



About Us

Franciscan CORE is facilitated by faculty from the religious studies department, staff from campus ministry, and current students from a variety of disciplines at Viterbo University.

Institute Partnerships include:

- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse
- Diocese of La Crosse
- Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, La Crosse, Wis.

Apply

Registration is open. (Early bird registration closes Jan. 1st.) Apply online at:

<https://www4.viterbo.edu/franciscan-core>

For information, contact Emily Dykman, Institute Director, at eadykman@viterbo.edu or 608-796-3703.

- Franciscan CORE** is funded by a Lilly Endowment grant supporting theology institutes for high school youth focusing primarily on opportunities to:
- explore in-depth sacred scriptures and theological traditions and examine the moral and ethical dimensions of contemporary challenges.
 - draw on the wisdom of their religious tradition as they make decisions about their futures.
 - consider vocations in full-time ministry and religious leadership.

Our unique program is supported by partnerships with the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA), Catholic Charities of La Crosse, and the Office of Youth and Youth Adult Ministry of the Diocese of La Crosse. The program administration is a partnership between Viterbo University's department of religious studies and campus ministry.



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"start by doing what's necessary;
then do what's possible;
and suddenly you are doing the impossible."
-St. Francis



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What is Franciscan CORE?

Franciscan CORE is a five-day summer service camp offering education, experience, and reflection on Catholic Social Teaching themes and principles using a Franciscan lens.

Each day will include prayer, intentional learning, interaction with leaders in the field, direct service, and time to process experiences.

Mission

By walking in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare, Franciscan CORE seeks to create a vibrant Christian community that empowers young people to recognize and respond to social justice issues through action and contemplation.

Franciscan CORE stands for:

- **compassion** for those on the margins,
- **outreach** to those in need,
- **reflection** on God's call, and
- **experience** of community and service.



Cost and Housing

Cost for the institute is \$375, which covers room and board for the week in our air-conditioned residence halls.

“I understand that St. Francis should be a model for everyone. Demonstrating kindness and equality, he should be someone that everyone knows because of what he did and what he compels others to do.”



Schedule

A typical day of CORE

- 7:30–8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30–9 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 9–11 a.m. Workshops
- 11 a.m.–noon Catholic Mass (as available)
- noon–1 p.m. Lunch (on-campus or on-site)
- 1–3:30 p.m. On-site experience
- 3:30–4:30 p.m. Free Time
- 4:30–5:30 p.m. Dinner (on-campus or on-site)
- 6–8 p.m. Evening Activities
- 8–8:30 p.m. Evening Prayer



“I am becoming an advocate for change, the plan God wants for everyone.”

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can participate?

Any rising 10th, 11th, or 12th grader who is interested in learning more about Catholic Social Teaching, St. Francis of Assisi, and actively serving their community. Our program has opportunities to learn, to meet people served by Catholic Charities, to talk to those who have devoted their lives to service, and to reflect on how service can be integrated into your life as a person of faith.

Do I have to be Catholic?

No; while we will use Catholic Social Teaching as a grounding for service and action on behalf of others, there is no requirement to be Catholic in order to attend.

Are there scholarship funds available to assist with the cost?

We have some donors who have agreed to assist with those who show financial need. Contact us for more information.