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DISCOVERING EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND GLOBAL SOLIDARITY: MISSION IMMERSION EXPERIENCE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATORS

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About the Mission Immersion Experience

Catholic educators in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are invited to travel to Nicaragua with World Mission Ministries, in partnership with the Center for Global Education, to experience the reality of life in another country and a culture different from our own. With the program rooted in our call to global solidarity, participants will gain a sense of what mission means today and leave with a greater understanding of our role as members of a universal Church.

As educators, you strive to make our faith come alive in your classrooms each day. Upon returning from this experience, you will be able to inspire your students to truly live a life filled with compassion and love for our sisters and brothers in other parts of the world. You will help to change how they view global interconnectedness through sharing stories of those you meet along with their struggles for justice and dignity. As disciples of Christ, we seek to be witnesses of the Gospel message each day by building a world without borders where all are welcome at the table.

This mission immersion experience is specifically designed for educators teaching in a Catholic School or Parish Religious Education Program within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This immersion experience will provide an opportunity for educators all across the

archdiocese to travel, learn and reflect together as well as share ideas to bring back to the classroom that engage your students in this journey.

Itinerary and Program Overview

The style of this mission immersion experience is intensive and includes encounters with people and organizations representing many sectors of Nicaraguan society, as well as opportunities for group reflections, critical analysis, and collective learning.

Possible program content:

- Overview of country's history, relations with the U.S., role of the Catholic Church
- Importance of education including meeting teachers and visiting local schools
- Experiencing the urban reality of life in Managua as well as the rural countryside
- Learning about sustainable development by meeting with environmental organizations and visiting a farming cooperative
- Gain a better understanding of health care by visiting a women's clinic and hearing from NGO's
- Sharing faith with Nicaraguans by attending Mass and visiting Christian Base Communities
- Daily group reflections
- Excursions to local areas of interest

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Interested parties must contact Elizabeth Howayeck at 414-758-2283

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or at howayecke@archmil.org A \$250 deposit will be due with the application made out to Office for World Mission. Application and deposit due February 1st. Upon acceptance, participants will also be required to register with the Center for Global Education.

Cost

Cost is estimated at \$2300 including airfare. An early discount of \$50 is available for those who sign up by December 1st. An educator incentive of \$200 off your program fee is available to all participants. Certain criteria apply to receive this incentive, please contact World Mission Ministries for details.

Accommodations

Modest guesthouses are used for lodging. Participants can expect to be housed two to a room with shared bathrooms.

Mission: World Mission Ministries

The Mission Office promotes global solidarity by supporting overseas missionaries and providing programs that link us to people around the world, enrich our faith, and challenge us to work together for greater peace and justice.

Mission: Center for Global Education

The Center for Global Education at Augsburg College provides cross-cultural educational opportunities in order to foster critical analysis of local and global conditions so that personal and systemic change takes place leading to a more just and sustainable world.

Background: Center for Global Education

Founded in 1982, CGE is nationally recognized for its work in experiential, intercultural, and educational travel opportunities. More than 10,000 people have participated in our seminars, which are well-known and respected for exposing travelers to a variety of points of view, especially the perspectives of those working for justice and human dignity. CGE also has served over 2,000 students from more than 300 colleges and universities through our undergraduate summer, semester, and internship programs in Mexico, Central America, Cuba, the Netherlands and Southern Africa.

CGE was the 2003 recipient of the National Society for Experiential Education Program of the Year Award. In 2011, CGE was a finalist in Diversity Abroad's Innovation Awards. In 2012, CGE won GoAbroad's Innovation in Access and Equity Award.

The Center for Global Education is part of Augsburg College.

Additional Information from World Mission Ministries

World Mission Ministries will provide an orientation session along with various preparation meetings prior to departure at which all participants will be asked to attend. A date for the first orientation meeting will be determined once applications have been received. A group leader will accompany participants during the entire process from orientation to re-entry. The Center for Global Education will also provide an in-country leader who will help facilitate the group while in Nicaragua.

For more information, please visit our website at www.archmil.org/offices/world-mission.htm



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