

Brother David Darst Center, Chicago, IL

Background: The Brother David Darst Center provides unique learning and immersion opportunities that explore issues of social justice through the lens of Christian social teachings of peace, justice, and respect for human dignity and the environment. It provides retreat opportunities for students at different schools, many of them Lasallian. This is a reflection from a student who went on retreat there:

“On this retreat, I gained new perspectives about ways to get involved in a community, whether it was incentives from working at the Greater Chicago Food Depository or through the action-based tactics of community organizing. My perception of service has changed to one of melding service work with acting to rally behind a cause to change the root of the problem, rather than dealing with the after-effects or the side effects. I’d like to learn more about the privatized prison system and the lack of rehabilitation it provides. I’m inspired to take back what I have learned about solving problems in Chicago and apply that to where I live. The issues may not be exactly the same, but the ways of exacting change are universal.”

LaSalle School, Albany, NY

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