

Alternative Spring Break Trip:

New Sanctuary Movement

Atlanta, GA

March 3-10, 2019

Application for Spring 2019

Return this application and the appropriate attachments to Akua Kankam, University Minister, at akankam@stritch.edu or in J-121.

1. Details about the New Sanctuary Movement

What is the New Sanctuary Movement?

The New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta (SMA) is an interfaith, multicultural immigrant rights organization that seeks to hold governments at all levels responsible to ensure the welfare of immigrants. They welcome the participation of individuals and congregations who affirm:

- that all human beings are loved by their creator and deserving of a safe place to live, work, and worship without fear, without regard to nationality, ethnicity, religion, economic status, immigration status, gender, ability, age, or sexual orientation;
- that we all advocate for laws that ensure the rights of immigrants.
- that we reject using power or speech to bully, intimidate, threaten, or cause emotional or physical violence.

What do they do?

The New Sanctuary Movement have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of all in our decision making, and to hold the governments of city, county, state, and country accountable.

What is the history of the New Sanctuary Movement?

The New Sanctuary Movement began in the U.S. during the 1980's as a response to unjust deportations of people who fled from extreme violence during civil wars in Central America. With the large scale workplace raids and deportations of immigrants regardless of deportation stays or request for sanctuary in the mid 2000's, a resurgence of the Sanctuary Movement established itself as a means of active resistance against such actions.

What will we be doing with the New Sanctuary Movement?

Our responsibilities are not limited to but including:

- attending court proceedings and completing observations

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- learning about the work of Freedom University
- visiting detainees in prison
- doing projects for a non-profit, El Refugio, which assists families of immigrants
- participating in Ash Wednesday worship at Plaza Fiesta

This work is heavily connected to our value of the year, “Showing Compassion”.

2. How does the New Sanctuary Movement connect to the Franciscan Values of Making Peace, Reverencing All Creation, and Creating a Caring Community?

The New Sanctuary Movement works towards Making Peace, Reverencing All Creation, and Creating a Caring Community by helping immigrants who encounter great difficulty in securing their safety. Many of the immigrants who arrive are coming to escape violence within their own countries only to encounter a great deal of difficulty navigating the immigration system upon arrival in the United States. Many times their difficulties result in a diminishment of their basic human dignity. The New Sanctuary Movement works to restore that dignity (Reverencing All Creation), engages a network of people and organizations to assist immigrant communities (Creating a Caring Community), and exposes while seeking resolution of unjust immigration practices happening at all levels of government (Making Peace).

3. Details about the 2019 Alternative Spring Break trip to the New Sanctuary Movement:

When: Spring Break, March 3 - March 10, 2019

Where: New Sanctuary Movement, Atlanta, GA

Who: Interested Stritch students will travel to Atlanta in vans. One staff member and up to 10 students are able to come on this trip.

What: We will serve in a variety of situations within the network of New Sanctuary Movement.

Cost: \$250.00 for sleeping accommodations, travel and food. Fundraising options are available. *If you need financial assistance, talk to Akua Kankam or Sean Lansing. We will*

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work with you to find a way for you to attend. A deposit of \$150.00 will be due February 22nd if you are accepted to attend the trip.

4. Application Information

Full Name:

Student ID Number:

Class Year in 2018-2019:

Mailbox Number (if living on campus):

Cell Phone Number:

Home Street Address:

Home City:

Home State:

Home Zip Code:

Are you in good standing with the university? Yes or No

Major(s)/Minor(s):

Do you need financial assistance? Yes or No

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5. Short Answer Questions:

Please answer each question in a paragraph or two and attach the printed responses to this application:

1. Why are you interested in going on this trip?

2. What do you hope to offer the Stritch community by going on this trip?

3. What are your fears or concerns for this trip?

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4. What types of previous experience do you have with social justice and diversity?

5. What do you expect to learn from your trip experience?

6. How do you think your participation with New Sanctuary Movement connects to the Franciscan value of the year, "Showing Compassion"?

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6. Trip Agreements

Please carefully review each of these items before signing:

1. I will attend the pre-trip meetings, the trip, and the post-trip reflection meetings.
2. I will participate in fund/friend-raising opportunities to finance this trip.
3. I will continue to build the relationships I form upon returning to Stritch through letters, social media, email, etc.
4. I understand that I will be working with people who come from difficult situations and will be learning how to interact with them due to this.
5. I will behave in mature, responsible ways that will make me a good representative of the Cardinal Stritch community. I will comply with state, federal, and international laws along with the Cardinal Stritch University code of conduct. Violation of this agreement will result in a discussion with the trip staff leader(s) and possible termination of the trip. Termination means I must find my own way home at my own expense and my trip will not be refunded.

For more information about the Sanctuary Movement and the New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta:

<https://www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org/> <https://www.sanctuarymovementatl.org/about/>

Sign and Date:
