Peru /Cultural Immersion/Solidarity Experience

The Peru experience is a cross cultural immersion experience for students interested in giving 7 or 8 days of service while learning more about the culture and economy of Peru. Students will get to interact with the Peruvian people while working side by side with the Sisters of Mercy in their many outreach ministries with the marginalized people of Chimbote.

The weeklong trip would include arriving in Lima, spending a few days in Lima visiting the Sisters ministries sites and interacting with the people and experiencing the capitol city, reflection time on the Peruvian reality and an Orientation given by local people and the Sisters of Mercy.

It is highly recommended that a student speak Spanish.

As part of the trip we would travel to Chimbote (6 hours outside of Lima) and visit different ministry sites there: Secondary School, Woman's Center, Parish Ministry and the barrio area of Chimbote and site see around the town.

Each day participants would take part in a reflection/process experience reflecting on their day, or sharing prayer with the Sisters of Mercy.

The group will be staying in retreat center in Lima or hostel in Chimbote, walking distance to the convent. Most of the meals would be provided at the retreat center or dinner with the sisters and transportation is provided, as part of the cost.

Students going on the trip need a valid passport

The cost of the trip is approx. $1,600 per person; if students wanted to fundraise the money they would do that autonomously.

The money for the trip would be due as we need payments for airfare, (800 dollars approximately at reservation time) the rest of the money would be due by the end of April.

There will be 4 or 5 Orientation meetings before the trip that are mandatory.

Student would be responsible to get themselves back and forth to the airport.

If you have any questions please call Christine Somers at 6314 or csomers@misericordia.edu

Dates of the trip are pending (May 19th to May 25th)

Students need to apply by filing out the International Service trip application that is on our website and gaining 3 recommendations forms that are also posted on the web page. Students will be interviewed in mid September.
Space is limited.