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Catholic Social Teaching Summer Internship

The Catholic Social Teaching Summer Internship is a collaborative project of Interfaith Worker Justice, Catholic colleges and universities, and local interfaith worker justice committees.

This summer internship program begins in Chicago on June 8, 2008 for an intense week of training and orientation with social justice workers and theologians. Interns will then travel to local interfaith committees around the country for eight weeks of hands-on service. Participants will reconvene in Chicago August 13-15 for reflection and exploring next steps.

The Internship will give undergraduate students the opportunity to:

- Learn in-depth the principles and foundations of Catholic Social Teaching
- Witness workers' struggles for justice in the workplace
- Work with local interfaith committees on issues facing workers, including living wage campaigns, affordable health benefits, immigrant worker issues, and local organizing campaigns
- Develop a wide range of skills, including coalition building, organizing, advocacy, public policy, communications, and social analysis
- Integrate principles and theories of Catholic Social Teaching with hands-on experience of working for social change
- Collaborate with diverse, interfaith teams

Expectations of the intern:

- Help identify and solicit funds from your university, congregation, and other sources to cover your stipend & expenses
- Participate in a confirmation phone interview with the site
- Carry out assignments and follow work plan
- Write a reflection/integration paper
- Keep a journal or documentary account of your experiences
- Check in with the Internship Coordinator regularly
- Complete additional assignments for academic credit if required
- Participate in regular conference calls with other interns

Financial Agreements:

The cost for participation in the CST internship is \$4,000 per student. This includes \$1,000 for training and orientation, and \$3,000 for stipends given to the students. While many students are sponsored through their university, each student must do some amount of individual fundraising. IWJ works closely with students to help identify funding. As long as efforts have been made, no qualified students will be turned away.

Each intern will receive:

- Housing provided by a local interfaith committee
- All local transportation costs, including a bus/train pass and/or mileage
- Stipend raised through academic institution and other sources
- Possible academic credit

For more information, please contact:

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summerinternships@iwj.org

Catholic Social Teaching Internship Application

Deadline: April 18, 2008*

Name _____ Birthdate _____

College/University _____ Expected Graduation year _____

Denomination/home parish _____

Current Address (please indicate dates good through) _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Permanent Address _____

Current Phone _____ Permanent Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Languages Spoken _____

How did you hear about the Catholic Social Teaching Internship? _____

Representative from your college or university responsible for your summer experience, if applicable:

Name _____

Position _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Summer Emergency Contact Name, Address, Phone _____

PLEASE ATTACH A RESUME.

Please **TYPE** your answers to the following questions in the space provided, or attach additional sheets if needed.

1. Please describe your experience with social justice activities. Include the challenges and what you learned.

2. How do you see the religious community as a partner with movements for social justice?

* Applications received after this date will be considered as space allows.

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3. Please give a description of your involvement, if any, in organized religion. (Do you attend church, mass? If so, where?) How has your involvement influenced your understanding of social justice? (Involvement not required.)

4. What do you hope to achieve by participating in the Catholic Social Teaching Internship?

5. This internship involves working with a diverse group of people and erratic hours on a sometimes unpredictable schedule. What in your experience might prepare you for this?

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