

Monthly newsletter and profiles, a listing of individuals who have contacted the CNVS office.

HOW CAN I HELP?

A Closer Look: St. Edward's University

By: Nikki Rohling, CNVS Associate Director

St. Edwards University is a medium-sized, private Catholic liberal arts university sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross. St. Edward's is home to more than 5,000 students and is located in one of the world's most vibrant cities, Austin, Texas.

St. Ed's is a diverse campus with many opportunities. Nearly half of St. Edward's students are ethnicities other than White and St. Ed's is a member of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Founded in the late 1800s by a priest with the Congregation of the Holy Cross, St. Edward's has a sense of service that is deeply rooted. St. Edward's sets itself apart with its distinguishing characteristics: the courage to take risks, an international perspective and the commitment to provide educational opportunities for students of varied cultural, religious, education and economic backgrounds.

"The culture of service is deeply rooted in the mission of St. Edward's and the Congregation of the Holy Cross. Not only does it focus on the action of serving, but examining the justice issues and exploring why various structures exist," Associate Director of Campus Ministry, Lou Serna, said.

According to Lou, campus ministry is one of the main conduits for service on the campus. Currently, campus ministry coordinates and monitors a database for volunteer opportunities in the Austin community. They also sponsor theme weeks such as Fall Service Frenzy and Hunger Week. These events engage, challenge and educate students in service and justice issues. Five Alternative Spring

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CNVS Board of Directors Meet

By: MaryFrances Jaster, CNVS Board President

"We were just sitting there talking when ..." So begins the famous quote of Dorothy Day who goes on to talk about how casually they had all been talking when the Catholic Worker Movement was born. Recently, we, the CNVS Board of Directors, "were just sitting there talking" when I remembered the importance of the many tables at which we sit. Tables to share a meal, tables of education, round tables for committee discussions, tables elegantly decorated to connote hospitality.

I am reminded of an experience we had many years ago when our family engaged in a year of service beginning with several months in Central America. Our host family in Honduras had welcomed us with open arms, when just a few days into our experience, we discovered that Doña Tina's son and future daughter-in-law were to celebrate their wedding day

in the United States. Doña Tina was unable to get a visitor's visa and so could not attend this most significant day. It just so happened that my husband Bill and I were celebrating our twelfth wedding anniversary that very day. Without a pause, Doña Tina roused her family, friends and neighbors into a chorus of excitement and congratulations, and we became the center of attention and the surrogate wedding couple, complete with cutting the cake and sharing the cup of wine. It was as simple and as casual as that, and to this day is the most memorable anniversary we have celebrated.

Sitting at tables can be transformational. Recently, the CNVS Board of Directors sat at such a table. We were just sitting

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Returned Missioner Hired as CNVS Membership and Recruitment Coordinator

Katie Eberhard joined the CNVS staff on April 30 as the new membership and recruitment coordinator. Katie comes to CNVS from Washington, D.C.-based Franciscan Mission Service (FMS). With FMS, an international mission program, Katie spent three years serving orphans and vulnerable children in Zambia.

While working in Zambia with St. Anthony's Children's Village and Children in Crisis, a local



NGO, Katie worked with diverse groups of people, including beneficiaries, policy makers, local leaders and children. Katie's mission experience will certainly be an asset as she discusses lay mission service with potential volunteers at fairs across the U.S. this fall.

In addition to her experience with FMS, Katie also brings experience with database management as well as newsletter publishing. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton in 2003 with a major in religious studies and minors in human rights and international development studies.

Please join us in welcoming Katie to the CNVS team. Katie can be reached at 301-270-0900, ext. 11 or keberhard@cnvs.org.



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Ad Rates

To place a classified ad, please contact Nikki Rohling at nrohling@cnvs.org. Costs are \$30 for the first 100 words and \$0.25 for each additional.

CNVS Continues Long Tradition of Promoting Volunteer Service

Dear Friends:

In my eleven years with CNVS, we have been ever looking for new ways to reach out to potential volunteers. Of course, for many years we have been publishing the RESPONSE directory (since 1965!), which is widely distributed (about 30,000 copies) on college campuses, in churches, and anywhere else it is requested. In more recent years, our website, www.cnvs.org, has been a source of many inquiries about full-time, faith-based volunteer and lay mission service. In addition, our Membership & Recruitment Coordinator travels to dozens of volunteer fairs on college campuses, as well as to annual conferences of various partner organizations each year, to discuss volunteer opportunities and distribute RESPONSE.

We have been aware for some time that we need to be more open and inclusive in the ways in which we recruit volunteers. As part of our strategic plan, we are exploring ways to reach out to people of color and those who work with them, in order to extend the invitation to faith-filled service to a broader audience. We remain committed to these diversity efforts.

In the same vein, we have endeavored in the past several years to encourage more senior-aged people, including early retirees, to consider a time of volunteer service. In order to accomplish this, we have not restricted ourselves to recruiting solely on college campuses. CNVS has been conducting more outreach to dioceses, specifically by working with structures already in place within dioceses into which we can enter and spread the word about the wonderful occasions for service that exist among our member programs.

Each year, CNVS also sends church bulletin inserts to every Catholic parish in the country, which highlight our toll-free number and our website in order that interested persons might follow up with us if they want more information. Last year, we also sent an attractive flyer announcing the publication of RESPONSE. This included an offer to send additional copies of RESPONSE and/or our brochure and to schedule a CNVS representative to speak at

the parish. The feedback has been impressive. We have had many more requests for RESPONSE from parishes than in the past. We will conduct similar outreach this summer with the printing of RESPONSE 2008. This time, we will ask parishes to link the parish website with CNVS' own site. We are anticipating a hearty response from parishioners of all backgrounds as this information fans itself out into the pews and meeting rooms of our nation's Catholic parishes and to the more than 17,000 congregations of other Christian traditions to which we also send materials.

Thanks to some generous funding we have recently received, CNVS has also updated our brochure and has printed our first brochure in Spanish. In addition, we have produced a poster with tear-off cards that will be ideal for campus ministry offices and church vestibules. We look forward to disseminating these widely in the coming year.

I have found that some of the best ideas for recruiting volunteers and fostering the role of lay women and men in the mission of the Church come from you, our members and partners. Please share with us your thoughts, your hopes and your lessons learned as you have sought to engage people in service. We want to be open to new ways of doing things, in order to serve our members better and to invite as many people as possible to reach out to people in need. We are very pleased to have a new Membership & Recruitment Coordinator, Katie Eberhard, who will be CNVS' primary volunteer recruiter and contact person for membership issues. You may send your ideas to Katie at keberhard@cnvs.org or 301-270-0900, x11. We look forward to hearing your suggestions!

Sincerely,

Jim Lindsay
 Executive Director

AEAP News

By Ana Carrion CNVS AEAP Coordinator

I am happy to announce that CNVS/AEAP has received a notification of grant award for the 2007-08 program year from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). This award enables us to continue to offer the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to nearly 100 faith-based volunteer programs across the country and is set to benefit more than 1,000 volunteers engaged in service to others.

As many of you know, review of the 2007-08 Program Agreements is currently taking place. For programs that have not yet turned in their materials, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that your program receives the number of slots requested. For programs interested in applying to CNVS/AmeriCorps Edu-

cation Awards Program, please contact CNVS/AEAP for Program Agreement and instructions.

Finally, mark your calendars for the first-ever AmeriCorps Week taking place May 13-20, 2007. During AmeriCorps week, the Corporation for National and Community Service will commemorate a historic milestone with the 500,000th member who makes a pledge to "Get Things Done" for America.

Be part of this celebration by highlighting AmeriCorps in your community. CNCS offers many helpful and creative suggestions for programs and members to "shine a spotlight" on AmeriCorps service including a volunteer recruitment blitz, special service projects, or giving a presentation of AmeriCorps to a school or community group.

For more information on AmeriCorps Week, visit <http://www.americorps.gov/about/ameriCorpsweek/index.asp>

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Break trips and International Immersion programs are also coordinated through campus ministry.

"Collaboration is a key aspect of community here and we collaborate with Student Affairs (Student Life, Residential Life), School of Humanities and various student organizations just to name a few," Lou says.

Like many colleges and universities, St. Ed's students are drawn to post-grad service by prior experiences. While each student may have unique motivations, Lou notes the desire to ask the hard questions and also appreciate the value of a year of service.

Balancing direct service with social justice issues, advocacy and community organizing can be a challenge on campus. While some students like to take an analytical approach, others may appreciate getting their hands dirty and working directly with specific projects.

"The balance is much like a see-saw. At times, one side will be higher than the other, but you get the right weight and you have an even field," Lou said.

Lou himself spent a year with Holy Cross Associates in Colorado Springs. Lou believes the best way to reach students is to "make connections." He also suggests using alumni of the university because students really relate to hearing the experience of one of their peers.

For more information about St. Edward's University, visit www.stedwards.edu or Campus Ministry, visit www.stedwards.edu/ministry. If you would like to reach Lou directly, please call 512-448-8537 or email luis@stedwards.edu.

Save the Date!

2007 CNVS National Conference



Working for Peace
Serving for Justice

September 20-23, 2007
Chicago, Ill.

More information to come. Watch for updates in How Can I Help? as well as our website. Questions? Email cnvsinfo@cnvs.org.

Suggest a School!

Is there a college or university you would like to know more about but have not found the time to research? Let CNVS do the work for you. We are looking for ideas for upcoming issues of How Can I Help? Contact Nikki Rohling at 301-270-0900 ext. 16 or nrohling@cnvs.org with suggestions.

Spotlight on Diversity: Including Persons with Disabilities

By Shane Yost, CNVS Development Coordinator

CNVS has devoted much time and energy this past year to the issue of diversity. Our most recent National Conference in San Antonio, "Many Roads, One Journey" featured speakers and former volunteers who shared their thoughts and perspectives, and each month we include our diversity resource corner here in How Can I Help?

Yet here's a detail from CNVS' Annual Membership Survey that was easy to overlook: "Only one program reported a volunteer with a disability."

Clearly, CNVS and our member programs need to do more to create a welcoming environment for persons with disabilities.

In an effort to learn more what we can do to be more inclusive, I spoke with Karen Leventhal, Director of Tarjan Center Service Inclusion Project at UCLA. The Service Inclusion Project is funded by Corporation for National and Community Service (who also fund CNVS' AEAP program) in order to promote volunteerism for people with disabilities.

Karen offered a lot of practical ways to make your program more welcoming to people with disabilities. And while doing so requires an active commitment, she points out plenty of resources to help your program become a place where all people are welcomed. Here's what I learned from our conversation:

Why should you make efforts to include people with disabilities in your volunteer program?

Certainly, we have moral and legal obligations to be inclusive of persons with disabilities. However, there's more to it than that—people with disabilities have much to contribute to a volunteer program. Just like everyone else, persons who are disabled have a unique set of experiences and skills that they are willing and able to share with those in need.

Karen notes, "When people think about disability, they think about limitations and not capabilities." She suggests we focus

not on a person's perceived weaknesses but the person as a whole. Karen gives the example of a volunteer in a wheelchair who visited patients in hospitals. Patients were especially receptive to the volunteer because they could easily identify with her and connect with her situation.

How do we make our program more attractive to persons with disabilities?

- Include images of persons with disabilities on your website and in your printed promotional materials.
- Outreach to organizations that work with persons with disabilities (see below for some suggestions).
- Write a non-discrimination and diversity clause that not only encompasses race, gender and ethnic background but persons with disabilities as well. Include these statements on your website and in promotional materials.

How can we create a welcoming environment for persons with disabilities who choose to volunteer?

- Have a well-laid out job description which focuses not on the "how" of a task but rather on "what" needs to be accomplished.
- Be willing to provide reasonable accommodation for the person to complete the job.
- Have your local Independent Living Council, a resource for persons with disabilities seeking to live independently, perform a needs assessment (see below for more information).
- Identify people in a way they are comfortable with. For example, don't say a handicapped person but a person who uses a wheelchair; instead of saying a blind person, use the term a person who is blind. A disability does not completely define who a person is.

Here are some excellent resources for you to learn more about including persons with disabilities in your volunteer program:

Tarjan Center at UCLA Service Inclusion Project - <http://tcsip.tarjancenter.ucla.edu/>

Learn more about Karen's organization and the work they do to promote community service. You can also contact Karen directly at KLeventhal@mednet.ucla.edu.

Independent Living Research Utilization - www.ilru.org

This site includes a listing of statewide Independent Living Councils which promote independent living for people with disabilities. Staff is available for trainings and making sites more accessible.

National Service Inclusion Project (NSIP) - www.serviceandinclusion.org

A training and technical assistance provider to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Programs which participate in CNVS' AEAP program are eligible to take advantage of NSIP's extensive training opportunities. The site also includes an Etiquette section listed under FAQs (available to everyone).

Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) - www.aucd.org

You can learn what universities in your area are doing to be more inclusive of persons with disabilities. These centers can also provide you with resources and help in your recruitment efforts.

Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies

Every state has one of these agencies which help people with disabilities secure employment.

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) - www.ucp.org

This is not just a resource for people with cerebral palsy, but for those living with all types of disabilities. UCP also has many local chapters throughout the country.

I Can ONLINE - www.icanonline.net

This is a website with multiple resources, discussion boards, and news for persons with disabilities.

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there when we began to vision for the future.

We were just sitting there when we entered into healthy discussion (and sometimes debate) about such philosophical ideas as just salaries and duties of a Board of Directors.

We were just sitting there when we heard incredible wisdom from each person at the table, wisdom that moved us to important insights and decisions, which ultimately govern who we are as an organization.

The table became a place of transformation, one of transformation of thought which helped us as a Board to envision CNVS as a leader in a culture that needs to encourage service. I witnessed a transformation of individuals who opened themselves to truly hear what would make CNVS not just a good organization, but a great one. I witnessed an integrity that each person brought to that table which

enabled them to focus not on self, but on you as member organizations and on what would help to move the mission of CNVS forward in the future.

Dorothy Day goes on to say, "The most significant thing about the Catholic worker is ..." The most significant thing about the CNVS Board was not only seeking for what is best for the organization, but experiencing an individual response of transformation along the way.

As each one of us shared our perspectives, we also reflected on that meaning in our own lives, and so opened up to the possibility of personal transformation as well. It brings to light the words of Johann von Goethe who said, "All truly wise thoughts have been thought already thousands of times; but to make them truly ours, we must think them over again honestly, till they take root in our personal experience."

I can truly say that many of the wise thoughts I heard that weekend are taking root, and I hope that they will sprout and seed and flourish in the near future.

Thank you for entrusting us with the honor of leading.

The current CNVS Board of Directors include, Jim Alexander, Inner-City Teaching Corps; Ed Brink, SM, Lalanne; Kevin Day, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; Tom Frieberg, University of Portland; Tom Gilardi, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls; Tom Hyatt, Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver; Mary Frances Jaster, Colorado Vincentian Volunteers; Mary Medved, SNJM, Jesuit Volunteers International; Emmjolee Mendoza, Catholic University of America; Ellen O'Connell, Maryknoll Lay Missioners; Eric Olson, Drexel University; Kim Otto, Christian Appalachian Project; Scott Siemens, Mennonite Mission Network; Kim Smolik, Catholic Charities Volunteer Corps; W. Brian Walsh, Faith Direct, Inc.; Shawn Witmer, Missionary Cenacle Volunteers; Eileen Zebrowski, Redeemer Ministry Corps.

Ballots for the 2007-2008 CNVS board of directors election have been sent. Please return them to the CNVS office as soon as possible.

Join the CNVS Collaboration Listserv

Get Connected to Your Fellow Program Directors and Staff

Do you have questions about volunteer program management? Send an e-mail to the listserv!

The CNVS Collaboration Listserv allows members to share information or resources with - or to seek the same from - their fellow member programs. Share tips on volunteer re-entry workshops, or save money by conducting them jointly with other member programs.

To subscribe to the CNVS Collaboration Listserv, send an e-mail message to join-CNVSMembers@list.cnvs.org. To unsubscribe, e-mail leave-CNVSMembers@list.cnvs.org.

After joining the listserv, messages may be sent to the entire listserv at cnvsmembers@list.cnvs.org.

Questions or comments about the listserv can be directed to the listserv manager, Nikki Rohling, at 301-270-0900 ext. 16 or nrohling@cnvs.org.

Diversity Resource Area

Each month, CNVS will share diversity resources we have gathered. If you have more to add, please contact the CNVS office.

Book: *Old Turtle* by Douglas Wood is a beautifully illustrated story of different creations with differing viewpoints on God coming to accept and appreciate one another through the wisdom of Old Turtle. As fables do, it reflects on our society today, showing that only through knowing and loving ourselves and others can we have international understanding and a healthy earth.

Web site: "Race: the Power of an Illusion" can be found at www.pbs.org/race. This interactive web site from PBS explores the history, science and implications of the myths of race. It includes images, quick facts, timelines, teaching tips and more with options to "Go deeper" and see how experts answer some of the tough questions about race and its impact on all of our lives.

Article: "Historical Development of Institutional Racism: A Working Paper" by Robette Ann Dias, May 2006. This article shows how racism became institutionalized in the United States through colonization, ideologies, laws, and other systems and institutions. This article can be found by going to www.crossroadsministry.org/resources.sxml, then click on "Historical Development of Racism Working Paper."

Video: "A Girl Like Me" is a moving documentary created by Kiri Davis and produced by Reel Works Teen Filmmaking. Ms. Davis says that as she was working on an anthology and conducting interviews for a high school class "a number of issues surfaced concerning the standards of beauty imposed on today's black girls and how this affects their self-image." You can watch this 7 minute video online at www.mediathatmattersfest.org/6/a_girl_like_me/



CNVS Hosts Spring Renewal Workshop

By: Nikki Rohling, CNVS Associate Director

April 18-19, 2007, twelve program directors and staff members attended the 2007 CNVS Renewal Workshop, Sustainable Ministries: Fostering Healthy Volunteers, Leaders and Communities. Kathy Galleher, Ph.D. facilitated the two-day workshop in Washington, D.C.

"[The workshop] named overall ideas as well as practical suggestions. So many times I hear the idea of prayer and time management as the main themes for sustainability. Here there were other components named that delved into a deeper form of sustainability with practical and useable ideas," one participant said.

The workshop covered many topics that volunteer/lay mission programs struggle with including, helping volunteers stay healthy and balanced, taking care of yourself while taking care of others, self care challenges, healthy ministry practices and boundaries, and intervening with difficult community issues.

"I really liked hearing/talking about both our ministry and the volunteers in terms of [sustainability]. It's not language we hear [or] use often, but I think is a real possibility," another participant said.

According to Kathy, the foundations of sustainable ministry are

- Healthy leadership with good self care and vision
- Healthy individual volunteers
- Healthy volunteer communities
- Sustainable practices
- Healthy boundaries



Kathy Galleher, Ph.D. discusses healthy ministry practices with workshop participants.

When all of these pieces are in place, our programs run more smoothly and meet everyone's needs as well as expectations. So, each of us should strive to maintain each of these foundations.

A common concern from the participants was the reality that many volunteers are entering volunteer lay mission programs with mental health issues. Kathy warned the group to be cautious of having someone volunteer with your program if they have had a serious psychiatric episode, hospitalization or have started recovery from addictions within the last twelve months. In order to avoid a potentially disastrous situation, Kathy recommends locating local support people, such as a general doctor (who can prescribe medications for mental health problems), a psychiatrist, and a psychologist.

"Your local psychological association, diocese or Catholic Charities are good resources to connect with psychologists," Kathy said.

The workshop received high ratings from everyone in attendance, so CNVS does hope to provide more opportunities to learn about healthy ministry practices.



Kelly Caddy, the Neighborhood Academy, takes notes during the 2007 Renewal Workshop.

If you have a topic you would like to have addressed at a future Renewal Workshop, please contact Nikki Rohling at 301-270-0900 ext. 16 or nrohling@cnvs.org.

Training Toolbox Build a Car

This exercise should help your volunteers realize and appreciate the importance of every part of their community. To begin, break the volunteers into groups of four or five (depending on the size of your community you may or may not want to break up into groups).

Instruct the volunteers to think about a car and all of its parts. Encourage them to think of even the parts we don't notice, but that make the car run properly. Next, ask the volunteers to think of themselves as this car. What part of the car do they represent in the community?

Some examples include the antennae to make sure the community has good communications or the wheels that keep



the community in motion. Others examples might include the rearview mirror to keep an eye on where they have been, head lights to help the community find their way, a trunk to store all of their knowledge and tools or even a gas tank to provide fuel when it's needed.

Once the small groups (if you have more than one group) has had an opportunity to imagine their car, ask them to share the image with the larger group. Ask each member of the small group to share their part of the car and why they chose it.

Finally, conclude with some reflection time. Ask the community how the activity made them feel? Did they like the car part they had chosen or had they hoped for another one? What is their role in the larger community and how can they help community run more smoothly?

From <http://www.businessfundamentals.com/TeamBuilding.htm>.

Four Universities to Host Volunteer Fairs in Conjunction with Annual Conference

By: Nikki Rohling, CNVS Associate Director

In conjunction with the 2007 CNVS National Conference, there will be four volunteer fairs hosted in the Chicago area. Since neither DePaul University nor Loyola University Chicago have sufficient space to host volunteer program recruiters, they will each host fairs on Monday, September 24, 2007. This way, programs will have the opportunity to visit one campus or the other.

On Tuesday, September 25, 2007, Marquette University will host their annual volunteer fair in Milwaukee. Unfortunately, Fr. Patrick Dorsey is moving on from his position at Marquette for a new one at Loyola University Chicago. So, keep checking How Can I Help? for the new

contact information.

Currently, there is not a volunteer fair scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2007, but the CNVS office is looking into other options to include other colleges and universities. If you have suggests of schools in the Chicago area that you would like to see host a volunteer fair, please contact Katie Eberhard at 301-270-0900 ext. 11 or keberhard@cnvs.org.

Finally, the Chicago area volunteer fair "circuit" will conclude with the University of Notre Dame. Once again, Liz Mackenzie and the ND community will bring us to their campus for what is a very fruitful event for many of our programs.

CNVS Top Ten for Recruitment

Each year, CNVS asks members to provide program information in the annual survey. With recruitment season on our heels, here are the 2005-2006 top ten schools for recruitment:

1. University of Notre Dame
2. Boston College
3. Villanova University
4. Creighton University
5. University of Dayton
6. Loyola University of Chicago
7. St. Benedict's College/St. John's University
8. Georgetown University
9. Penn State University
10. University of Cincinnati

Other schools mentioned included Marquette University, University of Portland, Loyola Marymount University, University of Wisconsin at Madison, Fairfield University and Carroll College.

Recruitment Opportunities

The fall recruitment calendar is beginning to shape up. Please check upcoming issues of How Can I Help? for the most up to date information.

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Idealist.org Nonprofit Career Fair
DePaul University
Chicago, IL
Cost: \$50
Contact: www.idealists.org

Monday, September 24, 2007

Volunteer Fair
DePaul University
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Chicago, IL
Contact: Casey Bowles, 773-325-4772, mbowles@depaul.edu

Monday, September 24, 2007

Volunteer Fair

Loyola University Chicago
Chicago, IL

Contact: Claire Noonan, 773-508-2206, cnoonan@luc.edu

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Post-graduate Volunteer Fair
Marquette University
Milwaukee, WI

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Post-graduate Volunteer Fair
University of Notre Dame
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
South Bend, IN
Contact: Liz Mackenzie

Monday, October 1, 2007

Volunteer Fair
University of Dayton
Dayton, OH
Contact: Nick Cardilino, 937-229-2576, Nicholas.Cardilino@notes.udayton.edu

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Volunteer Fair
Xavier University
Cincinnati, OH

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Post-graduate Volunteer Fair
John Carroll University
Cleveland, OH
Contact: Chris Kerr, 216-397-4777, ckerr@jcu.edu

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Volunteer Fair
College of St. Benedict's/St. John's University
Milwaukee, WI
Contact: Jackie Miller; 320-363-5707; jmiller@csbsju.edu

Do you know about an upcoming recruitment event? If so, share it with the network! With collaboration, we will be more effective in reaching potential volunteers. Please include location, date, time and contact information.

Please contact Katie Eberhard, CNVS Membership and Recruitment Coordinator, with fair updates or questions at 301-270-0900 ext. 11 or keberhard@cnvs.org.

National Conference on Volunteering and Service to be Held in Philadelphia

Taking place July 16-18, 2007 in the historic city of Philadelphia, the National Conference (sponsored by Points of Light Foundation and Corporation for National and Community Service) brings together more than 2,600 movers and shakers from the nonprofit, government, and business worlds dedicated to improving communities through service and volunteering. The theme of this year's conference, "The Power of We," proudly declares the power of collective action to solve serious social problems—a hallmark of America's character since our founding.

For more information and to register, please visit www.volunteeringandservice.org.

Last Chance to Submit Program Photos and Stories for Response 2008

Get a Response for your program! CNVS would like to thank those programs that have already submitted photos and stories for Response 2008. We are still accepting both photos and stories for the publication. Please submit them to Nikki Rohling at nrohling@cnvs.org by no later than May 15, 2007.

Please be sure the digital photos you send are high quality with a dpi of 300 or more. Stories should be approximately 500-800 words in length.

All photos and stories will require a release form to be completed, so please make sure you have the volunteers' permission for the photos and stories to be published.



Lasallian Volunteers



FrancisCorps



St. Joseph's Workers

CNVS Thanks Mission Appeal Speakers

CNVS would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who gave of their time to help with the 2006 Mission Appeals. The Mission Appeal is an important part of CNVS' annual fundraising efforts and is also an avenue to promote volunteer service. This year, CNVS was invited by nine Archdioceses/Dioceses to speak at more than 25 parishes. We would not have been able to cover all of these parishes if not for the help we received. If you are interested in helping with the 2007 Mission Appeals, please contact Nikki Rohling at nrohling@cnvs.org. You can either help locally if CNVS receives an appeal in your area or CNVS will reimburse you for your travel to another part of the country.

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Diocese of Pensacola, Fla.

Jim Lindsay

Michael Sheedy

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Sr. Ellen Cavanaugh

Jim Lindsay

Ellen O'Connell

Diocese of Rochester, N.Y.

Br. Jim Moore

Elizabeth Kunz Thompson

Shane Yost

Diocese of Saginaw, Mich.

Jim Lindsay

Marie Quinlan

College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati to Host Spirituality Institute

JUNE 25-29, 2007. Courses can be taken for graduate, undergraduate or CEU credits and will be offered daily in the morning (8:30 a.m. – noon) and afternoon (1:00 – 4:30 p.m.). With the theme "Spirituality and Lay Ministry," course topics include: Theology of Health Care Ethics, Youth Ministry, Christian Mystical Traditions, and Spiritual Development of the Lay Minister. Appearing as keynote speaker is Sharon Callahan, director of the SALT (Scripture and Leadership Training) program. Contact the Religious Studies Department at (513) 244-4496 or visit the Institute's Web site at: www.msjeu/spirituality.