

Lasallian Social Justice Institute (LSJI)

LSJI *SAN FRANCISCO*

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.



*Homelessness and
Human Dignity
August 2-8, 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 for 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: Homelessness and Human Dignity



The Mission and Tenderloin Districts of San Francisco provide the settings for participants to encounter presently and formerly homeless people, and those who work in solidarity with the poor, in order to recognize more fully the scope of the struggle for human dignity.

Through encounter, informative presentations, prayer and shared community reflection, the participants examine the sociological, economic, and historical contexts of homelessness in light of the Gospel, the Lasallian Mission, and Catholic Social Teaching.

Near the week's end, LSJI San Francisco invites participants to explore how they will use their experiences to enrich their personal vocations and to further the communal Lasallian Mission through a commitment to action.

LSJI San Francisco, a Lasallian formation program that empowers participants to be leaders for the Lasallian Mission, takes place in San Francisco, CA from August 2-8, 2008.

All Brothers and partners engaged in Lasallian ministries are welcome to participate in **LSJI San Francisco**. However, we are particularly inviting Lasallians who are engaged in ministries in urban areas or who have had other LSJI experiences

Participation is limited to 18 participants. The cost is \$950.00 per participant and includes room, board, and all Institute materials and activities. Transportation to and from San Francisco is not covered by the registrations fee. Refer to the registration form for more information on fees and the registration process.

Please note that due to the great demand for LSJI San Francisco, each District in the US/Toronto Region will be allotted 3 participants initially. After the due date of April 1, 2008, any remaining spaces will be handled on a first-come-first-served basis (please see registration form)

"I am deeply grateful to LSJI. My students and I are the direct beneficiaries of this amazing program. Speaking as someone who teaches with a goal of social transformation, LSJI is both personally and professionally life-giving. I will make time in my schedule to be here. I'm a better teacher and a better person thanks to the LSJI."

LSJI Chicago Participant 2005
And LSJI El Paso Participant 2004

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

LASALLIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE (LSJI)
San Francisco: Homelessness and Human Dignity

August 2-8, 2008
San Francisco, CA

(Please type or print)

Name:

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| <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 San Francisco 2008

The LSJI San Francisco for the summer of 2008 is limited to **eighteen participants**.

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Accommodations: A youth hostel in the Tenderloin and Townhouses at Saint Mary's College, Moraga

Transportation: Transportation to the Institute is not covered in the registration fee. Participants will need to make arrangements to arrive in San Francisco during the afternoon of August 2nd and to depart from San Francisco during the afternoon of August 8th.

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.

| <u>District</u> | <u>Contact</u> | <u>Email</u> | <u>Phone</u> |
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| Baltimore | Br. Ernest Miller | miller.ernest@gmail.com | 301/874/5188 |
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| San Francisco | Mr. Greg Kopra | gkopra@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:
Br. Tom Lackey or Christy Carl at Christian Brothers Conference, 202-529-0047