

Application for Campus Ministry's International Service-Immersion Program

Completed applications are due in Campus Ministry (OM 207) or via email at buehlmak@canisius.edu by

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25, 2019

A Completed Application Will Include the Following:

- **This completed paper application**, including your signature on our covenant.
- **4 full-page color photocopies of your passport picture page** stapled to the left-hand corner of this application. *If you do not have your passport, please attach a head shot of yourself.*
- **One-page Essay**
- **Sign-up for Interview** (to be done AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION by emailing Kaitlyn Buehlmann at buehlmak@canisius.edu)
- **Previous service experience.** We are looking for mature candidates who have a proven commitment to service. If you feel that your experience is lacking in this area, please consider joining Campus Ministry for some of our local service opportunities or our Winter Service Week trips (applications now available in OM 207) to strengthen your background in service.

Section 1: Personal Information

Name _____ Email Address _____

Cell: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Name of Parents/Guardians: _____

Home Address/Phone: _____

Major: _____ GPA: _____ (minimum 2.5) Year: 1 2 3 4 G

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____ Gender: F M Student Athlete? Y N Honors Student? Y N

Dietary Restrictions: _____ Have you previously participated in WSW? Y N

If yes, where? Location & Year: _____ If not, can you participate in WSW this year? Y N

Service-Immersion Program applying to:

____ El Salvador/Kino Border Team (May 24-June 5, 2020)

____ Jamaica Team (May 16-23, 2020)

____ Poland Team (tentative dates: July 12-August 5, 2020)

***You can have a first and a second choice trip.** If you want to do this, please mark down your first and second choice above. However, sign up to interview for your first choice ONLY.

Our International Service-Immersion Program

Canisius College offers our service-immersion experiences because we are a Catholic, Jesuit institution. In our program, we intentionally place participants in direct contact with the poor and marginalized for extended exposure experiences in the hopes that participants will learn the value of building relationships across socio-economic lines, increase their awareness of the injustices in the world and connect to the ways that they are being called to build up our human family—with a special concern for those most disadvantaged. Our program revolves around the four cornerstone values of simplicity, spirituality, social justice and solidarity. We take our motivation from the following voices:

Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., the former Superior General of the Society of Jesus, in his talk to the members of a Jesuit University in the United States in 2000, implored that:

“Students, in the course of their formation, must let the gritty reality of this world into their lives, so they can learn to feel it, think about it critically, respond to its suffering and engage it constructively. They should learn to perceive, think, judge, choose and act for the rights of others, especially the disadvantaged and the oppressed.”

Rev. Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., another former Superior General of the Society of Jesus, in an address to Jesuit Higher Education Institutions in Mexico City in 2010 stated that:

“the depth of thought and imagination in the Ignatian tradition involves a profound engagement with the real . . . the world as we encounter it; the world of the senses so vividly described in the Gospels themselves; a world of suffering and need, a broken world with many broken people in need of healing. We start there. We don’t run away from there. And then Ignatius guides us and students of Jesuit education, as he did his retreatants, to enter into the depths of that reality. Beyond what can be perceived most immediately, he leads one to see the hidden presence and action of God in what is seen, touched, smelt, felt. And that encounter with what is deepest changes the person.”

Every service-immersion experience with Campus Ministry will be on the spectrum of service to immersion—that is, direct hands-on action all the way to what is often the much harder ministry of being with, listening to and learning from the people we serve. While each one of our trips is different, the overall objective for all of them is the same. The program seeks to expose participants to people who are impoverished and marginalized in order to challenge our preconceived notions about the world and transform us into women and men who are committed to justice and to serving others.

The Countries We Visit

This year we will offer the following experiences. We encourage you to *explore all of your options* - it is important that you know what you are signing up for and why you are choosing one experience over another. We will discuss your reasons for applying to a particular trip and your understanding of our program in your interview.

Mustard Seed in Jamaica

Please note that seniors are not eligible for this trip as we depart on graduation day

Spend one week with Mustard Seed, an intentional Christian community for young residents who are differently abled. We will be in the northern half of Jamaica, near Montego Bay, living with and helping out the kids in their daily routines in a residential home called "Blessed Assurance." Most of the children are between 3-15 years old and have a variety of disabilities, from autism to cerebral palsy to downs syndrome to a variety of other afflictions.

We will sing, dance, play, feed, and care for the residents and also help with projects such as painting, construction, and landscaping, and provide- most importantly- the gift of presence! Mustard Seed is a faith-based organization and so there will be a lot of time dedicated to praying and singing with the children as well. This immersion experience is designed to challenge our students to go beyond their comfort zones. Many of the children we will be working with have severe disabilities and are non-verbal or wheelchair bound. But don't underestimate the bonds you can build with them during this experience! For more information about Mustard Seed, check out the website here: www.mustardseed.com

Dates: May 16-23, 2020

Cost: \$1,800

'Dzielo Pomocy Dzieciom' (Help for Children) Summer Camp in Poland

Tentative dates: July 12-August 5, 2020

Join us as we continue to strengthen our 12+ year-long partnership with 'Dzielo Pomocy Dzieciom' (Help for Children). This privately owned and operated Children's Home for abandoned, abused and or neglected children, was established by Kasia and Janik Mader over 30 years ago as an alternative to governmentally run orphanage institutions. Kasia and Janiks' main goal was to create a nurturing home-like environment where children who have experienced trauma could go and gradually learn to feel safe, loved and respected.

During the summer months, Zmiaca becomes a home for 60-100 foster children between the ages of 2-18. Each year, Canisius students have the opportunity to support the Mader family's mission by stepping into the role of 'Ciocia' (aunt) or 'Vuyek' (uncle) for one session of their annual summer camp. As a 'Ciocia' or 'Vuyek,' you will be assigned to a group aka "family" of 2-4 children that you will be responsible for 24/7 for the entire three weeks. This includes eating, sleeping, and playing with your children, sometimes without the help of another English speaker. (The children and most volunteers speak Polish and little to no English. To bridge these gap, participants are required to practice basic Polish in the months prior to departing.) Though this seems like a daunting task it is designed to ensure that all children receive the essential one-on-one attention that they need but normally do not receive in foster homes. Other daily events that we will help to facilitate include morning English lessons (pre-planned by the Canisius Team), hikes, soccer games, crafts, board games, and evening song performances (pre-planned by the Canisius Team).

This immersion is one of our most challenging service opportunities due to the necessary preparation process, difficult language barrier, and endless physical and emotional energy it requires. During this immersion, you will be filled up with awe and gratitude in one moment and broken down by harsh realities in the next. To succeed you must be flexible, resilient, patient, ready to jump out of your comfort zone and ready to receive more than you can give!!! These children will capture your heart, so get ready to fall in love!

Tentative Dates: July 12-August 5, 2020

Cost: \$2,200

Migration in El Salvador, Mexico and the U.S.A.

<http://www.crispaz.org>

<http://www.kinoborderinitiative.org/en/>

This immersion focuses on exploring migration from all sides. We will begin the trip in El Salvador, with CRISPAZ where we will learn about the root causes of migration – from the history of the Salvadoran Civil War to the contemporary realities of the country. Our time in El Salvador will include visits to the sites where Saint Oscar Romero and the Jesuit Martyrs were assassinated, speaking with Salvadorans who have been deported from the US, and a homestay in a rural community.

From there, we will fly to Arizona where we will partner with the Kino Border Initiative to explore the realities of migration on the US-Mexico Border. Our time with KBI will focus on exploring immigration from all sides. We will spend our time doing everything from working in a dining room for recently deported migrants in Mexico, to witnessing deportation hearings as a part of Operation Streamline in Tucson, to meeting with Border Patrol agents, to meeting with an asylum seeker, to speaking with ranchers, to hiking in the desert near the trails where migrants pass, to visiting a women's shelter for migrants in Mexico, to learning more about the immigration system.

May 24-June 5, 2020

Cost: \$2,400

TRIP COSTS INCLUDE:

- Airplane tickets
- Lodging and meals
- In-country transportation
- All program-related activities
- Fees for speakers/translators
- International health insurance

TRIP COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Costs to secure your passport
- Visa costs, if necessary
- Immunizations
- Pre-trip assigned books
- Souvenirs and gifts purchased abroad

To learn more about our trips visit:

<https://www.canisius.edu/faith-and-service/campus-ministry/service-immersion-experiences>

For any further questions about our international experiences, please contact Kaitlyn Buehlmann in Campus Ministry at: buehlmak@canisius.edu

Our Four Cornerstone Values

Simplicity – *“Putting first things, recognizably, first.”* – Daniel Berrigan, S.J.

Life can get complex. Sometimes we need to strip away some of that complexity in order to remember what is truly important. Focusing on simple living allows us to reconnect with what is essential—simple pleasures, connecting with the people around you, listening. Embracing simplicity allows us to value relationships over things; to hear the voices of our brothers and sisters, the voice of our own inner-self, and the voice of God.

Social Justice – *“When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist.”* – Dom Helder Camara

Justice is people living in right relationships that uphold the human dignity of all. From the starting point of our common human dignity, a socially just society safeguards the rights of all people to what is required for a decent life so that everyone can reach his or her full potential. Fighting for social justice is about correcting the root causes of an injustice by asking, “Why is this happening? How can we do this differently?” As long as people in this world continue to be systematically marginalized, dismissed and thrown away, we will continue to seek social justice by fighting to change systems that dehumanize.

Solidarity – *“If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.”* – Aboriginal activists group

Solidarity begins with the knowledge that our humanity depends on everyone else’s humanity. We are all connected and we all have a common responsibility for one another. Solidarity is not a connection based on a hierarchy of giver and receiver, but implies togetherness in every sense of the word. It means a true relationship of sacrifice for one another that is reciprocal and necessitates commitment. It means that when we serve someone, we are also served by that person. The end result of true solidarity is everyone feels returned to themselves.

Spirituality – *“If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.”* Jeremiah 29:13

We ask you to engage your faith and/or values in this experience. Our Jesuit tradition calls us to become “contemplatives in action”; that is, to work actively for and with the poor and to be just as active in reflecting on God’s presence in our work and our relationships. We need to spend time engaging our experiences wholeheartedly, reflecting together, allowing silence in and listening to where God or our Truth is guiding us. The end result of knowing God is seeing the world how God sees it – a world worth falling in love with, messiness and all.

Financial Responsibility

Although we try to keep our program expenses to a minimum, we understand that the cost of these experiences is daunting.

Campus Ministry will attempt to help you fundraise in the months leading up to your immersion experience. However, ultimately you are responsible for the cost of the trip. Your personal fundraising initiative and creativity will go the furthest in helping you to meet your goal. Below are the different financial deadlines that you need to meet to continue on with your team.

- **A \$200 out-of-pocket deposit due Friday November 22nd.** Failing to pay this symbolically says that you are not committed to this trip and threatens your ability to continue.
- **The cost of your plane ticket is due Friday, Feb. 13th**
- **The total cost of your trip is due Friday, April 17th**
- If you are struggling to raise money, it is your responsibility to be proactive and approach Campus Ministry to learn about your options.
- All money turned in to Campus Ministry is **non-refundable**. Any money that is over-fundraised will go directly to the sites we are partnering with to further their mission.
- In the event that a trip is cancelled for unforeseen reasons (almost always for a safety concern), Campus Ministry will do everything possible to refund you the full cost. However, some expenses might be lost and are beyond Campus Ministry's control.

There ARE Partial Scholarships Available!

People across the college support these experiences and generously commit to offering partial scholarships every year to some of our qualifying participants.

These scholarships do not cover your trip expense but rather are always meant to supplement your fundraising initiatives. In fact, many do not activate until you reach a certain fundraising benchmark. Scholarships that have been offered in the past have been from the President's Office, the Undergraduate Student Association, the All-Canisius Honor's Program and the Canisius Alumni Sodality. Applications from qualifying participants are made directly to these offices once you have been accepted into the program.

Service Background Information

Going abroad with Campus Ministry on one of our International Service-Immersion Experiences is not a vacation. It is a unique opportunity to work alongside the marginalized and be exposed to their reality. We are looking for candidates who have a proven commitment to service. *If you feel that your experience is lacking in this area, please consider joining us in Campus Ministry this year for some of our many local service opportunities or our Winter Service Week trips to strengthen your background in service in order to apply for an international trip the following year.*

List clubs, groups, sports, honors societies or anything else you are currently involved in at Canisius:

Have you ever participated in a service-immersion trip before, either at Canisius or elsewhere? Please explain. (Include trip, location and year.)

What service have you done here at Canisius College (besides service trips)?

What service have you done outside of Canisius?

What else can you tell us about your commitment to service?

Have you ever traveled internationally before? Please explain.

Which language have you studied and what is the highest level you have taken (*No foreign language abilities are required for any of our trips*):

Have you ever had a violation of Community Standards at Canisius? If so, for what?

Spiritual Background Information

You are applying for a Campus Ministry program. If you are selected for one of our International Service-Immersion Experiences, you do not have to be Catholic, Christian or even practice a religion to participate, but you do have to be willing to engage your spirituality or ethical framework in our preparation process, in the reflections we have each night while abroad and in your experience as a whole. Every night on each of our trips, we spend an hour reflecting about our day through the eyes of our faith, values and sense of justice. *If you are not comfortable sharing about your spiritual life, you might sign up for a Campus Ministry retreat or faith-sharing group such as Ig-Night this year to practice this. Information about our spiritual programs can be found on our website.*

What is your faith background and practice, if any?

Have you ever been on a retreat or been a part of a faith-based club or group at Canisius or elsewhere before? Please explain.

Are you comfortable praying with other people or sharing personally and deeply from your heart? When have you done this in the past?

What else can you tell us about your history of engaging your spirituality with your life and/or your willingness to engage your spirituality on this experience?

Please provide us with the name and phone number of a person who would be able to talk about your commitment to service and/or spirituality. (*This person cannot be a relative.*)

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quick Health Snapshot

Please provide us with the following Health Snapshot. A more involved medical release form that must be signed off on by your doctor will be required if you get accepted into this program. ***Any information turned in to Campus Ministry will remain confidential.***

1. Do you have any dietary restrictions?
2. Do you have any allergies (seasonal, bees, food, medications, etc.)?
3. Do you have asthma? Do you have an inhaler?
4. What medications are you currently on and what are they controlling?
5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about that would help us to better support you on an international trip?

Quick Financial Snapshot

1. How confident are you about raising the money for this trip?
2. What fundraising ideas do you have?
3. Have you ever received a scholarship from Campus Ministry before for a retreat or trip? If so, what was it for and how much did you receive?

Essay

In a separate **1-2 page essay**, please answer the following questions:

1. **Why do you want to participate in a Campus Ministry international service-immersion experience? How have your personal experiences and values drawn you to a program with our mission?** (*for clarity on our mission, see page 2 of this application*)
2. **How do you see this trip as an integral part of your educational experience here at Canisius College? How will this experience connect to what you're studying and beyond?**
3. **Why did you choose to apply to your first-choice trip instead of the others?**

The Preparation Process

If you are selected onto an international service-immersion team, you are required to:

- Attend monthly Weekend Workshops and various team meetings organized by student leaders.
- Read 2 books, articles, watch movies and attend speakers throughout the year related to social justice issues or your destination in particular.
- Participate in individual and team fundraising activities.

Failure to fulfill these requirements jeopardizes your ability to travel with your team.

Participation Scholarship:

Campus Ministry offers a \$100 participation scholarship for immersions. If, at the time your final payment is due, you have attended all meetings, Campus Ministry will reduce \$100 off your remaining balance. However, for each meeting that you miss, you lose \$50 from this scholarship.

Below is a schedule of the Weekend Workshops for our program. Please note that in addition to these dates there will be also be meetings required specific to each team. However, please check the following dates against your calendar and be prepared to discuss your availability in your interview:

- **KICK OFF THE MISSION WORKSHOP - Sunday, November 10 from 2-5:00pm in Regis**
- **TEAM MOVIE NIGHT** – Scheduled in November, leaders’ choice for time and location. Get together with your team to watch and discuss a movie that’s related to where you’re traveling.
- **TEAM FUNDRAISING PLANS DUE – Friday, November 22nd** – Your leaders will need to schedule a team meeting prior to this deadline to create your team fundraising plan.
- **RETREAT WORKSHOP – Friday January 31 at 4:00pm – Saturday February 1 at 5:00pm at Harvest House** Get ready for a weekend of team bonding and exploring our cornerstone values!
- **GLOBAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP – Sunday February 23 from 1:00pm-4:00pm in Regis** – This workshop will focus on exploring social justice on a global scale.
- **RAISE BENEFIT –February or March 2020 (Date TBA)** – Three-day fundraiser complete with basket raffle, silent auction and more, culminating in a dinner Montante with food from all the countries we travel to and live music. Everyone is expected to work 3 hours of the event during the week and then be at the dinner at the end of the week.
- **Explore Your Country Workshop - Sunday, March 29 from 12:00pm-5:00pm in OM 219** – each team will have a 1 ½ hour meeting, where we’ll dive deeper into what you’ll be experiencing in the country you’re traveling to, including a discussion on your team’s book.
- **PLUNGE INTO BUFFALO - Saturday, April 18 from 10:00am-4:00pm in the Undercroft** – A giant scavenger hunt through Buffalo where we’ll explore local businesses that embrace our cornerstone values, using only public transportation to get around.
- **LAST MINUTE DETAILS MEETING-** Usually scheduled the week before your trip, leaders’ choice for time and location. Get together one final time as a team to go over last minute details!
- **MOVE THE MISSION FORWARD WORKSHOP-** Sunday, September 20 from 1:00-5:00pm in Regis – A follow up workshop to reunite and reflect on your experience. (Mandatory, except seniors)

Covenant of Participation and Behavior for Campus Ministry's International Service-Immersion Experiences

Although you are signing up voluntarily for this experience, the preparation process is lengthy and demanding. For the next academic year, we require participants to actively learn about their travel destination, their teammates and our four cornerstone values via workshops, trainings, readings, and events and also to fundraise. These preparatory events are mandatory and your ability to travel with us is contingent upon you joining us.

Once you leave to go abroad, remember that you are not on vacation—these kinds of trips are stressful! You will be eating new foods, sleeping in tight quarters, being at the whim of someone else's schedule, struggling with a language barrier and will have limited contact with your families. All of these factors will challenge your ability to stay rested, positive, flexible and focused. However, that is exactly what we will expect from you. While participating in our program, as a representative of Canisius College you need to be responsible for your conduct. You need to be culturally sensitive, careful about your safety, willing to settle for less than the comforts you experience at home, flexible about your needs, willing to live by standards of behavior that perhaps are higher than in your home culture, and at all times remain focused on your reason for being abroad. **The success of our programs depends on a high degree of personal maturity and responsibility on the part of participants.** Therefore, every participant will be held accountable to our Cornerstone Values:

1. **Social Justice:** Social Justice is not only working alongside the underserved—it is committing to explore the causes of injustice and to take action on behalf of the common good. A commitment to justice involves challenging our acquired ways of thinking and feeling so that we can identify and confront structures that create poverty and oppression:
 - I will listen to, work with and learn from those on the margins of society
 - I will seek to know the truth of situations, rather than relying on my prejudices and biases
 - I will challenge myself to go deeper and explore the root causes of injustices I witness, even if these causes implicate me and my lifestyle
 - I will strive to become just in my own thoughts, language and actions

2. **Simplicity:** While traveling, you will be forced to live without a lot of the comforts you rely on here at Canisius. To get the most out of this experience, we ask that you shed your desire for material comforts and the use of technology as a crutch for communication in favor of embracing the richness of a simpler lifestyle that focuses on building face-to-face relationships with others. Living the simple life is liberating and energizing because you become centered less on things and more on people.
 - I will strive to cultivate a positive outlook, realizing that conditions may be less comfortable than those I am used to at home
 - I will deliberately forgo the use of technology to the extent that is possible in order to focus on the present moment and the people around me
 - I will find value in developing meaningful relationships with the people I encounter
 - I will not seek to bring my ways, my food, my language or my mentality to the people I encounter, but rather seek to experience the richness of what is theirs

3. **Solidarity:** The basis of solidarity lies in the realization that our humanity depends on everyone else’s humanity. During these experiences, we must remember that when we serve someone, we are also being served by that person. This creates a relationship of mutuality, where we both learn and grow.
 - I will be open and honest with other team members and willing to be open and share part of my life with them.
 - I will actively participate in the team’s activities from beginning to end with an attitude of respect and working together for a shared goal.
 - I will not seek to “accomplish” so much as to listen, learn and patiently plant seeds that may not bear fruit until long after I am gone.
 - I will seek to accompany the people I meet as a companion on their road to justice and liberation, striving for mutuality and realizing the ways that they are serving me and helping me to grow.
 - I will commit once home to working on behalf of the marginalized in this world.

4. **Spirituality:** This international experience is an opportunity for to interface your real world experiences with your faith and values. You will see and hear things that will make you feel uncomfortable – startling poverty, people living without hope because they are living without access to the basic necessities of education and health and economic opportunity, countries who have seen wars and have been the pawns of global politics. Living the value of spirituality means living as “contemplatives in action”, reflecting on God’s presence in all the gritty complexities of the world.
 - I will allow the reality of my experiences to sink deeply into my heart and challenge my assumptions.
 - I will attempt to find God in all things, especially the gritty complexity of the world.
 - I will commit to growing in spirituality together with my team.
 - I will use our reflection sessions each night as a time to ask what my faith or my values has to say about the situations I am witnessing and the people I am meeting and I will not shy away from bringing a critical awareness to the situation.
 - I will willingly pray with my team and respectfully attend any religious services my team is asked to go to.

Personal Conduct:

Having a safe and respectful experience is among our top priorities. The following therefore are very important when traveling with your team:

- **I will not make decisions that affect the group or the program independently of the team leaders.** Rather, I understand that I am just one part of a larger team and that following the rules and guidelines set forth by my leadership team will keep our entire team safe and healthy. This includes never going off-site on my own.
- **I will not drink alcoholic beverages.** I understand that this is a service trip not a vacation.
- **I will neither bring, buy, nor use illegal drugs at any time.** I understand that if I violate this policy I will be sent home at my own expense.
- **I will not engage in sexual behavior.** I realize that engaging in sexual behavior could have devastating consequences while jeopardizing the future of Campus Ministry trips and would be inconsistent with the values of our Catholic, Christian college. Therefore, I will conduct myself with integrity in regard to my sexual behavior in regards to my team members and the people I meet abroad. I understand that if I violate this policy I will be sent home at my own expense.

Signing here indicates that you have read, understood, and agreed to abide by all of the above:

Name: _____

Date: _____

Requirements for International Immersions 2020

Please initial the following statements to signify that you have read and understand them.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Although Campus Ministry will do our best to help you in the months leading up to your service experience, ultimately you are responsible for the cost of the trip.

- ___ I understand that although Campus Ministry will help me fundraise, I am ultimately responsible for the full cost of this trip.
- ___ I understand that the balance of the trip costs is due by Friday April 17th.
- ___ I understand the parameters of the Participation Scholarship, as outlined on pg. 10 of this application. I realize that I will lose \$50 off the \$100 Participation Scholarship for every meeting that I miss.
- ___ I understand that if I am struggling to raise money and to work out a payment plan, it is my responsibility to be proactive and approach Kaitlyn to learn about my options. My silence threatens my chances of receiving help.
- ___ I understand and agree to the scholarship policy below:
Scholarship Policy:
In utilizing our limited scholarship funds and working out payment plans, Campus Ministry wants to prioritize assisting as many students as possible in participating in our programs. When we must choose, our preference is to offer scholarship help to new students instead of to students who we have already assisted financially. Moreover, students are not eligible to receive financial aid from Campus Ministry for more than one service-immersion experience during the same academic year. (i.e. a participant going to both WSW and Poland can only receive scholarship assistance for one of these trips.) Unfortunately, there is no guarantee of scholarship help for any of our programs.
- ___ I understand that all money turned in to Campus Ministry is **non-refundable**. Money cannot be refunded due to illness or dropping out of the trip.

PREPARATION

- ___ I understand that participation in all Weekend Workshops, team meetings, and fundraisers is **mandatory**. If I cannot attend a meeting, I will communicate that to Kaitlyn Buehlmann in Campus Ministry no less than ONE WEEK prior to the meeting. I understand that if I miss a meeting it is **MY RESPONSIBILITY** to contact Kaitlyn to meet to cover what I missed and complete any makeup work within ONE WEEK of the meeting I missed. I understand that failure to fulfil these requirements may jeopardize my ability to travel with my team.

Please take a look at the Weekend Workshop schedule on pg. 10 write any conflicts you know if at this time (indicate meeting & reason):

_____ I understand that if I fail to participate in the preparation process leading up to this trip, I may be dismissed from my team by Campus Ministry and none of my fundraising money will be refunded.

_____ I understand that I must participate in a domestic immersion or equivalent experience prior to participating in an international immersion. If I have not yet participated in a domestic immersion, I can commit to participating in WSW this year.

_____ I understand that Campus Ministry reserves the right to terminate my participation in a service-immersion experience at any time.

_____ I understand that I must depart and return from my immersion on the same dates as the rest of my team. I will fly to/from Buffalo with the rest of my team unless previously communicated at the time of application. Trip costs are calculated as departing from Buffalo, NY on indicated dates. I understand that if I fly to/from a different city or fly on different dates, and this increases the cost of my flight, I am responsible for paying the additional cost.

_____ If my medical history changes at any point during the preparation process in a way that may have an impact on my ability to safely travel abroad, I understand that it is my responsibility to inform Campus Ministry.

_____ I understand that in order to participate in a Campus Ministry international service-immersion experience, I must be enrolled at the college for the fall semester immediately following my trip, or be graduating in May.

Placing your name after this statement indicates that you have read, understood, and agreed to abide by all of the above.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Don't forget to email Kaitlyn at buehlmak@canisius.edu to sign up for an interview!!!