

General Information
Sheil Catholic Center Mission Trip to New Orleans
March 18th – March 26th, 2017

WHERE ARE WE GOING and what will be do?

New Orleans: In the devastating wake of Hurricane Katrina, we have made 14 trips to New Orleans and there is much work still to be done. We will be working with Habitat for Humanity; the people of New Orleans continue to need the commitment of the church for the welfare of the poor and needy.

We will be helping to rebuild homes that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. From past trips, residents have remarked that having us there has been a sign of 'Hope' for them.

We will be staying at St. Jude's Shrine in the French Quarter, <http://www.judeshrine.com/>. Our days will be spent working on homes and our evenings will be reserved for prayer and reflection, group social time and rest.

We will have time on Sunday and in the evenings to explore the cultural and richness of the French Quarter – its wonderful Jazz Music, Art and many Cafés.

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The trip begins on Saturday March 18th and ends on Sunday March 26th, 2017. Students must be willing to commit to the entire length of the trip. Below is a tentative schedule. Participants will receive a finalized itinerary before the actual trip.

Saturday March 18th, 7:30 a.m. Travel by vans from Chicago to Memphis (stay overnight)

Sunday March 19th: travel from Memphis to New Orleans, Sunday Mass at St. Jude's Shrine

Monday-March 20th, see sites of cultural importance.

Tuesday March 21st thru Friday March 24th work with Habitat for Humanity 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday March 25th leave New Orleans for Memphis 12 noon

Sunday March 26th: a.m. Mass in Memphis, leave for Chicago arrive early evening.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Students are responsible to pay all fees incurred by their trip. The basic cost is **\$525.00** which includes transportation, food, and lodging. Students are responsible for additional costs such as spending money.

Payment in full is required before you leave. **A \$100.00 deposit is due with your application** If you are not selected for the trip, this deposit will be returned to you.

The final payment of \$425.00 is due Wednesday March 8th 2017.

IMMUNIZATIONS – DO I NEED SHOTS?

Tetanus Shot.

Tetanus Shots are good for Ten Years.

WHAT ELSE IS REQUIRED?

Participants are expected to attend approximately 3 meetings prior to the trip where we will discuss issues of cultural sensitivity, present and past issues of New Orleans, as well as Catholic Social Teaching, poverty, and mission.

Be prepared to work hard, share in cooking and cleaning, be a contributing member of the team, seek the best for all team members, and take responsibility for the success of the experience.

Respect the culture of New Orleans, learning from the differences and the similarities. Be open to learning about yourself and others, and willingly share yourself with the group through daily prayer and reflection.

Act responsibly at all times knowing that you are an ambassador of the Sheil Catholic Center and Northwestern University.

Finally – be willing to laugh, love others and have FUN! And be prepared to be surprised.