

Lasallian Social Justice Institute (LSJI)

LSJI EL PASO

Nature and Purpose

The Lasallian Social Justice Institute (LSJI) is a formation program for Partners and Brothers from the US/Toronto Region based on the Gospel and our Lasallian vocation seeking justice and service to the poor. Developed by Brothers and Partners, it is a response to the call from both grassroots Lasallians and General Chapters for more formation programs that strengthen “association for the educational service of the poor.”

The purpose of the LSJI is to promote the continuing process of conversion to solidarity with persons in poverty and an authentic response to the Gospel and the Lasallian vocation. It is designed to be experiential, educational, creatively practical, formative and reflective. The LSJI seeks to help participants draw close to the world of the poor in order to be evangelized by them.



Global Economic
Justice
July 12-18, 2008

Goals of the LSJI

- To examine theological, sociological and Lasallian insights into poverty, justice and peace in order to recognize more fully the scope of the struggle for human dignity.
- To provide face-to-face encounters with persons of poverty.
- To create opportunities that allow for a change of head and heart by examining societal trends in light of our experience and the Gospel.
- To examine and understand the rights of children and how these rights have direct bearing on our Lasallian vocations.
- To provide participants with tools to create and sustain programs of social justice in Lasallian ministries

Philosophy of the LSJI

The LSJI seeks to embody the Lasallian commitment to association from the educational service of the poor and to the rights of children. It consists of three integrated components: first a relational encounter with persons living in poverty; second, a place to study and examine Lasallian tradition and Church teachings on poverty, justice and peace; third, a community of Lasallians with whom to prayerfully integrate our experiences and discern the path of our Lasallian vocation. The LSJI seeks partnerships with individuals and organizations active in justice and peace movements. This new formation opportunity welcomes and encourages the participation of individuals and their families.



Theme: Global Economic Justice

The theme for this weeklong institute is based on the understanding of justice in scripture and the life of Jesus. The economic situation in Mexico and the United States and its relationship to the migratory patterns and the maquiladoras across the border in El Paso, TX will provide the focus for the week. Child labor, globalization, migrant spirituality, the Church's call to solidarity and the Lasallian theme of association will be highlighted as well.

LSJI El Paso will take place in El Paso, TX, Juarez, Mexico, and Las Cruces, NM from July 12-18, 2008 and will center on the theme of "Global Economic Justice." The encounter experiences will be hosted by organizations and agencies addressing migration and the social realities of the US-Mexico border. Lodging and most meals will be at a sanctuary house on the border and Holy Cross Retreat Center in Las Cruces, NM.

Though all who are engaged in Lasallian ministries are welcome to participate in the **LSJI El Paso**, we are particularly seeking educators who may have experience in a Lasallian high school or university in an urban area, a Miguel School, or a child care agency; who may have experience as a Lasallian Youth moderator, service trip leader, or social action coordinator; or who may teach in a related field (theology, sociology, education, etc.) at a high school or university level.

Participation is limited to 30 participants. The cost is \$950.00 per participant and includes room, board, and all Institute materials and activities. Transportation to and from El Paso is not covered by the registrations fee. Refer to the registration form for more information on fees and the registration process.

"I have been re-energized for both life and my teaching ministry. This was the most significant experience I have been involved with outside the classroom in all my time at the school."

LSJI El Paso Participant Summer 2004

"I feel as if another dimension has been added to my role as a Lasallian leader. We need to give our students a hunger for justice and a critical mindset."

LSJI El Paso Participant Summer 2004

"To open one's eyes to the vast need and share it with others, teachers, students and the people in need was a great gift to me—to all"

LSJI El Paso Participant Summer 2005

Questions? Contact Brother Tom Lackey at 202-529-0047 or via email at tlackey@cbconf.org

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El Paso: Global Economic Justice

July 12-18, 2008
El Paso, TX and Juarez, Mexico

(Please type or print)

Name:

<i>Title</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Last</i>
<i>(Bro/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Sr/Rev)</i>		

First name as preferred to appear on nametag:

Work Address: Home Address:

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Phone:

 (Work)

 (Preferred Home or Cell)

Preferred E-mail Address:

(Very important - Please print clearly)

Total number of years in Lasallian institutions/ministries:

Current position and Lasallian institution/ministry in which you now work:

I wish to participate in the Lasallian Social Justice Institute for the following reasons:

REGISTERING FOR LSJI El Paso 2008

The LSJI El Paso for the summer of 2008 is limited to **thirty participants**.

Accommodations: The first weekend the group will be living in shared accommodations in a sanctuary house on the border. From Monday through Friday, LSJI members will be in single room accommodations at Holy Cross Retreat House in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Transportation: Transportation to the Institute is not covered in the registration fee. Participants will need to make arrangements to arrive in El Paso during the afternoon of Saturday, July 12 and to depart from El Paso during the afternoon of Friday, July 18th.

Fee: \$950 includes room, board and all institute materials and activities. Your chief administrator should communicate with the district contact to inquire about any shared payment arrangements. After approval from your chief administrator, please send this form and your payment directly to your district contact by **March 15, 2008**. Checks should be made out to **Christian Brothers Conference** with "LSJI" indicated on the lower left of the check and arrive in our office **no later than April 1, 2008**. This form may be used as an invoice to request a check from your business office. **An individual is not registered until registration form and full payment have been received.**

District Contacts: All registration forms and checks are to be sent to your district contact. Your district contact will provide the proper address to send registration materials.

District	Contact	Email	Phone
Baltimore	Br. Ernest Miller	miller.ernest@gmail.com	301/874/5188
LI-NE	Br. Vincent Pelletier	vpelletier@cbc.netcoxmail.com	401/789-0244
Midwest	Ms. Tina Bonacci	tbonacci@cbmidwest.org	630/323-3725
New York	Br. Michael Corry	hmcfscc@yahoo.com	732/842-7420
NOSF	Mr. Michael Prat	pratmike@hotmail.com	504/813-9388
San Francisco	Mr. Greg Kopra	gkipra@dlsi.org	707/252-3723

Signature of Participant:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature of approval of School/Ministry Administrator:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature of approval of District Contact:

Name: _____ Date: _____

For more information on the LSJI, contact:
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