



All Things Ignatian



JON CORTINA, SJ

The program takes its name from and honors the late Fr. Jon Cortina, SJ, striving to emulate his call, "the truth must be uncovered and justice must be practiced".



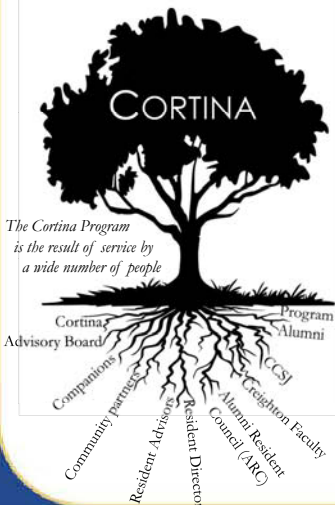
Fr. Cortina in Mass, Guarjula (Don Doll)

Fr. Cortina taught engineering at the Jesuit university in San Salvador. Further, he used his engineering and pastoral skills to serve the people of Guarjula, a rural mountain town, helping to provide homes, water, and more, believing a person's integral development was central to a lived Catholicism. Following the brutal twelve-year Salvadoran Civil War, he established *Pro-Busqueda*. *Pro-Busqueda* reunited children stolen during the war and adopted into the United States and Europe.

Creighton has a long standing connection to El Salvador and Fr. Cortina. He received an honorary Doctor of Humanitarian Service from Creighton University in the spring of 2003.

COMPANIONS

Every resident in the community is paired with a companion. Companions are members of the Creighton community, as well as leaders in local non-profits. Companions maintain a personal commitment to the values established by Creighton University and the Cortina program. Through a mentoring relationship, companions share the struggles and reveal opportunities as they foster growth. These relationships do not end with the school year as a number of residents continue to meet with the companion in the future.



ALUMNI of the Cortina Community often engage in activities and vocations which embrace the promotion of justice and the service of faith after finishing their year on the floor. This includes:

- Post-graduate volunteering
- Doctors Without Borders
- Amate House
- Jesuit and Diocesan Priests
- Student and professional staff in CCSJ
- Study abroad across five continents
- Student Staff Members in Residence Life
- IRHGS president
- CSU vice president
- MAGIS program
- Encuentro student coordinator
- CCSJ service trip leaders
- Justice Walking
- Rostro de Cristo
- Leaders at Ignatian Family teach in Justice for Our Neighbors
- Interfaith Worker Justice
- Doctors, lawyers, and teachers engaging the option for the poor

CORTINA COMMUNITY

MISSION

Synthesizing the holistic mission of Creighton University and the department of Residence Life, the Cortina program seeks to nurture growth in sophomore students through the service of faith, the promotion of justice, and well-educated solidarity within an intentional, residential community.

The Cortina Program, founded in 2003, is an intentional living-learning community for sophomores housed in Megloin Hall. Currently, it is home to 54 male and female residents and 4 resident advisors. To accomplish our mission, we strive to accomplish these goals through various programming:

1. Expose students to cultural and social realities locally, nationally, and globally.
2. Facilitate the development of relationships with those who suffer injustice especially in the Omaha community.
3. Promote engagement with, learning from and respect of the poor.
4. Help students analyze and understand ethical perspectives on the nature of justice and the causes of injustice.
5. Promote personal and communal reflection on the faith that does justice.
6. Provide opportunities to act on behalf of justice.

COMMUNITY SPEAKERS

Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ
Advocate to end the death penalty
Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM
Author, Social Activist
Luis Lopez
Resident of Guarjula, El Salvador
Tiny Hands International
Faith based human trafficking prevention
Word Made Flesh
Anti-poverty
John Guliano
Tamarindo Organization
Bishop Djomo
Bishop of Tshumbi, Congo
Fr. Kevin Burke, SJ
Dean of JSTB
Peter Mayer
Singer/songwriter
Kim Bobo
Founder, Interfaith Worker Justice
Beth Katz
Founder, Project Interfaith Omaha
Fr. Simon Harrick, SJ
Marquette Center for Peacemaking



Cortina Residents meeting with Luis, from El Salvador

CLASS

Coursework helps residents to process the experiences of contact and conversation with the poor and marginalized, and to build a well-grounded vocabulary to articulate their views and experiences. During the fall semester, students register in a community only section of philosophical foundations of ethics in order to further refine their understandings of personal and societal ethical responsibilities. In spring, members chose one of several small Justice and Peace Studies courses based in student-led discussion, which helps to explore deeply a specific topic.



The 2010-2011 Community on our fall retreat

RETREATS

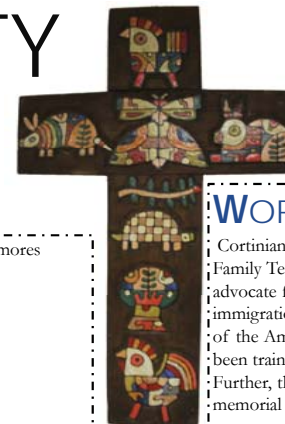
The community holds an overnight retreat each semester to foster community. Traditionally, the retreats are held in the first few weeks of the semester and serve as a touchstone for the remainder of the program



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The Cortina Community has a Blog!
See what is happening on the floor at cucortina.blogspot.com



Fr. Cortina gave the cross from his home to our program

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

Cortinians participate yearly in the Ignatian Family Teach in for Justice, where residents advocate for environmental responsibly, immigration reform, and a closing of the School of the Americas. All current participants have been trained in advocacy through the CCSJ. Further, the community places a martyrs' memorial on the steps of St. John's Church to commemorate the killing of the UCA Jesuits and Elba and Celina Ramos.



SERVICE

Cortina aims to foster a genuine concern for the other through active and lasting contact with the poor and marginalized through service. Participants visit one of our community partners weekly, volunteering at the same site throughout the semester. In addition, many elect to spend their fall and spring breaks attending and leading week long trips across the country through the CCSJ and Justice Walking.



The community partners for 2010-2011