



Approximate cost:
\$2,400

Length: of stay:
8 days



Justice Immersion Trip

Campus Ministry: Programs in Spirituality, Service and Justice



Matagalpa, Nicaragua

June, 2017 (possible—not yet confirmed)



Open to:

Juniors

Maximum Capacity:
15 students

Trip Description:

With an emphasis on entering a culture gently, in humility and with solidarity, this trip will provide an opportunity to work with people in a small community outside of Matagalpa. Students will work side by side with local villagers to expand or improve schoolrooms. Guided by our host agency, [Seeds of Learning](#), students will engage in conversations to receive a view of the history, economic, and political issues of peace and justice affecting the people of Nicaragua. We will discuss similarities and differences between Nicaragua and El Salvador, and look at similar patterns of development that emerge around the world.

Students will visit historical sites, meet with local artisans and business people (chocolate or coffee), and visit NDdN Sister Rebecca Trujillo at her school for developmentally delayed students, "[Familias Especiales](#)." We will learn more about issues facing Nicaraguans today, including climate change, fair trade, the construction of a trans-country canal, and community building. Daily reflections and discussions will enrich our understanding of the complicated history and daily reality of the people we meet and work with.

Trip Distinctions:

- Visit Managua, Matagalpa, and Granada (or León)
- Experience solidarity with a rural, low income community
- Work side by side with adults and children on a community project
- Live simply, and in Spanish!
- Learn about the civil war
- Spiritual reflection
- Visit cultural sites
- Authentic Nicaraguense food—lots of vegetarian options!
- Hike in beautiful natural surroundings