Spiritual Internship
2015-2016

Campus Ministry Mission Statement:

“Campus Ministry at Canisius College is missioned to empower our students, faculty, administrators, staff and alumni to engage the world in order to find and manifest God within our environment, society, communities and Church. We seek to help others discern their gifts and grow as leaders so as to become women and men with and for others. We do this in the spirit of Jesus and the Jesuit tradition and are committed to work toward justice with people of all backgrounds.”

General Description

The Canisius College Spiritual Interns work as liaisons between the Office of Campus Ministry and the campus community. The Spiritual Interns will primarily work to facilitate Retreats (Kairos, 4th Day, Ignis, Always Our Children, Women’s Retreats, Men’s Retreat) the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Adult Confirmation, the tone of our Sunday liturgy through committee, Men’s and Women’s Small Faith Sharing Groups, Agape Latte Speaker’s Series and other Campus Spiritual Initiatives including but not limited to: Reconciliation Interfaith and Remembrance Services.

Student interns will have the opportunity to use their own interests and backgrounds to educate others as well as to explore their own personal spirituality and encourage that in others.

Collaboration with other Campus Ministry Interns

Service, spiritual and justice interns represent Campus Ministry and work collaboratively together to carry out the mission of the office. All interns are expected to be knowledgeable and articulate about the different programs and resources available. To cross-pollinate our office, the Spiritual interns are expected to:
- Participate in one Campus Ministry retreat per academic year, the +10 Prayer Experience, one community service and one justice activity per semester to experience different facets of the Campus Ministry community.

General Responsibilities

Direct or assist in one (1) Kairos Retreat under the supervision of the Director of Campus Ministry.
- Attend the 4th Day Retreat and assist in the logistics.
- Recruit and orient student volunteers and assist them with the execution and planning of retreats.
- Assist in planning the Ignis Retreat with our CMI Freshmen.
- Assist in the planning of the Always Our Children Retreat
- Participate in bi-weekly one on one meetings with staff supervisor and a monthly meeting with the other spiritual interns.
- Participate in a mandatory fall retreat on Sunday, September 13 and spring planning day in May.
- Attend a spiritual intern retreat in early August.
- Assist with promotion of events by direct personal invitation (e.g. dorm storming, Social Networking and emails).
- Create reflective blog postings for the Campus Ministry Blog and/or social networking initiatives.
- Assist with bulletin board creation.
- Regularly communicate with the Justice Interns and the Service Interns.
- Attend at least one (1) justice event per semester and assist in its planning as needed.
- Attend at least one (1) service event per semester and assist in its planning as needed.
- Assist in planning and promoting the Mass of the Holy Spirit and attend it.
- Regular presence at Sunday Mass.
- Have two in-office hours per week.
Participate in +10 Reflection Experience

1) **PRAY, Reflect, Meditate** for at least 10 minutes day using the examen or another reflective process.
2) **WRITE** a short paragraph each day in a journal after the experience of reflection or prayer.
3) **SHARE** the experiences with a Ignatian Prayer Guide (chosen in consult with your supervisor) once a month with whom you are most comfortable.
   (We suggest that this is not the person who supervises your internship).
4) **REFLECT AGAIN** on how this experience informs your internship, trip, etc. And bring that experience each month to your Ignatian Prayer Guide.

**Job Qualifications**

Commitment to exploring spirituality, religion, Catholicism and Ignatian Spirituality.
Sensitivity to the themes of spirituality, service, and social justice within Catholic Social Teaching.
Comfortable with leading students in reflecting on their life experiences, especially during retreats and helping students make connections between service & social justice experiences and spiritual reflection.
Strong communication, collaboration, community-building skills, energy, creativity, ambition and a sense of humor are essential.
Candidate needs initiative, focus, and follow-through.
2.5 GPA or higher. Must maintain a 2.5 GPA
2015-2016 Spiritual Intern Application

Timeline
March 25: Applications are due
Interviews will take place March 26, 27, 30, 31 and April 1
Acceptance notifications will go out in early April

Please submit your TYPED responses by March 25 to Campus Ministry (OM 207) AND sign up for an interview on Sarah Signorino’s door (OM 213).

Name:
Graduation year:
Major:
Are you a commuter or resident?

Why did you choose Canisius?

What have you been involved in on and off campus during your time here?

What do you know about the Spiritual internship?

What involvement have you had with Campus Ministry?

What is your relationship with God like?

Have you attended any retreats here?

Spiritual interns do many things on campus—direct retreats, organize behind the scenes, assist students in exploring spirituality and the church, send emails, make newsletters, run prayer services. Where do you see yourself uniquely contributing?

What would you like to change at Canisius?

What are spiritual issues you feel strongest about?

Spiritual interns represent Campus Ministry—how would your experience and interests reflect those of the office?

What are your other time commitments for next semester?

What would you be most challenged by from what you know about the Spiritual internship?

Please submit completed application to Mike Hayes in Campus Ministry by March 25th.
Questions can be directed to Mike at 716-888-2420 or hayes28@canisius.edu