WELCOME TO *EL OTRO LADO EL PASO* 2016-2017

We look forward to welcoming you to the District of San Francisco New Orleans' border immersion program for the 2016-2017 academic year in El Paso, Texas. The immersion is hosted by Cathedral High School in El Paso. The following information is a brief overview to assist you in preparing your students and moderator(s).

EOL Program Overview

El Otro Lado (EOL) *El Paso*, is a Lasallian border immersion experience which centers on the 45th General Chapter to go "beyond the borders" of our consciousness to get a better understanding of those living along the margins. As Pope Francis also calls us to be a church of the margins, we must respond in a Gospel like manner to the needs of our fellow brothers and sisters by accompanying them through their *camino* (journey). The objective of EOL is to focus on the encounter; the encounters we share through our Lasallian families and the encounters we share through Christ with groups living on both sides of the border of El Paso and *Ciudad Juarez*. EOL participants will explore the many issues related to border realities such as; immigration, asylum seekers, unaccompanied minors, youth at risk, and the complex cultural dichotomy of the El Paso and *Ciudad Juarez* borderland. Representatives from various organizations from both sides of the border such as Border Patrol and grassroots organizations will be hosting different sessions throughout the week to give participants and overall picture of the borderland. Participants will explore the El Paso and Ciudad Juarez borderland throughout their time in EOL while learning about the many issues related to the border realities.

EOL Session Dates

Sunday, September 25th thru Thursday, September 29th
Sunday, October 23rd thru Thursday, October 27th
Sunday, November 6th thru Thursday, November 10th
Sunday, February 5th thru Thursday, February 9th
Sunday, March 5th thru Thursday, March 9th
Sunday, April 2nd thru Thursday, April 7th

Who Should Attend

Students and moderators from the Lasallian Region of North America are invited to participate in EOL El Paso. Administration, Lasallian youth moderators, service coordinators, campus ministry representatives, Religion teachers, and those who have yet to explore the borders of their consciousness are especially encouraged to attend.

Registration / Cost

$4,000 for the group - maximum of 20 participants including moderator(s) *(does not include personal transportation to El Paso and transportation while in El Paso).*

A detailed outline of costs will be given in a welcome packet to schools that are interested/committed in attending EOL El Paso. If your school is in need of financial assistance, please contact Sheila Garcia at sgarcia@cathedral-elpaso.org.

Registration / Commitment Deadline

Cathedral High School, El Paso, the commitment contract with $750 reservation fee is due no later the **Friday, June 3rd, 2016**. For any questions regarding the commitment contract, please contact Sheila Garcia at sgarcia@cathedral-elpaso.org or at (915) 532-3238 ext. 214.

Registration / Commitment Cancellation

Cathedral High School, El Paso will grant refunds for commitment cancellations on or before **Monday, August 8th, 2016**, less a $25.00 administrative fee and a credit card processing fee. **No refunds will be granted after August 8th, 2016.** Cancellation notices must be in writing and sent to Sheila Garcia at sgarcia@cathedral-elpaso.org. All refunds will be in the form of a check. Checks will be mailed within three weeks of receiving the request.

Accommodations

St. Ignatius Catholic Church
408 Park Street
El Paso, Texas

Accommodation includes a separate room for all female students, a room for all male students, and separate rooms for moderator(s). Each participants will obtain one single sized bed at St. Ignatius Parish, bathroom and shower facilities, breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Travel Information

The beginning of each EOL session will commence on the Sunday of that EOL week at 4:00pm. Please plan to arrive at the El Paso International Airport no later than 2:30pm. A Cathedral High School bus will pick up all participants from the airport, transport to St. Ignaitus to drop off belongings, and then head to Cathedral High School for Welcome and first session at 4:00p.m.

The EOL session will conclude on Thursday of that EOL week by 12:30pm. Travel information by plane or car will need to be provided no later than **August 8th, 2016**. Please send information to Sheila Garcia by email at sgarcia@cathedral-elpaso.org with your arrival and departure dates and times.

What To Pack

A more comprehensive packing list for the date and season will be included in the welcome packets schools that are committed to attending will receive.

Questions

If you have questions regarding this information or any other aspect of EOL El Paso, please contact Sheila Garcia at sgarcia@cathedral-elpaso.org / (915) 532-3238 ext. 214 or Brother Nick Gonzalez at ngonzalez80@cathedral-elpaso.org