

Key Offerings

- Parables that speak
- Faith that gives hope
- Powerful prayer services
- Life-changing service opportunities
- Friendships rooted in faith and service
- Thought provoking activities and discussions



"JusticeworX is truly the seed of my vocation."
- Alumnus

"WorX participants truly come home ignited – they are absolutely on fire to change the world." - Parish Partner

“Participating in JusticeworX was a crucial point in my vocational formation to live out a faith that does justice. JusticeworX was where I learned to question my privilege, practice a lobby visit for the first time, learn the true meaning of solidarity, and understand the difference between charity and justice. Now in my professional life, I treasure the connections that I made many years ago and know that when I encounter another WorX alum (which is often!), we share a common understanding that ‘faith without works is dead;’ it is because of this program that I see faith and justice as inextricably linked.” - Alumnus

What is the history of JusticeworX?

JusticeworX was created in 1999 by the mother and son team of Helen and Sean Sanford. Combining the best methodology of youth ministry, service trips and Catholic Social Teaching, JusticeworX instills in young people an awareness of social justice through experiences of faith in action.

Inspired by the Gospel, JusticeworX helps youth understand how and why the Church teaches that issues of peace, justice and service are central to our identity as Christians. By empowering young people to help build the Kingdom of God, we are offering them a precious resource – a faith that speaks to their lives and helps them navigate the complexities of the world.

What is the Center for FaithJustice?

The Center for FaithJustice is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity, and JusticeworX’s parent organization. We join the words “Faith” and “Justice” into a single term to reflect our conviction that faith and justice are intimately bound together. In addition to JusticeworX, we offer the ServiceworX program for middle school students.

Center for FaithJustice

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A week-long service-immersion retreat offered by the Center for FaithJustice, designed to help high school students explore the connections between their faith, the Gospel call to service and justice, and their everyday lives.



Named for the biblical passage that inspired them, “Faith without works is dead” (James 2:26), our signature WorX programs unfold through week-long mission retreats incorporating equal parts direct service to those in need and intensive reflection on Catholic Social Teaching.

Who can attend JusticeworX?

Participation is open to any student who has completed a year of high school in the past academic year. All levels of experience are welcome, whether the participant has a long history of service or has never done service of any kind before! Note: Appalachia is limited to upperclassmen only (students who have completed sophomore, junior, or senior year in the past academic year).

Do I have to be Catholic? Christian?

No. JusticeworX is a program formed in the Catholic Christian tradition. The Catholic faith guides our understanding of social justice and informs our worship experience. JusticeworX is also designed to be an open and welcoming experience for anyone wishing to live a life rooted in the Gospel call to serve. We happily welcome those from various Christian backgrounds and those outside the Christian tradition interested in learning more.



What is included in the fee?

JusticeworX is an all-inclusive program; staffing, transportation to/from service sites, meals, lodging, service site setups, and educational programming.

Does our group need to send a chaperone?

No. We recognize how hard it is for many adults – youth ministers, parents, volunteers – to take time off to accompany a group of students, which is why we provide a well-trained staff. While we certainly encourage adult participants to accompany students, it is not required. If your group requires a chaperone to attend programs sponsored by the parish/school, we are able to accommodate that request with advance notice. JusticeworX is led by enthusiastic adults/young adults committed to faith in action. All WorX staff members have VIRTUS certification, background checks, and driving history screenings. A ratio of 6 participants to 1 staff member is maintained during programs.



Where will the participants be serving?

Service sites are generally located within 20 minutes of the host site. Agencies have included day care centers, soup kitchens, community centers, food pantries, urban gardening programs, senior care centers, etc. While many sites focus on those who are economically poor, we also work with sites with a focus on serving those poor in spirit, company, etc. and fulfill our call to serve through the Corporal Works of Mercy.

JusticeworX Schedule

7:30 am Rise and Shine!
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Morning Prayer
9:00 am Depart for Service Sites
12:00 pm Lunch
3:00 pm Return to host site
3:30 pm Community Building
5:30 pm Dinner
6:15 pm Evening Activities tying faith to action/service to social justice
9:45 pm Free Time/Journal
10:30 pm Evening Prayer
11:00 pm Bed Time



What are the departure and arrival times?

What does transportation involve?

JusticeworX begins on Sunday at times that vary from 6:30am (Appalachia trips) to 6:30pm (Philly and NJ trips). The program ends on Saturday at 12:00pm (Philly and NJ trips) and at varied dinner time hours (Appalachia trips) at which time participants can be picked up from the host site/CASA. We arrange transportation to work sites and any off-site activities during the week.