

Living and Learning Agreement

We are glad you have chosen to participate in a Moreau Center Social Justice Immersion. We ask that you read through this form which details the responsibilities and requirements as a participant in the program. If you have any questions or concerns, please see the immersion coordinator or advisor.

One aspect of our immersions is to create a community among the people who travel, learn, and serve together. Recognizing and acknowledging the following commitments will help your group to start off on the same footing with common expectations.

Immersions are community-engagement learning opportunities. They combine community engagement experiences, service projects, educational experiences and times of reflection and self-assessment. Our programs are not traditional “service trips” nor are they campus ministry retreats or study abroad experiences.

We ask participants to commit to full participation by engaging the Moreau Center Core Commitments:

- Social Justice
- Community
- Solidarity
- Reflection

Moreau Center programs are not “neutral” in the sense of presenting perspectives on every issue. While you will learn a variety of perspectives on what are usually very complicated social issues, you will be learning about social justice from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching.

All Social Justice Immersions are alcohol and drug free. Students who violate this term may be asked to leave the program early at their own expense.

We are students, guests, and servants. When we visit a place during the program, we are using the time and gifts of people we meet. We are their guests and as such are dependent upon their schedules and availability. Plans may change on short notice, and the group should be prepared to be flexible.

We ask that all students be open to change and challenge. Much of what you see during the immersion will stretch you and bring up new insights and questions. We ask that you be willing to discuss your insights, feelings, and thoughts with honesty. Be courteous and gentle as you hear where others are coming from.

Students that commit to participate, commit to offer their time and talents to group activities including preparation and fundraising. Moreau Center programs depend on student creativity, energy and full engagement to be successful.

Being Present. We ask student to consider their use of technology during the immersion and come to a group understanding of how they will use technology in strategic ways that enhance the experience and do not inhibit their ability to be present.

I understand the common commitments of a Moreau Center Social Justice Immersion and agree to work with my group towards keeping them.

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____