

The following trips have been vetted by St. Xavier High School not only for the meaningfulness and value of the experience, but also safety. Many of these organizations have partnered with us for years while some are new. We have gone to great lengths to ensure that every trip will challenge our students in a safe environment.

Students will also participate in daily reflections where they will process their experiences through journaling, prayer and discussion.

Most trips will have ten St. X students and two adult chaperones.

Chicago, IL

June 23 – June 29 / \$685

As an urban immersion experience, The Br. David Darst Center focuses on educating students on justice and the reality of oppression facing many populations. Students will participate in daily communal prayers, meal preparation and educational sessions while serving at social agencies which may include working in food pantries, soup kitchens or community gardens. Students will live simply, stay in dormitory-style accommodations and will travel to Chicago by school vans.

Cincinnati, OH

July 14 – July 19 / \$475

While exploring our own city, students will volunteer at local organizations by serving in a soup kitchen, working with kids or doing light construction during the day and then hear speakers or participate in activities in the evenings. Hosted by the Franciscans, students will reflect on their traditions of simplicity, service, community and spirituality. Students will live simply, stay in dormitory-style accommodations and will travel by school vans.

Costa Rica

June 9 – June 16 / \$2,400

Students will travel to an impoverished area of Costa Rica and work alongside locals doing construction projects and work with children during the day, while focusing on cultural immersion activities in the evening. Partnered with International Samaritan, students will serve those living in and around a garbage dump by upholding the belief that every life is valuable and has worth. Students will stay in a secure retreat center and will fly to Costa Rica from CVG.

Detroit, MI

June 3 – June 8 / \$685

Part immersion and part hands-on service, students will explore and learn more about the history and social issues surrounding this classic American city by visiting different organizations, exploring the city and working with community members. While partnering with the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, service opportunities could include working in soup kitchens or doing light construction and yard work. Students will live simply, stay in dormitory-style accommodations and will travel to Detroit by school vans.

Ecuador

June 3 – June 10 / \$2,400

While being immersed in Ecuadorian culture, students will be preparing meals for families, helping teach English, conducting home visits and building homes for those in need. The Jesuit-run Working Boys' Center in Quito serves around 200 impoverished families – many are single-mother households. Students will be staying in a secure dormitory-style accommodation and fly to Ecuador from CVG.

Louisville, KY

July 7 – July 14 / \$685

Although it may not be far from Cincinnati, students will be immersed in different cultures as they work to build relationships with refugees and the disadvantaged. Hosted by CrossRoads Ministry retreat center, service activities could include playing with kids who live in housing projects, working with asylum-seekers, conducting English-language activities with refugees and volunteering at a center for adults with developmental disabilities. The trip will end with a daytrip to the Abbey of Gethsemani. Students will stay in dormitory-style accommodation and travel to Louisville by school vans.

Nogales, AZ

July 28 – August 3 / \$1,700

On the border of Mexico and Arizona, the Jesuit-run Kino Border Initiative will guide students through the challenges and issues of immigration and human rights. Students will serve in a soup kitchen in Mexico run by nuns that assists recent deportees. Students may also go on a desert hike, hear from border patrol agents and learn more about the legal immigration process. Students will stay in a retreat house and fly to Arizona from CVG.

Over-the-Rhine, OH

June 16 – June 21 / \$475

By being a truly immersive experience, students will be surprised at how much they learn about their hometown of Cincinnati. Hosted by St. Vincent de Paul, students will visit local charities that are working

to help the hungry and those living in poverty. While volunteering at these organizations, students will learn about the experiences of both leaders and beneficiaries firsthand. They will explore topics such as food insecurity, go on home visits and learn about the struggles of homelessness. Students will live simply and stay in dormitory-style accommodation. Students will be dropped off and picked up at St. Vincent de Paul.

Pine Ridge, SD

June 15 – June 21 / \$1,700

Located at the foot of the Black Hills in South Dakota, students will see the extreme poverty afflicting the Lakota people – but also their resilience and strength. Students will take part in construction activities to repair and improve local housing during the day and take part in cultural activities at night. Our hosts, the Re-Member organization at the Pine Ridge Reservation, aim to rebuild relationships, homes and lives of the people they serve. Students will live simply, stay in cabin-style accommodation and fly to South Dakota from CVG.

Rockcastle, KY

June 16 – June 21 / \$625

To help assist the Christian Appalachian Project with their goal of reducing substandard housing conditions in Eastern Kentucky, students will serve in rural areas by repairing homes. While working alongside home-repair crews, students will help provide families in need with homes that are safe, warm and dry. In the evenings, students will learn about local Appalachian culture and the challenges commonly faced in the region. Students will stay in a retreat house and travel to Rockcastle County by school vans.

Toppa Joppa, TN

June 30 – July 6 / \$625

In rural Tennessee, students will work with children of migrant workers by hosting a week-long day camp with the Glenmary Home Missioners. By playing games, sharing meals and organizing activities, students will build relationships with the kids that they will see each day. Students will also have the opportunity to improve local housing one day during their stay through light construction work. Even though Joppa Mountain is far from the US-Mexican border, students will learn about the challenges of immigration that are faced throughout our country. Students will stay in a retreat house and travel to Tennessee by school vans.

Wheeling, WV

June 9 – June 15 / \$625

Hosted by Wheeling Jesuit University's Appalachian Institute, students will have the unique opportunity of traveling throughout the state of West Virginia while serving others. Serving alongside locals, students might volunteer at community gardens, soup kitchens and help with light construction work. At the same time, students will explore the challenges of those who rely on the coal mining industry, the important role it played in our country's history and its effects on the region today. Students will stay in dorm-style housing and travel to West Virginia by school vans.