



Lasallian Social Justice Institute

Chicago, IL • July 15-20, 2024

LSJI is a Regional formation program that helps provide an intentional group of Lasallian Brothers and Partners with the opportunity for an immersive experience in understanding and living Gospel values through the lens of social justice. This summer, LSJI returns to the **Brother David Darst Center** in Chicago for the first time since 2015. The Brother David Darst Center provides transformative social justice retreats and immersion experiences grounded in the Lasallian tradition and Catholic social teaching. Through partnerships with local community organizations, LSJI participants gain a deeper understanding of the complex realities of injustice and obtain tools to take action.

This summer's LSJI program titled "Urban Intersections of Injustice" will explore several of the interconnected social justice issues facing the Chicagoland area including homelessness, food insecurity, the criminal justice system, the immigration system and the education system. Participants will live together in community at the Brother David Darst Center (an old monastery turned retreat center near Midway Airport), preparing meals together, venturing to different neighborhoods in the city together, and reflecting together.

Lasallian Social Justice Institute (LSJI) is a formation program based on the Gospel and our Lasallian vocation seeking social justice and service to the poor. LSJI serves to promote the continuing process of conversion to solidarity with persons in poverty and to provide an authentic response to the Gospel and our Lasallian vocation. It is designed to be experiential, educational, creatively practical and reflective. LSJI seeks to help participants draw closer to the world of the poor to be evangelized by them.



PARTICIPANTS

Anyone engaged in ministries within the Lasallian Region of North America is invited to participate in LSJI. Educators who have experience with service immersion opportunities in a Lasallian high school, college/university, San Miguel school or child care agency are particularly welcome to participate. Lasallian Youth moderators and service coordinators may be interested in the program.

PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

LSJI embodies the Lasallian commitment to association for the educational service of the poor and the rights of children. LSJI consists of four integrated components:

1. A face-to-face encounter with persons living in poverty.
2. An examination of the Lasallian tradition and the church teachings on poverty and social justice, as well as sociological and economic commentaries on these issues.
3. A community of Lasallians who will pray together and further discern their Lasallian vocation.
4. An exploration of their roles in creating programs of social justice as catalysts for influence and change in their local ministries.



2024 REGISTRATION

\$1,100*

COST PER PARTICIPANT

*Note: Transportation to/from Chicago is not included in fee.

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

DEADLINE TO REGISTER

Christian Brothers Conference must receive the online registration form and payment via credit card by this date.

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