Placements in JVC Magis

JVC Magis believes in matching the world’s needs with a person’s desire to be of service. The program will identify needs of Catholic agencies in the Chicago area. The program will then find the person that best matches up with that need.

A typical JVC Magis placement will be with a Catholic agency that is currently interested in developing a program and/or expanding an existing program. The agency does not have the resources to accomplish this. Therefore, JVC Magis provides the agency with the opportunity to have a person available for 30 hours a week, for a 2-3 year period, at a price that is affordable for the agency. The agency’s expectation is that the JVC Magis participant utilizes their passion, energy, current skills, and skills being developed from their graduate program, to create and/or expand a program. This is often accomplished with little to no supervision, additional training or resources. This requires the participant to be a self starter and self driven. Many applicants will not find this kind of opportunity appealing. While this kind of opportunity can be quite challenging it also offers many exciting opportunities for training, growth and development.

JVC Magis participants have successfully thrived in these types of environments since the program’s inception.

Social work placements in JVC Magis

The JVC Magis program offers an opportunity for persons interested in pursuing a degree in Social Work, from Loyola University Chicago, while being a participant in the JVC Magis program. This is what the opportunity would generally look like:

The JVC Magis participant must be admitted into the School of Social Work. The JVC Magis director, in cooperation with the SOSW, will place the Magis participant in an apostolate, internship site, for three years. The site must be Catholic.

Year 1 – the participant does not enroll in an internship at LUC. This first year is used to learn the agency, and its needs. During this year the participant does general social work activities and gets to know the larger social worker community. During this first year the participant works with the site staff to put into place anything needed to perform Level I internship requirements for year two.

Year 2 – the participant enrolls in their Level I internship. The participant does not change placement sites but conducts general social work activities as part of their apostolate activities and level I internship requirements. During year two the participant works with the placement staff to put into place anything needed to meet the Level II clinical requirement in year three.
Year 3 – the participant remains at their placement site but transitions into more clinical work at the site. This type of training is approved by the SOSW at LUC. However, this does differ from the experience of most of the SOSW students at LUC.

If you are interested in a social work degree, and the above training is appealing to you, then JVC Magis may just be the program for you.

**JVC Magis Program Volunteer Placement Sites for 2016-2017**

Listed below are JVC Magis placement sites.

**Social Work**

*Catholic Charities – Refugee Resettlement Project – confirmed*

Works to support and assist resettlement, employment, and K-12 staff to provide resettlement services to refugee families through a variety of activities. Activities may include:

- Collaborate with Case Management, adjustment, employment and K-12 staff according to their instructions and follow-up on any given tasks.
- Reception Services and Provision of Basic Needs (Airport reception, apartment search, essential furniture etc...)
- Make and attend appointments with clients, including but not limited to: Social Security applications, Public Aid appointments, Parent/Teacher Conferences, ESL classes, and medical and clinic visits.
- Teaches families how to use public transportation.
- Provide adjustment services for clients.
- Provide mentoring and advocacy services.
- Introduce families to their community.
- Complete home visits with families.
- Collect in-kind contribution info and give report to supervisor and case managers.
- Keeps files and agency and donor reporting up to date (CTS, case notes etc...)
- Assist with provision of Cultural Adjustment classes for newly arrived families.
**Catholic Charities – ACES Program – confirmed**

The Addiction Counseling and Education Services (ACES) program at Catholic Charities is a Level I outpatient treatment service for women and men ages 18 and older in recovery from substance use disorders. This is a highly clinical position on a small team, largely comprised of interns. The position calls for leadership skills, a willingness to reflect and good self-management of nonclinical tasks.

Services include individual and group counseling, drug and alcohol assessments for court, and educational outreach opportunities. As an MSW intern with ACES, responsibilities include facilitating two hour support group sessions Monday through Thursdays, meeting individually with clients throughout their treatment, conducting drug and alcohol assessments and composing reports for court proceedings, fostering connections with other substance abuse treatment and legal services, and charting client progress.

[www.catholiccharities.net](http://www.catholiccharities.net)

**Chicago Jesuit Academy – confirmed**

Chicago Jesuit Academy is a full-scholarship, college preparatory, Jesuit, Roman Catholic middle school for young men from modest economic backgrounds. The Academy is distinguished by small classes, an extended academic day and a longer school year to prepare students for success in college prep high schools, universities, and positions of community leadership. Chicago Jesuit Academy helps students develop as young men who are open to growth, religious, intellectually competent, loving, and committed to doing justice in the service of others, in accord with the Jesuit mission and tradition. The school’s success in its mission is made possible by the disciplined sacrifices of our students, parents, faculty, staff, volunteers and benefactors.

**Position:** Social worker. Participant would be a part of the social work/counseling program at the school. There would be on site social work supervision.

Josephinum Academy – confirmed

Josephinum Academy (Josephinum.org) is a Catholic, college-preparatory high school with a mission to empower young women to become confident, faith-filled leaders. Josephinum strives to ensure that its educational program is affordable to deserving students who might not otherwise have the chance to reach their potential. Nearly seventy percent of all students qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Cost Lunch Program. Students travel to Josephinum from forty-five different zip codes of Chicago, demonstrating a strong personal commitment to academic success. For the past seven years in a row, all of Josephinum graduates have been accepted into college, with the majority representing the first generation of their families to attend.

Josephinum is seeking a JVC Magis student who will serve as a social worker within the school’s counseling department, providing emotional and social counseling to Josephinum’s students. The social worker will be a member of the counseling department team, working alongside two additional full-time school counselors and one part-time school counselor.

The social worker will be responsible for working with students, faculty, staff and parents to ensure strong communication and coordination. The social worker will serve as the school’s liaison to external agencies that provide additional services to students and families.

In addition to working with students individually, the social worker will organize small groups of students to foster community and mutual support. When appropriate, the social worker will work in coordination with the Dean of Students to promote student discipline and foster healthy relationships between students.

http://www.josephinum.org/
Spirituality
(These placements for persons getting master’s degrees in Divinity, Spirituality, Pastoral Studies)

Social Action Ministry Coordinator Old St. Patrick’s Church – confirmed

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Our communities face many injustices, from closed schools and racism to homelessness and overcrowded prisons. As people of faith, we believe in the power of compassion and courage to dismantle injustices together and create a more vibrant human family. We invite you to join us in this work at Old St. Patrick’s Church as the Social Action Ministry Coordinator. The Social Action Ministry Coordinator will work with all three aspects of our holistic Social Action Ministry: Outreach, Kinship, and Justice. Depending on the skills and interests of the Coordinator, they may commit more time to one aspect over another or shift their attention among different initiatives depending on the time of the year. Over the past year, Old St. Pat’s has been making a more concerted effort to collaborate among Outreach, Kinship, and Justice, so this position is new and will be co-created by the Magis candidate. The Coordinator will work directly with the three leaders of Social Action Ministry - Beth Marek (Outreach), Vincent Guider (Kinship), and Rachel Lyons (Justice). Please see below for collaborative activities as well as specific opportunities within the three elements of our Social Action Ministry.

For more context around Old St. Patrick’s Church, its mission, history, and vision, please see our website: http://www.oldstpats.org.

Collaborative work

- Quarterly formation gatherings for both new and current volunteers/leaders in Social Action
  - orientation for new volunteers
  - programming for all current volunteers/leaders (prayer, dialog, reflection on an article/video, etc)
- Creating and implementing a new retreat for Social Action Ministry members
  - based on reflection tool of the pastoral circle
  - walking people through experiences of social action/service, social analysis to expose systemic injustices, theological reflection and discernment, and action
Leadership development
- identifying leaders across Social Action Ministry
- working 1:1 to educate and form leaders with tools for fruitful and impactful service and justice work

Maintaining database of current Social Action Ministry members

**Work with each aspect of Social Action ministry**

**Outreach - Direct Service, Volunteering, Collections and Drives**
Beth Marek works with church members and various partner organizations to provide direct services to people in need in the community and in the world. Services address health, housing, homelessness, food and nutrition, transportation, mentoring, empowerment, as well as global initiatives related to leadership, education, chronic illness, family support, and more. A list of partner organizations can be found here.

The Social Action Ministry Coordinator may participate in:
- Organizing various collections and drives during the year (food, clothing, newborn needs, etc)
- Orienting new volunteers and supporting strong leadership development among volunteers and Old St. Pat’s members
- Partnering with the Francis Xavier Ward elementary school (located next door to Old St. Pat’s) and their service efforts with students and families
- Leading/co-leading a specific outreach ministry that speaks to the personal gifts and skills of the Coordinator (e.g. Fabretto in Nicaragua or New Mom’s here in Chicago)

**North Lawndale Kinship Initiative - Relationship Building, Community Development, Mutuality**
Vincent Guider leads our Kinship Initiative, a partnership between (1) the people of the North Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago’s West Side and (2) the people of Old St. Patrick’s Church. Rooted in the Asset Based Community Development model, Kinship programming involves support for business development, job creation, education, legal expertise, health and safety, youth and young adults, interfaith sharing and more in a spirit of mutuality and reciprocity. Read our Kinship Creed here.

The Social Action Ministry Coordinator may participate in:
- Monthly Kinship gatherings to share about ongoing projects and build relationships between the two communities (North Lawndale and Old St. Pat’s)
• Communication with Kinship volunteers and donors
• Visioning and planning of logistics, special events and projects
• Updating of website, database and social media
• Participation in staff and team planning and development

Justice - Education & Leadership, Organizing, Advocacy & Action
Rachel Lyons organizes our social justice and education efforts in order to build leaders and mobilize people of faith for advocacy and action. Our Social Justice in Action team of church members works on programming throughout the year based on current issues in Chicago and Illinois. Old St. Pat’s is also part of Community Renewal Society (CRS), a coalition of congregations working for social and economic justice with a specific platform of policy issues each year. In addition to CRS, justice efforts include a Green Team for sustainability, an annual Solidarity Market with fair trade vendors hosted at Old St. Pat’s every fall, and an ongoing small-group formation program called JustFaith.

The Social Action Ministry Coordinator may participate in:

• Organizing training in 1:1s, power analysis, house meetings, and issue-based campaigns
• Advocacy experience with local alderman, county commissioners, mayor, governor, and state representatives and senators
• Co-facilitating the JustFaith program (24 session formation program that investigates injustices and explores how our faith calls us to respond)
• Participating in and mobilizing church members for actions related to urgent justice issues, including rallies, vigils, and marches

Suggested Qualifications:

Education, Training & Experience

▪ Bachelor of Arts Degree in the social sciences, theology, social work, ministry or similar relevant experience
▪ Professional or volunteer experience coordinating service and/or social justice work in an organization
▪ Community organizing experience
▪ Community development experience
▪ Successful experience recruiting and empowering others to act in a mission-based organization
▪ Leadership development and training
▪ Strategic planning and project management
▪ Relationship management
**Knowledge, Skills & Abilities**

- Knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching
- Knowledge of Catholic culture preferred
- Knowledge of social justice issues and models of social action
- Strong interpersonal skills, with ability to work well with all types of people, including other community leaders and volunteers
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills, including meeting facilitation, public speaking, and writing for publication
- Passion and readiness to act
- Strong sense of self and how you live out your values
- Accountability
- Joy
- Humility

**Misericordia Heart of Mercy – Confirmed**

Misericordia is a residential facility, founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1921, serving nearly 650 adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Misericordia believes each person has not only a right to life, but a life worth living, and the organization focuses on helping residents to reach their full potential and to have access to many opportunities in the areas of work, community, personal health/fitness, spirituality, and more.

**Position: Campus Minister**

The Magis Campus Minister's primary responsibilities are to help coordinate liturgies and religious services for Catholic, Christian, and Jewish residents (with the possibility of expansion as the resident population becomes more diverse); plan and lead small faith-sharing/prayer groups for residents; help to facilitate the Heartzingers choir of singers and signers; provide one-with-one spiritual accompaniment to residents seeking this; provide sacramental formation; and assist as needed and desired with other on-campus activities (bakery, yoga classes, retreat program, community garden, resident volunteering at a local senior center, etc.). There is also an opportunity to become involved with youth ministry, sacrament preparation, and social events for children and youth who do not live at Misericordia but are involved in our outreach program.

**St. Benedict Parish and Preparatory School – not confirmed**

This placement would involve serving in both the parish and school communities at the only PreK-12 parish school in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The volunteer would collaborate mainly with the parish’s Director of Youth Ministry and the secondary school’s Campus Minister, including work with the leadership of both the parish and school. In parish youth ministry, work could include outreach at Masses and parish events, involvement in youth ministry activities, and planning and chaperoning service opportunities. In school campus ministry, work could include planning and executing liturgical celebrations, assisting with plans for classroom Confirmation prep and senior service outings, participating in student leadership formation, and planning and chaperoning service outings.

http://www.stbenedict.com/