General Information
Sheil Catholic Center Mission Trip to New Orleans
March 21st – March 29th, 2020

WHERE ARE WE GOING and WHAT WILL WE DO?

New Orleans: In the devastating wake of Hurricane Katrina, we have made annual 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 21st and ends on Sunday March 29th, 2020. 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 21st, 7:30 a.m., travel by vans from Chicago to Mississippi (stay overnight)

Sunday March 22nd: travel from Mississippi to New Orleans, Sunday Mass at St. Jude’s Shrine

Monday-March 23rd, sight-seeing, visiting cultural sites New Orleans

Tuesday March 24th thru Friday March 27th work with Habitat for Humanity 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday March 28th leave New Orleans early afternoon, overnight in Mississippi.

Sunday March 29th, travel from Mississippi and arrive in Chicago, approximately 5 p.m.
HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Students are responsible to pay all fees incurred by their trip. The basic cost is $625.00 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. Scholarships are available for those who qualify—scholarships are credits given off your total cost. The final payment of $525.00 is due Monday March 9th 2020.

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.
APPLICATION FORM
Sheil Catholic Center Service Trip to New Orleans
March 21st – March 29th, 2020
Saturday morning – Sunday evening

Please complete the enclosed application, along with $100 deposit, and return to:
Tim Higgins, Sheil Catholic Center, 2110 Sheridan Road, Evanston IL 60201

Applications are due by Monday, December 9th
Space is limited. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received.

Legal Name: (On License or passport) _________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth: ________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone: ______________________

Email: ________________________________

Previous volunteer and/or Alternate Spring Break experience (not a pre-requisite):
Provide a short description of any previous volunteer experience; what were some meaningful or
impactful experiences for you?

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Signature                  Date
Questions: (Answer the questions in the space provided. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

1. How do you expect/think the people in New Orleans will be affected by our visit?

2. What do you hope to learn from this experience?

3. What strengths do you bring to the group?

4. What other expectations do you have?