



PURDUE FALL MISSION TRIP INFORMATION SHEET

What is an Urban Plunge?

Casa Romero's Urban Plunge experiences develop cultural sensitivity and awareness of urban issues through input, reflection, prayer, service projects, and agency visits. Customized to focus on the social justice themes your group wishes to explore, the Urban Plunge program immerses participants into aspects of urban reality while encouraging a commitment to building a more just world.

Why an Urban Plunge?

- Foster a sense of responsibility for building a more just world
- Raise awareness of aspects of urban reality
- Provide participants with life experiences outside of their comfort zone
- Encourage youth and adults to identify areas of pre-judgment and their personal response to unjust social realities
- Expose participants to the value of theological reflection on experiences
- Encourage a greater sense of trust, mutual respect, and awareness of the inherent value that can be found in "the other"
- Discover and appreciate a sense of kinship with people who differ from us

Who is an Urban Plunge for?

- Parish & religious groups
- Campus ministry programs
- High school & college students
- Business & professional groups
- Anyone eager to learn about justice & solidarity

How much does an Urban Plunge cost?

- Dependent on group size, an estimated starting cost is
 - \$30 per day/night/per person for housing-- kitchen, dining room areas, chapel, common areas. We will bring our own towels and bedding/sleeping bags.
 - \$100 program fee per person (materials, site visits, reflection resources, plunge planned and led by Casa Romero staff in conjunction with group leaders).
 - We will cook our own meals.
- Groups are encouraged to give a donation to each service site (\$50-\$100, or products such as clothing, household items, hygiene products, etc.)

Urban Plunge focus area:

- **Racism in the U. S., Milwaukee, and in Our Hearts:** Groups look beneath the surface at various facets of racism.
 - What is it? Prejudice, stereotypes, discrimination, and oppression.
 - History of Milwaukee from Native Americans to the latest immigrants
 - Segregation and Inequality
 - Power and Privilege
 - Multiple Levels of Racism—individual, institutional, structural
 - Unlearning Racism—Tools for Action

*****All activities will be arranged based on the group and are subject to change based on service site schedules.***

What are we responsible for?

- Chaperones, if participants are under the age of 18; 1 for every 5 or 6 students
- Food, cooking, & clean-up of kitchen/dining areas
- Transportation to and from Casa Romero and within the city of Milwaukee (vans or bus preferred)— public transportation is also available within the city of Milwaukee
- Insurance rider for your group
- Participant forms containing insurance and emergency contact information

Please note Casa Romero is open & flexible to exploring other ideas your group may have.