

Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University
Our Mother of Sorrows

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| Placement Availability | 4 students per school |
| Clearances Required | FBI Fingerprints, Criminal Records, Child Abuse, Minors on Campus |

Description of Agency/Activities:

OMS is a Catholic, urban, elementary school in West Philadelphia. Their student body is primarily African American. OMS strives to combat the effects of the deteriorating neighborhood surrounding them by providing their students with the tools to succeed in high school and beyond. OMS seeks motivated, energetic students comfortable in an inner-city school and interested in working with and imparting their knowledge to elementary age kids.

Student Role in Agency:

SJU students will be assisting teachers and staff at OMS tutor students in reading and writing skills. They will work one-on-one and in groups with students to develop personal narratives and other forms of composition as assigned to the class. Volunteers will build relationships with OMS students to best assist them in developing their writing skills and hear their stories. Teachers will look to volunteers for support during class exercises, instruction, and individual work time.

***OMS/SI asks that volunteers not wear jeans or sweatshirts, but dress in business casual attire as they may be assisting in instruction in front of a class.**

Unique Features of agency:

OMS is a well-organized, safe and caring school with spirited faculty and students. SJU students will have the opportunity to work in groups and individually with children and must be willing to act as role models for the children.

Orientation & Requirements:

An orientation will be provided the first week of service. SJU and Our Mother of Sorrows School policies require 4 clearances to volunteer at this placement: Criminal Background, Child Abuse History, FBI Fingerprinting and Minors on Campus Training Video. More information on how to complete these clearances is available at www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents and at Placement Awareness Training.