

The Office of Campus Ministry/ Social Action

Rooted in the Lasallian Catholic tradition, the mission of Campus Ministry & Social Action is to promote faith, service, social justice and community throughout Manhattan College.

Inspired by faith and zeal, we accompany students, faculty and staff to encounter, engage, reflect, and act in the world and to find meaning and purpose on their life and faith journeys.

There are opportunities for spiritual development, community service, and reflection on social justice as well as putting faith into action. CMSA offers a variety of programs, including prayer, liturgies, meditations, discussions, retreats, lectures, service/immersion trips, local community service projects, and social events.

CMSA seeks to serve students of all religious traditions. Through LIFT, Lasallians in Faith Together, there are several retreat experiences available each semester. Catholic Mass is available on weekdays and on Sunday evenings. CMSA assists members of the campus community interested in becoming Catholic or receiving the sacraments. For JummaH prayer, space is available on Fridays for Muslim students.

Many students participate in local community service projects. These include God's Love We Deliver, blood drives, working with the elderly, serving at a soup kitchen, tutoring children and teens, helping Bronx residents file their income taxes and more. Students are always encouraged to develop new projects especially through LOCo, the Lasallian Outreach Collaborative.

CMSA sponsors L.O.V.E., the Lasallian Outreach Volunteer Experience. Through LOVE, students can participate in domestic and international service and immersion trips during Intersession, Spring Break and the early summer. Recent LOVE destinations have included New Orleans, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, the Arizona / Mexico border, Jamaica, Florida, Palestine, Haiti, and the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana.

Through CMSA, Manhattan has been designated a Catholic Relief Services "Global Campus" in recognition of the College's commitment to CRS' international relief and development work. Manhattan also has the distinction of being the first Fair Trade College in New York City and the fifth in the country.

CMSA partners with Academic Affairs to support faculty offering Community Engaged Learning (CEL) courses at Manhattan College. CEL courses involve faculty developing reciprocal, mutually-beneficial community partnerships with the goal of engaging their students in relevant and meaningful service or research connected to course content, organized around clear learning goals and addressing real community needs as defined by the community.

Campus Ministry and Social Action has two convenient locations: Cornerstone, located in Miguel Hall, room 209, and the Social Action Suite, 2.03, in Kelly Commons. Students are always welcome to drop in and enjoy the comfortable lounges, get the latest information on programs and see the staff members who are available for conversation, consultation and pastoral counseling.

For more information: <https://inside.manhattan.edu/student-life/cmsa/index.php> (<https://inside.manhattan.edu/student-life/cmsa/>)