



WELCOME TO LSJI 2024!

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2024 Lasallian Social Justice Institute (LSJI) at the Brother David Darst Center in Chicago, Illinois, from July 15-20, 2024. Please carefully review the following important information to help you prepare for an outstanding professional and personal formative experience.

LSJI Program Overview

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 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 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.

Who Should Attend

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.

Registration Fees

\$1,100.00 per person (does not include transportation to/from Chicago).

Registration includes: accommodations at the Brother David Darst Center; breakfast, lunch, dinner and socials; program materials; and transportation to sites throughout the program schedule.

Registration Deadline

Christian Brothers Conference must receive the online registration form and payment by Tuesday, May 7, 2024. This program will be able to accommodate **16 participants** and will be limited to a **maximum of two participants from each ministry**. When the program is fully subscribed, a form will be available on the LSJI webpage to begin a waiting list. If any participant spots become available, Christian Brothers Conference will contact participants in order received from the waiting list form. If you have questions regarding registration, contact Phil De Rita at pderita@cbconf.org or 202-529-0047 x110.

Travel Information

The opening day of LSJI is Monday, July 15, 2024. Participants will be responsible for getting themselves to the Brother David Darst Center via rideshare, taxi or a 15-minute walk from Midway International Airport. Please plan to land at Midway International Airport no later than 1:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, July 15.

LSJI will begin on Monday, July 15 with registration from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and will conclude by 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 20.

If you are unable to provide your travel information on your registration form when you register, please **send it to Phil De Rita by email at pderita@cbconf.org by May 7, 2024, with your arrival and departure dates and times.** It is advised to book your airfare soon, as options can be limited and early booking can help keep airfare costs low.

Airport Information

On Saturday, July 20, ground transportation will be provided from Brother David Darst Center to the Midway International Airport. **In planning your departing flight, please plan to depart no earlier than 2:00 p.m. to ensure you are there for the entirety of the program.**

Please [click here](#) to read more about Midway International Airport.

Housing

Brother David Darst Center
6336 S. Kilbourn Ave
Chicago, IL 60629

Check-in: Monday, July 15 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Checkout: Saturday, July 20 at 11:30 a.m.

LSJI participants will be housed at the Brother David Darst Center, located near Midway airport in a former monastery, with each person sleeping in a private room with their own individual bathroom. Bed linens and towels will be provided. Soap, shampoo and other personal amenities are not included. While the Brother David Darst Center's bedrooms are not air-conditioned, there is air-conditioning in most of the common spaces so the building remains comfortable to somewhat warm. A washer/dryer is available on-site. Participants will be sharing communal meals in the Brother David Darst Center's dining room facilities and preparing meals together in community. The Brother David Darst Center does serve only vegetarian meals as part of its commitment to sustainability; all efforts will be made to accommodate any food allergies / sensitivities.

Please keep noise to a minimum and be respectful of others, especially at night and after socials. Loud noise may disturb others who might be enjoying quiet time or sleeping.

What to Pack

Summer weather in Chicago is hot, with average daily high temperatures in the low 80's and low temperatures in the 70's . Over the course of the week, we will engage in various activities requiring specific dress. We recommend the following packing list: shorts, long pants, a hat to protect your face from the sun, sleeping clothes, a water bottle, a pair of closed toe shoes and personal toiletries. Please plan to bring sunscreen and sunglasses as well.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CONFERENCE POLICIES

Travel

All travel arrangements and costs, including airfare, train and bus are the sole responsibility of the participant. Ground transportation to Midway International Airport at the conclusion of the program is included in the registration fee.

Photography/Video

By attending the Lasallian Social Justice Institute and its events, participants understand and agree that their image may be captured by Christian Brothers Conference and may be used without compensation in photographs, videos, motion pictures or any other recordings or other record of this event that contains the image for any purpose, including for future advertising of the program.

Registration Cancellation

No participant is registered until Christian Brothers Conference has received an online registration form and full payment.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: Christian Brothers Conference will grant refunds for registration cancellations received before Friday, May 17, 2024, less a \$50.00 administrative fee and a credit card processing fee. No refunds will be granted after May 17, 2024. Cancellation notices must be in writing and sent to Phil De Rita (pderita@cbconf.org). Refunds for incorrect or duplicate registrations will be granted, less a \$50.00 administrative fee and a credit card processing fee. All refunds will be in the form of a check. Checks will be mailed within three weeks of receipt of the written request.

Brother David Darst Center COVID-19 Protocols

We encourage all participants to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms prior to departure for the program. If you are displaying any symptom(s) of COVID-19, we request that you conduct a COVID-19 test. If your results are positive for COVID-19, we ask that you not participate in LSJI 2024 and please inform Christian Brothers Conference.

Questions

If you have questions regarding this information or any other aspect of LSJI 2024, please contact Phil De Rita at pderita@cbconf.org or 202-529-0047 x110.