Welcome Back!

Spiritan Campus Ministry would like to extend a warm welcome to all freshmen, returning students, faculty, staff and alumni. We hope that your summers were restful and that you are ready to start a new academic year!

Student Reflection:
Dominican Republic Cross-Cultural Mission Experience

Earlier this month, eight Duquesne students made the journey to San Juan de la Maguana, a small city in the Dominican Republic near the Haitian border. We intended to run a four-day camp for the children of the neighborhood, but we actually accomplished so much more. By the end of the experience, we had learned and gained more than we were able to give to the community.

Throughout the camp, we worked with teens and young adults ages 14 to 26. No more than a few teens spoke Spanish, and though a handful of us spoke conversational Spanish, both parties were frequently confused. Through it all, the effort was made on both sides to understand.

Late one night in the dining room, one of the teens – Fernanda – spoke about a mission trip she had recently taken to Haiti, and how humbling and inspiring it was to see people who had so much less than she, but who remained hopeful and faithful despite their situation. I was shocked that someone with so little was taking an opportunity to help those who were less fortunate.

In the end, I realized that I have been afforded a luxury: being born in the United States. Although my light skin, blonde hair and blue eyes will identify me as such in many foreign countries, the most important thing I realized is that we go to sleep at night all equal as people, regardless of birthplace, color, or religion.

— By Jessie Modrall

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INTERESTED IN HELPING REVIVE A LOCAL PARK IN OUR COMMUNITY?

This year, Spiritan Campus Ministry and Evergreen will be embarking on their second year of rehabilitation at Cliffside Park in the Hill District. Over the past year, students have worked with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and Hill District residents to haul out trash, cut back invasive plants, and ready the park for new plantings. The total rehab of the park will take approximately three and a half years. If you are interested in helping on any of our rehab days this fall, please contact Luci-Jo at dimaggi171@duq.edu or at X1405.

CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION EXPERIENCE INFORMATION FAIR!

Interested in going on one of the five CCMEs offered by Spiritan Campus Ministry? Come to the CCME Information Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 7 in the Africa Room from 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. to get a brief introduction to each of CCMEs. You also will have the opportunity to talk with and ask questions of CCME alumni. Applications will be available online and are due Friday, Sept. 30. If you cannot make the information event, please stop by the Main Office in 102 Administration Building, SCM Center in Towers, or go online www.duq.edu/campus-ministry/ to pick up an application. Applications may be turned in at the Administration Building office or to Luci-Jo DiMaggio. Questions about any of the experiences or application, please contact Luci-Jo at dimaggi171@duq.edu or X1405.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT FAIR TRADE?

Come to Fair Trade 101 on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. in the Spiritan Campus Ministry Center to learn about various aspects of the Fair Trade movement and how to think globally/act locally in this ever-shrinking world. There will be an introduction to Fair Trade and its ties to Catholic Social Teaching, followed by break-out sessions that look at major issues going on today. The event also previews preparations for the Annual Fair Trade Week which begins after Thanksgiving. For more information on the Fair Trade 101 event, or to join the Fair Trade Committee on campus, please contact Kate Lecci at x5093 or leccik@duq.edu.

THE LAVAL PROJECT

The Laval Project is a unique opportunity for students to learn about the process of non-violent social change in the context of one of our local neighborhoods, the Hill District. Students learn the history of the Hill, where it is now, and how the community sees its future from longstanding community residents. We will also be learning about the concepts behind the process of justice including the See, Judge, Act model, the history of non-violent social change, the Catholic Social Teaching principals that inform our work in justice, and our Spiritan charism that motivates that work. Students will gain an understanding of the process of entering a community and effecting positive change through education, reflection, and responsible action. The process lasts one semester with an event or meeting twice a month.

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