



CSI: Chicago 2022
Brother David Darst Center for Justice and Peace,
Spirituality, and Education
June 26-July 1

What is a Christian Service Immersion (CSI) at Bishop Chatard High School?

The CSI program is designed to give Bishop Chatard students the opportunity to engage their faith and values in Christian service, learn about social justice issues and Catholic Social Teaching, practice simple community living, and process their experiences through daily prayer and guided reflection. Christian Service Immersions challenge students to integrate faith, work, prayer, and community in a weeklong experience.

What is the Brother David Darst Center? What will we be doing there?

The Brother David Darst Center located in Chicago, IL “provides transformative social justice retreats and immersion experiences grounded in the Lasallian tradition and Catholic Social Teaching. Through our programs and partnerships with local community organizations, participants gain a deeper understanding of the complex realities of injustice and obtain tools to take action. We seek to inspire an active and engaged faith, a commitment to serve, and a passion for social change.”

Bishop Chatard students will engage with local agencies who serve the homeless, hungry, incarcerated, and immigrant communities. They will also learn about Catholic Social Teaching and be challenged to think critically about justice issues and social change. In practicing simple community living, students will cook meals together (with adult supervision), pray together, and build meaningful relationships without the distractions of social media and their cell phones. Students will be challenged to get outside of their comfort zone, enter fully into the realities of justice issues, and put their faith into action. Flexibility, maturity, and openness will be key.

What are the details?

We will leave from BCHS on Sunday, June 26 in the afternoon and arrive back at BCHS on Friday, July 1 in the afternoon. We will have 20 spots available, with rising juniors and seniors getting priority. This trip will count for Christian service hours for rising juniors and seniors. Freshmen and sophomores are welcome to apply, but will not receive priority consideration and that the trip will not count for their Christian Service required hours.

At least four adult chaperones, all Bishop Chatard teachers or staff, will drive students to Chicago, supervise all activities, and lead reflection/prayer.



Stepping away from technology is a vital piece of any immersive experience. When we take time to “unplug” from our devices, we allow ourselves to be more intentional in building relationships, noticing our emotions, and focussing on our experiences. As such, students will turn in their cell phones upon arrival to BCHS on Sunday and will receive their cell phones upon return to the school. Cell phones will be kept safe with adult chaperones for the duration of the week. Parents will be able to contact adult trip leaders via cell phone at any time throughout the week.

The cost of this trip will be **\$450 per student**. This covers all transportation, food, and facilitation and coordination of the week. If your family has great financial need, we may be able to accommodate your situation. Parents should contact Ms. Steiner at lsteiner@bishopchatard.org.

Interested students should submit an application no later than March 4, 2022 for consideration. See Ms. Steiner in the Campus Ministry Office or email at lsteiner@bishopchatard.org with any questions.

How do I apply?

Students can apply via [this link](#) before March 25, 2022. Submitting an application does NOT guarantee a reserved spot; if we have more than 20 students apply, we will place students on a waitlist. Acceptance to attend is contingent upon approval from the Dean of Students (Mr. Vince Lorenzano), Vice Principal for Student Life (Mr. Ben Reilly), and Principal (Mr. Joe Hansen). Please see Ms. Steiner with any questions.

Timeline:

Jan 5: application opens; time to ask Ms. Steiner any questions

March 25: application due

April 8: accepted students are notified and forms sent to parents

April 15: permission/acknowledgment forms and funds due to reserve spot

May: student formation/parent meetings

June 26-July 1: CSI: Chicago trip