



Newman Catholic Center

at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

Alternative Winter Break Service Trip

for active students of the Five-College system

NEW ORLEANS '08

MISSION:

To return to New Orleans, Louisiana for the third consecutive year and provide continued support and assistance to the hardest-hit section of the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast. Past trips involved demolition and gutting of homes / buildings which were flood and wind-damaged by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This year's trip will involve (re)construction and other actions aimed at revitalizing and rebuilding a city rich in culture, history and tradition. We will once again collaborate with "Operation Helping Hands" (a division of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of New Orleans).

IMPORTANT DATES:

The Trip: Friday, January 11, 2008 through Sunday, January 20, 2008 (during winter break)

Sun., Nov. 4, 2007...	8:15pm-9:15pm, Burke Lounge	Informational Meeting
Sun., Nov. 18, 2007...	8:15pm-9:15pm, Burke Lounge	Informational Meeting
Nov. 19 th – Dec. 2 nd , 2007...	varying days/times	Personal Interview with Trip Leaders
Sun., Dec. 2, 2007...	7pm Mass, Chapel	Commissioning of Trip Participants
Sun., Dec. 2, 2007...	8:15pm-11pm, Newman Cafeteria	Spiritual Retreat of Preparation
Mon., Dec. 3, 2007...	9pm-12midnight, Burke Lounge	Monday Night Football Fundraiser
Mon., Dec. 10, 2007...	8:15pm-9:15pm, Burke Lounge	Final Meeting
Sunday, February 3, 2008...7pm Mass in Chapel & 8:15pm-10pm in Cafeteria – "A Celebration of Service" – Mass and Dinner with the Extended Community		

COST:

Fixed:

- \$25 non-refundable application fee
 - \$250 balance of trip fees
- \$275** (required fees) – **minimum of \$175 by Dec. 2nd**

Variable:

- \$50-\$75 for ten fast-food stops during van rides
 - \$25-\$50 for contingent dinner in New Orleans
 - \$25-\$75 for tourism and other expenses
- approx. \$100 - \$200** ('spending' money)

Remember, every dollar you spend in New Orleans helps to rebuild their struggling economy.

Each participant is asked to solicit donations from outside sources. We will provide a cover letter to assist your efforts. If outside donations exceed trip costs, trip leadership will distribute between New Orleans needs and contingent meals.

HOW TO APPLY:

- 1) There are many ways to serve others. Write not more than two pages explaining:
 - a) What would you be sacrificing – and why – if you participate in this ten-day service trip?
 - b) Why do you wish to participate in a ten-day service trip offered through the Catholic Church?
- 2) Pay **AT LEAST** your \$25 non-refundable application fee. (Minimum of \$175 due by Dec. 2nd)
(Checks payable to "Newman Catholic Center / New Orleans.")
- 3) Submit your writeup and payment(s) to Campus Minister, Mark Callahan.

NOTE:

- Writeups must contain your full name, school, phone and email address.
- Writeups can be emailed to Campus Minister, Mark Callahan at mcallahan@external.umass.edu.
- Payments and 'hand-delivered' writeups should be slid under Mark Callahan's office door at Newman.
- Participant spaces might be limited and will be granted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Leaders & Advisor:

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"Hands bring Help...Hearts bring Hope."