Migrant Journey Service Learning

Historic Memory

Spring 2006: Jesuit Hispanic Ministry Conference
Spring 2007: Catholic Migrant Farmworker Network: II National Consultation (15 Students)
Spring 2008: Stockton, CA and Los Angeles, CA
Ateparco Harvesting, Spiritual Outreach (11 Students)
Spring 2009: Rural Communities of Ohio
Tree nursery, potato and poultry plants, steel foundry & Spiritual Outreach (13 Students)
Spring 2009: Founding of Nebraska Migrant Action Coalition
Summer 2009: Scottsbluff, NE
Legal advocacy & Literacy Project (4 Students)
Spring 2010: Stockton/Fresno/Keene, CA
Orange harvesting, Apple tree pruning, vineyard work & Spiritual Outreach (12 Students)
Summer 2010: Grand Island, NE
Legal advocacy & Literacy Project (7 Students)

Community Partnerships

- Catholic Migrant Farmworker Network
- Creighton Latino Student Association
- Diocese of Stockton – Hispanic Ministry Office
- Diocese of Fresno – Hispanic Ministry Office
- Immigrant Workers Project – Canton, Ohio
- Legal Aid of Nebraska
- Midwest Freight USA
- Nebraska Migrant Education
- NAF Multicultural Corp.
- Nebraska Department of Labor

Office of Multicultural Affairs
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Welcome by those who are often not welcomed

Creighton University and the Catholic Migrant Farmworker Network are unified in their faith commitment to social justice, dignity, and respect for all. Both institutions work tirelessly to bridge the differences and distances that separate the human family.

“Migrant Journey Service Learning” examines the impact of experiential learning on college students as they are immersed into the daily lives of the migrant family. The project design serves as a model for other institutions of higher education to provide testimony to what is heard, seen and shared in pursuit of the truth and social justice. Our call to action has provided us with many opportunities to share sacred stories and our experiences at conferences, universities and with international audiences.

We have received the following honors: 2009 Creighton University Academic Excellence and Assessment Grant and 2010 University of Nebraska Omaha: College of Public Affairs and Community Services Award for Excellence in Public Service.

Learning Objectives

- Contemplate and reflect on how we find God in all things.
- Act in solidarity with immigrant communities – gathering the human family and creating spaces characterized by compassion for the human spirit.
- Learn coalition building with grassroots organizations

- Altar Fresno, California
- Pruning grape vines
- Fresno, California
- Work Camp Tracy, California

- Legal Advocacy Team Scottsbluff, NE
- Orange Harvest
- Fresno, California
- Dairy Production Rural Ohio

Spiritual Outreach

- Migrant Work Camps in California and Ohio
- Saint Mary's Interfaith Community Services, Stockton, California
- Fellowship at Pathways Women's Shelter, Ohio
- Spiritual Reflections & Journaling
- Participation in outdoor prayer experiences with the Migrant Community

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Skilled Labor: Pruning Apple Trees in rural communities of Ohio

“I believe I have been given a divine invitation to live and love for and with others. The numerous stories I have heard remind me of my humanity. I hope that the little things that I do will show my dedication to share and remember the migrants' sacred stories.”

– Norma Calzada, Creighton Class of 2012