, immersion experience rooted in the Catholic faith tradition where we look at issues of urban unemployment, housing and education from the perspective of our Christian faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church. For more info: [romerocenter.org](http://romerocenter.org)

**WHO?** 8 to 12 Members of the Class of 2025

**WHEN?** July 10 to 15, 2023

**WHERE?** Camden, NJ and Philadelphia, PA

**COST?** \$400.00

**CHAPERONES?** Mrs. Beth McDonnell and Mr. Mike Strauss



## Rural Work Projects

*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?** 10 Members of the Classes of 2025

**WHEN?** June 11-17, 2023

**WHERE?** Wayne County, West Virginia

**COST?** \$250.00

**CHAPERONES?** Fr. Dan Reim, SJ and TBA



# **Gang Rehabilitation and Serving the Homeless**

*Learn how an under resourced community is healing itself*

**WHAT?** Based out of Dolores Mission Catholic Church, the Jesuit parish in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, California, we will witness the ways this community is addressing its challenges by focusing on its gifts and not just on its problems. Visits will include stops at Homeboy industries, which has created numerous job opportunities for ex-gang members, and other ministries serving this Latino neighborhood

**WHO?** 8-12 Members of Class of 2024 and 2025

**WHEN?** June 17-24, 2022

**WHERE?** Los Angeles, California

**COST?** \$825 per student

**CHAPERONES?** Ms. Erin Conway and TBA



## Mexican Border Experience

*Look at a challenging moral issue through the eyes of Christian faith.*

**WHAT?** Our group will travel to El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico to gain a new perspective on the ongoing refugee crisis on our southern border. We will partner with a Jesuit organization, Encuentroproject.org, to encounter the men, women and children living on the border who are impacted by this challenging situation and look at it principally from the perspective of our Christian faith.

**WHO?** 6-8 Members of the Class of 2024

**WHEN?** April 10-15, 2023

**WHERE?** El Paso, TX and Juarez, Mexico

**COST?** \$1200.00

**CHAPERONES?** Mr. Mike Strauss and Mrs. Elisa Bredendiek



## International Immersion and Work Project

*Engage a community whose culture, language and lifestyle is different from yours*

**WHAT?** If you are up for a challenge, we invite you to consider traveling to the Dominican Republic to stay in a rural community, live with a native Dominican family who will embrace you as their son, communicate in a new language and engage in a physically demanding work project. This is a truly rich and rewarding experience organized by ILAC, a Jesuit-sponsored organization

**WHO?** 6-10 Members of Class of 2024

**WHEN?** June 5-13, 2023

**WHERE?** Rural Dominican Republic

**COST?** \$1900 per student

**CHAPERONES?** Mr. Rodney Gallaway and Mr. Dan True



# **MISSION TRIP APPLICATION**

## **Saint Ignatius High School**

### **Campus Ministry**

### **AMDG**



### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Complete all necessary items of the application:

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2. Submit application (pages 7-8) to Campus Ministry  
by Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

3. Interviews in January. Notification by early February

**APPLICATION DUE DATE:** Friday, December 2, 2022

**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 desire to grow in faith and to be of service to those most on the margins, should apply, regardless of financial situation. Please see Mr. Tracy or Mr. Pacetti with questions.

## **APPLICATION FOR THE FR. GAFNEY MISSION TRIP PROGRAM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS OF: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL #: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

IDENTIFY THREE REFERENCES, IGNATIUS CONTACTS PREFERRED (coach, teacher, etc.):

<i>Name</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>

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

What are your free periods for the second semester? What days are you available during the Activity Period and before or after school?

List your co-curricular involvements: (sports, clubs/activities, etc.)

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

For Class of 2024:

- \_\_\_ Los Angeles, CA (Service Learning with Gangs and those experiencing Homelessness)
- \_\_\_ Mexican Border (Encountering moral challenge with eyes of Christian faith)
- \_\_\_ Dominican Republic (International Immersion and Work Project)

For Class of 2025:

- \_\_\_ Camden, NJ/Philadelphia, PA (Urban Challenge)
- \_\_\_ Wheeling, WV (Rural Work Camp)
- \_\_\_ Los Angeles, CA (Service Learning with Gangs and those experiencing Homelessness)

**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 TO APPLY:**

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: \_\_\_\_\_