

30th Annual

SOCIAL
ACTION
SUMMER
INSTITUTE

Who is My Neighbor?

Discipleship in the Year of Mercy

Archdiocese of Chicago

St. Xavier University - July 17-21, 2016

Full Registration: \$500 includes tuition, lodging & most meals.

Commuter Registration: \$275 full week tuition.

Daily Cost: \$35 Sunday half-day & \$60 per full day.

See website for Financial Aid & Discounted Registration details.

The **Social Action Summer Institute (SASI)** offers a transformational experience including field immersion site visits, presentations and sessions with national and local leaders connected with Chicago's frontline efforts in racial, social, criminal and economic justice.

SASI provides spiritual formation, professional development and advocacy training for diocesan and parish social action ministers, leaders, clergy and seminarians, and creates a forum to explore social issues in the light of scripture, Church teaching and theology.

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Sunday, July 17

Sponsor: Office for Peace & Justice – Archdiocese of Chicago

12:00-2:30 PM	Registration & Check-in
2:30 PM	Smudging Ceremony
3:00 PM	<u>Opening Mass</u> Very Rev. Ron Hicks, Vicar General, Archdiocese of Chicago
5:00 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Welcome from Roundtable
7:00 PM	<u>Opening Keynote</u> Rev. Michael Louis Pflieger, St. Sabina Parish, Archdiocese of Chicago
8:30 PM	Social

Monday, July 18

Sponsor: USCCB – Dept. of Justice, Peace & Human Development

7:30-8:45 AM	Breakfast & Opening Prayer
9:00-10:15 AM	<u>Large Audience Presentation</u> Dr. C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union <i>“Love God, Neighbor, and Self”</i>
10:30-11:45 AM	<u>Track A: Session for Main Theme</u> Christopher Cox, Human Thread <i>“Who Made My Clothes? Seeing the Garment Worker as Neighbor”</i> <u>Track B: Catholic Social Teaching</u> Kathleen Maas Weigert, PhD, Loyola University <i>“Catholic Social Teachings: Making Them Real at the Local Level”</i>

12:00 PM LUNCH & MASS

1:15-2:45 PM **Track A: Session for Main Theme**
Deacon Tom Lambert & Connie Rakitan, Mental Illness Ministries
"Working for Justice: Neighbors with Mental Illness and Their Families"

Track B: Catholic Social Teaching
Kathleen Maas Weigert, PhD, Loyola University
"Catholic Social Teachings: Making Them Real at the Global Level"

3:00 - 4:30 PM **Spirituality**
Rev. Larry Dowling, St. Agatha Parish, Archdiocese of Chicago
"A Spirituality for Living Anti-Racism"

5:30 PM Dinner Provided

8:00 PM Social

Tuesday, July 19

Sponsor: Catholic Relief Services

7:30-8:45 AM Breakfast & Opening Prayer

9:00-10:15 AM **Large Audience Presentation**
Elisabeth Vasko, Duquesne University
"From Bystander to Allies: Seeking Authentic Relationships in Community"

10:30-11:45 AM **Main Session I**
DeAngelo Bester, Worker Center for Racial Justice
"Structural Racialization and Implicit Bias"

12:00 PM LUNCH & MASS

1:30-3:15 PM **Main Session II**
C-ROAR (Chicago Regional Organizing Anti-Racism)
"How to Dismantle Institutional Racism in your Parish"

3:30-5:30 PM Free Time

5:30-7:45 PM Dinner on Your Own

Wednesday, July 20: CCHD Immersion Sites

Sponsor: Catholic Charities USA

7:30-8:45 AM	Breakfast & Opening Prayer
8:15 AM	Mass
9:00 AM	Buses Depart For AM Visits
10:00-11 AM	Arrive for 1st visit: 10AM - 11AM
11:00 AM	Buses Depart for Co-op Visits w/ Lunch
12:00 PM	Arrive for Coop Visit w/ Lunch: 12 - 1:30PM
1:30 PM	Buses Depart for PM Visits
2:00-3:00 PM	Arrive for 3rd Visit: 2-3:00PM
6:00 PM	Dinner and Regional Breakouts
8:00 PM	Social

CCHD TRACK 1:

AM Visit - *Alliance of the South East*

The Alliance of the Southeast is a multicultural, interfaith alliance consisting of churches, schools, businesses, and community organizations that prioritize grassroots participation to address the challenges facing southeast Chicago. They have been a leader with Community Benefits Agreements and through their “Development not Displacement” campaign, they have been working with a powerful developer to secure that any development in the Southeast side must benefit the community and bring more resources to it.

LUNCH - *Centro de Trabajadores Unidos*

Lunch will be provided by Centro de Trabajadores Unidos (CTU) by their Latina-owned catering worker cooperative. The Southeast Worker Cooperative is a long-lasting, broad, and reliable economic opportunity that will lead to a positive social and economic shift in the Southeast side of Chicago. CTU also organizes and supports a continual stream of workers to develop their own leadership potential, advocate for themselves and their community, and take action to address the injustices in the workplace.

PM Visit – *IIRON*

IIRON is a grassroots, not-for-profit organization devoted to social, economic, and racial justice and the creation of a more democratic society. IIRON’s purpose is to provide an organizing vehicle for ordinary people to create collective power, to have their voices heard, and get their interests met. This year, IIRON helped pass state legislation decreasing penalties for nonviolent drug offenses and kicked off a series of actions with coalition partners against state budget cuts to social services for low-income communities.

CCHD TRACK 2:

AM Visit - *STOP: Southside Together Organizing for Power*

Southside Together Organizing for Power (STOP) has led a Mental Health Movement Program by mental health service consumers, to organize and preserve public mental health services, erase the stigma of mental illness, and build the movement for the human right to health care.

LUNCH - *Mujeres Unidas of St. Eulalia*

Lunch will be provided by *Mujeres Unidas*, a Latina-owned catering worker cooperative invested in providing healthier food options in the Maywood area. They are advancing their main goal of empowering low-income women through participatory learning and leadership development to help them create economic opportunities.

PM Visit - *Progress Center for Independent Living*

Progress Center for Independent Living (PCIL) is run by and for people with disabilities. It provides services to help members and others live independently, while focusing on securing more integrated, affordable housing. PCIL's mission is to change public policy and decision making in favor of accessible housing focused on educating legislators, helping leaders continue their leadership development, and recruiting more members.

CCHD TRACK 3:

AM Visit - *Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation*

Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation (PBMR) works toward creating a Community Restorative Justice Hub whose mission is healing those impacted by conflict, division, and violence. PBMR is a leader in training peace circle keeping to youth, probation officers, and police officers. They are currently working to create a Restorative Justice Court for juveniles.

LUNCH - *Las Luciernagas Cooperativa*

Lunch will be provided by *Las Luciernagas*, a Latina-owned catering worker cooperative aimed to tackle local economic and gender-based disparities by spurring alternative job creation and empowering women in the Little Village area.

PM Visit – *Enlace Chicago/Imago Dei*

Enlace Chicago is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of the residents of Little Village Community, also known as the “Mexican Capital of the Midwest,” by fostering a physically safe and healthy environment in which to live and by championing opportunities for educational advancement and economic development. Enlace has also supported numerous violence prevention efforts throughout the community, such as Imago Dei from St. Agnes of Bohemia. Imago Dei works with at-risk youth who are invested in creating murals with positive and faith-filled imagery as a means of proclaiming restorative justice and peace.

Thursday, July 21

Sponsor: JustFaith Ministries

7:30-8:45 AM Breakfast & Opening Prayer

9:00-10:15 AM **Large Audience Presentation**

Mary Gonzalez, Gamaliel

“A Church that is Bruised: A Radical Commitment to Addressing Injustice”

10:15-10:30 AM Break

SESSION A:

10:30-11:45 AM **Diocesan Skill Building**

Susan Sullivan, Dept. Justice, Peace & Human Development

“Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship”

Conference Theme Session

Catholic Relief Services

“Conflict Resolution & Peace Building”

Parish Skill Building

Greg Galluzo, Gamaliel

“Faith Based Organizing: A Strategy for Ministry”

12:00 PM LUNCH

SESSION B:

1:30-2:45 PM **Diocesan Skill Building**

Rev. Chuck Dahm, St. Pius V & H.O.P.E, Archdiocese of Chicago

“Extending God’s Mercy to Hidden Neighbors: Victims of Domestic Violence”

Conference Theme Session

Tom Dobbins, Archdiocese of New York

“Encountering Other Believers through Shared Works of Mercy”

Parish Skill Building

Laurene Heybach & Patricia Nix-Hodes, Law Project of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

“Understanding and Ending Homelessness”

2:45-3:00 PM Break

SESSION C:

3:15-4:30 PM

Diocesan Skill Building

Michael Nicolás Okinczyc, VOICE Buffalo & NOAH

“Bringing a Pastoral Letter to Life: Moving from Theology to Action”

Conference Theme Session

Mary Wright, JustFaith Ministries

“Dialogue and Other Critical Tools for Discipleship”

Parish Skill Building

Rev. Tom Boharic, St. Agnes of Bohemia, Archdiocese of Chicago

“Imago Dei: Finding God’s Image Amidst Street Violence”

5:00 PM

Closing Mass

Bishop Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of VIC VI, Archdiocese of Chicago

6:30 PM

Dinner

7:30 PM

Closing Keynote

Bishop Braxton, Diocese of Belleville

“The Catholic Church and the Black Lives Matter Movement: The Racial Divide in the United States Revisited”

8:30 PM

Social