CENTER FOR FAITHJUSTICE

Casa Retreat Center

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The Center for FaithJustice (CFJ) invites your participation in our signature WorX programs for middle and high school youth. Founded in 2008, CFJ inspires the next generation of leaders by creating programs to serve those in need and educate for justice in the Catholic tradition. Named for the biblical passage that inspired them, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26), our "WorX" programs impact participants through age-appropriate retreat-style service-immersion experiences. We have more than 5,000 alumni of our programs, many of whom have gone on to impressive careers in servant leadership.





What distinguishes the Center's WorX programs?

ALL-INCLUSIVE. Service immersion can be costly and time-consuming, particularly for parishes that lack the infrastructure needed for success and sustainability. We handle it all for you! Chaperones, meals, accommodations, facilitators, insured transportation to and from service sites, service site setup, information nights, and program materials are all included in our participant fees.

CATHOLIC. Many organizations offer youth service immersion opportunities, but our programs are specifically designed to connect the Gospel call to service with hands-on experiences of working with the poor. Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, our comprehensive curriculum unites service with prayer, music, discussion, Mass and intensive reflection activities.

EXPERIENCED. After more than a decade of programs, hundreds of community partners, thousands of participants, and more than 150,000 hours of direct service to those in need, we pride ourselves in running smooth, safe, and effective programs. All of our staff receive professional development, background checks, and VIRTUS certifications.

We know how hard you work to bring quality formation experiences to your students and participants and we are here as a partner in this ministry. You are encouraged to **visit us online** at www.faithjustice.org or **contact Mare Ernesto**, **Vice President of Programs and Outreach**, mernesto@faithjustice.org; 609-498-6216 ext. 2 for immediate additional information.



SERVICEWORX (<u>www.serviceworx.org</u>) is a week-long summer day program for **middle school** students that explores Catholic faith through service to those in need. Taking place at local parishes and schools, this experience is facilitated by passionate ministry staff who help participants live their faith through engaging prayer services, lively discussions and dynamic community service to local social service agencies and nonprofit organizations. We are one of the only Catholic organizations in the country to offer this type of program specific to this age group! It can also be specially-tailored for Confirmation preparation. Take advantage of this unique opportunity right here in New Jersey!

JUSTICEWORX (<u>www.justiceworx.org</u>) is an overnight week-long summer service immersion retreat experience, designed to help **high school age students** explore the connections between faith, the call of the Gospel to service and justice, and everyday life. Dynamic prayer services, a trained and passionate staff, thought-invoking presentations, activities and discussions combine to form young people in a faith that will last a lifetime. We offer all-inclusive experiences in Trenton, Philadelphia, and Appalachia.

LEADERWORX (<u>www.leaderworx.org</u>) is a program for **young adults** seeking to discern how they can work for justice, peace and human dignity, begin careers as youth ministers or catechetical leaders or serve the wider Church are particularly good candidates for this program. LeaderworX is also a great opportunity for those considering a long-term service program, discerning how to make the world a better place, or just trying to figure out what's next in life.





FAITHJUSTICE XPERIENCES are overnight retreats offered throughout the academic year, typically held on weekends and school holidays. Students participate in community service, prayer, and retreat activities. We are able to customize these programs to best fit the needs of your group.

CFJ RETREAT CENTERS - We offer two retreat spaces for day and overnight retreats, facilitated and/or self-directed programs! While CFJ is best known for our quality programs, many people don't realize that we also operate and maintain two retreat spaces for use by your youth or parish group. The first, the CASA, is located in Lawrenceville and the second is our summertime home to JusticeworX and is located in Trenton with direct access to a host of service sites. Both offer comfortable overnight accommodations along with fully-equipped kitchen and dining facilities and large and small group meeting spaces. Competitive rate packages are custom built for your group.