

Service Immersion Recap:

This service immersion took place on April 3-5, 2019. We had 10 students (8 juniors and 2 seniors), and 3 faculty chaperones attend this immersion, for a total of 13 participants. We chose this amount so everyone could fit in one vehicle, a 14-passenger van.

Below is the overview of our itinerary:

Wednesday, April 3rd:

2 pm Leave OLP
5 pm Check-in at The Dolores Mission School
6 pm Liturgy at the Catholic Worker House
7 pm Potluck Dinner at the Catholic Worker House
8 pm "G Dog" Documentary and Evening Reflection

Thursday, April 4th:

8 am Breakfast at Homegirl Cafe
9 am Tour of Homeboy Industries
11 am Educational visit to Firehouse Nine
12 pm Lunch & Reflection
1:30 pm Homeboy Silkscreen Workshop Tour
3- 5:30pm Alexandria House
6 pm Dinner
8 pm Evening Reflection

Friday, April 5th:

6-8 am Serve Breakfast at The Midnight Mission
8 am Breakfast
9 am Tour of The Midnight Mission
9:30 am Closing Reflection
10 am Leave Los Angeles
12:45 pm Arrive at OLP

Places we will serve and visit:

The Midnight Mission

The Midnight Mission is the oldest continuously operating human service organizations in the Los Angeles region. Centered in the Skid Row area of downtown Los Angeles, The Midnight runs one of the most efficient direct service operations in the country.

The Midnight Mission offers a path to self-sufficiency to men, women and children who have lost everything. Our emergency services, 12-step recovery program, job training, education and work programs offer a compassionate bridge to productive lives. We remove obstacles to

self-sufficiency and provide the accountability and structure that people who are experiencing homelessness need to rejoin their communities. Our conviction and commitment to their success define us.

Website Address: <http://www.midnightmission.org>

Alexandria House

Founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1996, Alexandria House is a non-profit transitional residence and house of hospitality providing safe and supportive housing for women and children in the process of moving from emergency shelter to permanent housing.

Website: <http://www.alexandriahouse.org/>

Homeboy Industries

With visits to Homeboy Industries Headquarters, Homegirl Cafe and Homeboy Silkscreens

Homeboy Industries began when a concerned group of Angelenos, led by Father Gregory Boyle, asked a simple question: "Can we improve the health and safety of our community through jobs and education rather than through suppression and incarceration?" The answer was yes. rate our 28th anniversary as an organization in our headquarters located in downtown Los Angeles, just two blocks from Union Station. Homeboy serves as a beacon of hope and opportunity □for those seeking to leave gang life, for whom the barriers and challenges are great, and for whom there is virtually no other avenue to enter the mainstream. Homeboy Industries is recognized as the largest and most successful gang intervention and re-entry program in the world, and has become a national model.

Website: <http://www.homeboyindustries.org/>

The Catholic Worker House: Ammon Hennacy House of Hospitality

Founded in 1970, the Los Angeles Catholic Worker is a lay Catholic community of women and men who operate a free soup kitchen, hospitality house for the homeless, hospice care for the dying, a bi-monthly newspaper, and regularly offers prophetic witness in opposition to war-making and systemic injustice. We are funded exclusively by individual private donations. We do not accept nor solicit donations from corporations, foundations, nor the institutional church. We do not write grants. We are not, and never have been, a 501(c).(3) non-profit corporation, therefore, donations to the LACW are not legally tax-exempt. (This policy was instituted by Catholic Worker co-founders, Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin, who believed Christians should not expect reward from the government for fulfilling our Christian obligation.)

Website: <http://lacatholicworker.org/>

Where we are staying:

The Dolores Mission School
170 South Gless Street
Los Angeles, CA 90033
Phone: 323-881-0001

Dolores Mission School is a parochial school educating students in grades Kindergarten through Eight in the heart of Boyle Heights in East Los Angeles. We strive to serve the families of the greater parish community by offering their elementary school age children the academic and extracurricular programs necessary for them to achieve their fullest human potential in a safe and nurturing environment. By providing a variety of academic and enrichment activities, we hope to develop well-rounded children who are prepared academically, spiritually, physically, socially and emotionally.