

May 10, 2017

Dear Parents:

Your son is registered to attend the Class of 2021 Pilgrimage to San Antonio, Texas, from Friday, May 26, to Monday, May 29. He is among 95 members of his class making the seventy-two hour journey. The banner event of the trip is our visit to the Catholic Spanish Missions of South Texas (www.nps.gov/saan) on Sunday. This trip is considered a pilgrimage; that is, we will be travelling over some distance together for an important purpose. In this case, we have a religious as well as a secular purpose. We hope that your son will form closer bonds with his classmates and to deepen the spirit of openness to the mission that God has called him to at Jesuit.

He will be accompanied by 8 faculty chaperones, including trip leaders Mr. Matt Orillion '98, Mr. Michael Prados '83, and Mr. Peter Flores '09. Fr. Kevin Dyer, SJ, will serve as pilgrimage chaplain. Also accompanying the tour are some young alumni as well as several junior counselors who have attended the trip themselves as pre-freshmen.

Your son will travel aboard buses chartered locally through New Orleans Tours. We have arranged lodging on the gymnasium floor of Antonian College Prep Catholic High School in San Antonio.

Other trip activities include the San Antonio *Riverwalk*, *Schlitterbahn* Water Park, *Six Flags* theme park, San Fernando Cathedral, pre-arranged recreation at *Dave & Buster's* family arcade, and a tour of *St. Charles College* and the Jesuit cemetery in Grand Coteau, Louisiana. Spending money should be allotted for snacks and souvenirs (suggestion: \$40). All other meals will be provided.

You do not have to pack any snacks or drinks for your son to bring on the bus. These will be provided for each bus. On the other hand, he should pack toiletries (*including sunscreen*), a towel, a sleeping bag, a pillow, and changes of clothes (including a swimsuit for the water park). Please consider the limited space on the bus when packing. Your sons should bring their cell phones if they have them, but they are responsible for these and any other such items (devices, headphones, etc.) they bring. More details can be found on the reverse of this letter.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at orillion@jesuitnola.org, or call my office at 504-486-3946.

Yours in Christ,



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