

**General Information**  
**Sheil Catholic Center Mission Trip to New Orleans**  
**March 24th – April 2nd, 2018**

**WHERE ARE WE GOING and what will be do?**

**New Orleans:** In the devastating wake of Hurricane Katrina, we have made 15 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.

**WHEN ARE WE GOING?**

The trip begins on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> and ends on Monday April 2, 2018 (No classes NU – Easter Monday). 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 24th, 7:30 a.m., travel by vans from Chicago to Mississippi (stay overnight)

Sunday March 25th: travel from Mississippi to New Orleans, Sunday Mass at St. Jude's Shrine

Monday-March 26<sup>th</sup>, sight- seeing New Orleans

Tuesday March 27th thru Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> work with Habitat for Humanity 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> in evening Holy Thursday Mass

Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service

Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> visit cultural sites New Orleans -- Easter Vigil at St. Jude's Shrine

Sunday April 1st: leave New Orleans early afternoon, overnight in Mississippi.

Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, leave Mississippi and arrive in Chicago early evening.

## **HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

**Students are responsible to pay all fees incurred by their trip.** The basic cost is **\$550.00** 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 \$450.00 is due Wednesday March 7th 2018.**

## **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.