SISTERS OF MERCY NORTH SYDNEY
OUR STORY

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERS VISIT THE MERCY MISSION AND HERITAGE CENTRE

MONTE MATTERS

23 August 2019 / TERM 3 WEEK 5
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WHEN WE EMPOWER WOMEN, WE EMPOWER HUMANITY

Dear Parents and Friends of Monte,

It is our continued mission to enable and support our young women to be ethical captains of any industry or institution of their choosing. We know the significant influence of aspirational gender modelling, particularly within professional sectors, and it is our belief that girls have statistically higher rates of assuredness to achieve when they are exposed to, and sponsored by, instrumental women in fields of employment that they seek to pursue.

This week, the launch of Episode 8 in our *Monte Women Leading the Future* video series, affords us the unique opportunity to hear from four inspiring Alumna who are leading the way in their individual careers of Science, Neurology, Human Rights and Environmental Activism. This video celebrates the diverse careers of four extraordinary Alumni who continue to embody our core values of Mercy, justice, human dignity and compassion in both their personal and professional lives. I invite you to hear from Tracey-Ann Palmer (Class of 1981), Jane Prosser (Class of 1987) Alex Hearne (Class of 2007) and Anisha Humphreys (Class of 2010) as they share their inspiring stories of friendship, compassion and achievement.

It is with much joy that I reflect on the comprehensive aspirational pursuits and achievements of our students, with many girls rigorously preparing for personal and team showcases within our Sport, Music and Design and Technology faculties over the coming weeks. Supporting our girls with the freedom and framework to confidently achieve in both independent and collaborative conditions, is what we seek for all our young women. Ours is a safe environment of equity and excellence, one where the restricted and skewed societal views of girls’ and boys’ capacity, and projected contributions and achievements, are intentionally counterbalanced.

Conclusive research in the United States shows that when it comes to girls achieving their full potential, an all-girls’ schools play a crucial role. One recent American study, *Risk Taking and Competition in All-Girls’ Schools*, found that girls educated in a single sex environment, one where they are supported and inspired to take positive risks and achieve to their optimum, are among the most confident and accomplished in their personal pursuits.

Our College is blessed to be the beneficiary of a formidable legacy of excellence and equity in an all-girls’ education, countered by an explicit ethical and moral code inspired by Catherine McAuley and Elizabeth McQuoin. May our blessings be with all of our Sisters of Mercy as they continue to enable us to be leaders in a dynamic instruction that ultimately inspires our young women to realise their ultimate strengths as they find their place to stand in society.

It is with much gratitude to the Sisters of Mercy and the College Board that I advise you of my four-week sabbatical, effective yesterday. This professional leave supports the purposes of academic research, as well as vocational and personal development. It is an opportunity, following the first term of Principalship, for continuing my formation, research into Mercy Leadership and pedagogic reflection.

“Ours is a safe environment of equity and excellence, one where the restricted and skewed societal views of girls’ and boys’ capacity, and projected contributions and achievements, are intentionally counterbalanced.”
This occasion will lead me to Cambodia where I have been invited to facilitate at the inaugural Mercy Global Fellowship Program, running the leadership development component, working with ten women from around the world to further develop their leadership potential in both the global and local arena. Strategic work on this program will further advance our progressive Community and Service Program at Monte, essential criteria for university entry and job opportunities within the changing and competitive nature of the workforce. It will also directly inform our global presence and advocacy models at the College, with strategic embedment into our College Pastoral Program taking place from 2020.

The Sisters of Mercy’s consultative status at the United Nations has enabled me to facilitate prominent scholarship and internship opportunities for Monte graduates to date. We seek to continue to competitively prepare our girls to apply and secure post graduate fellowship and internship programs, locally and globally, providing them with effective tools to be agents of change in their own communities and in the greater society.

I know you will join me in welcoming Deputy Principal Curriculum, Allyson Mascarenhas who will be Acting Principal in my absence until 20 September, Mercy Day.

I look forward to sharing my experiences with our community on my return.

God Bless,
Mrs Nicole Christensen
Principal

Anisha Humphreys
Environmental Activist
Class of 2010

EPISODE 8
MONTE WOMEN LEADING THE FUTURE
We pay tribute to the Sisters of Mercy who, through their inspiring leadership and transformative work in education and health around the world, continue the legacy of Catherine McAuley.

Today we honour the life and work of Sister Joanne Kirk RSM who sadly passed away on 16 August 2019.

Entering the Sisters of Mercy in 1963 as a qualified teacher, and Professed in 1966, Sr Joanne held numerous significant leadership positions in both education and healthcare during her 53 years as a Sister of Mercy North Sydney. These include, but are not restricted to, the position of Principal at Mercy primary schools, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Mercy North Sydney for two terms in 1987-1992 and 1998-2003.

Sr Joanne also held a number of Board appointments, including a Directorship with the Friends of the Mater, St Vincent’s and Mater Hospitals and Mercy Health & Aged Care.

Her substantial legacy continues with Monte’s Year 7 Homeroom Kirk named as a tribute to Sr Joanne’s considerable contribution to the College.
Mercy through Option for the Poor
Have the Courage to Care

To all Parents and Guardians,

I take this opportunity to write to you about the wonderful experiences afforded to our community this coming Mercy Day, Friday 20 September. For us at Monte, it is a day for celebration, recognition and gratitude both for those who have come before us, and for those amongst us who lead us further ahead, along the Path of Mercy. We celebrate Mercy women and men who have established not only Monte Sant’ Angelo Mercy College, but all Mercy communities and outreach around the world.

Mercy Day 2019 is a day of experiential learning; presenting a wonderful program for the students and staff to undertake throughout the day, and a high-point of our year-long engagement with the 2019 value focus, Mercy through Option for the Poor: Have the Courage to Care.

Mass will be celebrated in the morning, after which the Sisters of Mercy North Sydney, will be remembered and thanked for their patronage and rich legacy of Mercy. From mid-morning till afternoon students will attend their two interactive Mercy Day workshop selections, from more than 30 workshops on offer, generously facilitated by invited community leaders, advocates, inspiring individuals, staff and senior students. For Monte, with our focus this year on Option for the Poor, the workshops will highlight the many ways we can have the courage to care, and of how Mercy in action, big or small, can make such a difference in our community and world.

Mercy Day concludes with a whole of College assembly and farewell to our Year 12 students.

This day will be like no other. Many students and staff describe Mercy Day as ‘my favourite day of the Monte calendar’. It goes to the heart of who we are as a Mercy College Community.

In saying all of this, it is a normal compulsory day of school and as such, all students are expected to attend in full school uniform and participate. Consequences will be issued if students are found to be absent on this day, other than for illness, and as such, doctor’s certificates will be required.

Students and Parents/Guardians are further advised that the next School’s Strike for Climate is scheduled in Sydney on this our special Mercy Day, 20 September (12:00-2:00pm in the Domain).

Sr Elizabeth Young RSM, will be at Monte, leading a Workshop on Mercy Global Climate Action, before making her way (at 11:30am) to the Domain for the rally, representing the Sisters of Mercy. No members of staff will be in attendance. Sr Elizabeth will be returning to Monte by 2:30pm for the College assembly. Parents and guardians are urged to have a conversation with their daughter about the utmost importance of their support of, and participation in, Mercy Day. We respectfully ask that the college be given due consideration and notice in advance of those students with intention and parental/guardian permission to leave the College for any part of Mercy Day. We insist that school uniform not be worn by students attending the climate strike. We would invite any such student to first sign up to attend Sr Elizabeth’s Mercy Day workshop on Mercy Global Climate Action, and to ensure that they would be present at the Mercy Day College Assembly in the afternoon and the Farewell to Year 12 students.

We all look forward to a wonderful celebration of Mercy Day 2019.

Mrs Nicole Christensen
Principal
Mercy Day 2019
Friday 20th September

Mercy Day Workshops
30 options to choose from, including…

- Storytelling
- A Bright Light in the Darkness - The Catherine McAuley Story

- GARAGE
- voices of faith
- Freedc Hub
- Catholic Mission
- Cana Community
- North Sydney Council
- Mission: Journey To Water
- MercyWorks
- Sisters of Mercy in Australia & Papua New Guinea

Sr Elizabeth Young RSM
Middle School Leaders Retreat
THE CIRCLE OF MERCY

Friday 16 August 2019 was the first day of the inaugural Middle School Leader Retreat. The experience began at the Mercy Mission and Heritage Centre, where the students delved into the history of Mercy in Sydney, and the story of the Sisters of Mercy North Sydney.

Together with Mrs Egger, the group progressed to the Rahamim Ecology Centre, in Bathurst, which is an environmental education, spirituality and advocacy ministry of the Sisters of Mercy.

On Saturday, the girls attended a number of educational sessions on topics such as Mercy Heritage, and the lives of the significant Mercy women after whom the College Colour Houses are named, providing insight into the virtues that each Colour House upholds. The students also attended sessions covering subjects such as Eco Spirituality and Justice, Fair Trade and Slow Fashion.

The group were awake early on Sunday, brimming with ideas and discussion on ways to expand the Circle of Mercy. The final session of the Retreat provided everyone with an invaluable moment to reflect on an incredibly moving and humbling weekend.

The six Middle School Leaders embraced the retreat wholeheartedly and were wonderful advocates of the College.

Together, we look forward to continuing the expansion of the Circle of Mercy.

Annalisa Ramundi
Middle School Student Leadership Coordinator
Dear Readers,

Let me first revisit last week’s column. I would like to have explored with you these Readings following Jeremiah. The references are Hebrews 12:1-4 and Luke 12:49-53. In a nutshell, they present Jesus leading us to the perfection of faith, for the sake of the joy still in the future. Jesus Himself accepted the shamefulness of the Cross to gain our eternal life, encouraging us to bear our crosses courageously. Ever compassionate and gentle of heart, Jesus is nevertheless on fire with His demand for total allegiance, even though this would cause division among His followers - as persecuted Christians today could testify. Yes, the cost of discipleship is great.

NOW, TO THIS 21ST SUNDAY

Isaiah 66:18-22 tells us that God wants to gather not only His Chosen People, but the peoples of all nations to witness His glory, as does Psalm 116 with its Response from Mark 16:15.

“R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. V1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim Him all you peoples. R. V2. Strong is His love for us, He is faithful forever. R.”

In Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13, Paul reminds us that we are addressed as “Sons of God”. When the Lord corrects us, we must not lose heart. He is training us, as any father trains a son. At the time, the punishment is painfully unpleasant, but later it bears fruit in peace and goodness. Paul urges us to hold up our limp arms, and steady our trembling knees to smooth our pathway, because we will grow strong again. This promise will surely sustain us in every trial.

The Acclamation of John 14:6 points to the Gospel: “Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father, except through Me. Alleluia.”

The Gospel Luke 13:22-30 reveals Jesus on His last fateful journey to Jerusalem, teaching in towns and villages on his way. Someone is led to ask if only a few will be saved, to which Jesus answers astutely: “Try your best to enter through the narrow door.” He explains in parable: Once the master of a house gets up and locks the door, no-one will be admitted, unless the master knows where he comes from. The caller might say he once ate and drank in his company! Still not knowing him, the master dismisses him as a wicked man... He will weep and grind his teeth at being turned outside. Others will take his place at the feast in the Kingdom of God! Jesus says, “Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.”

Let us thank Jesus for the freedom of His New Covenant, making our salvation dependent on our faithful relationship with Him. If we make His Word our home, He will know us, when we knock on Heaven’s door.
Schools Debating Network (SDN)

Our Friday night competition was another successful event, with six Monte teams winning against Stella Maris College. Each team debated on topics of the environment. We look forward to seeing the girls continue to grow in their debating ventures with the next debates against St Pius X College.

Archdale

We would like to congratulate the teams on a highly successful Archdale season for 2019. The girls have worked incredibly hard and we are pleased to see four teams advance into the quarter finals of the competition, which will take place on 27 August. We wish the Senior, Year 9, Year 8B and Year 7B teams all the best of luck in the next debate.

Ella Gruber
Debating Captain

Public Speaking

Last week two talented public speakers, Eden Russell (Year 7) and Zoe Gleeson (Year 7), represented the College in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition. Both girls were highly commended on their speeches, which is particularly significant as this was their first occasion in competitive public speaking.

For the first time in a long while, the College will be running a 5-week Public Speaking training program, which is designed to help our girls prepare for oral assessments, better articulate arguments and generally enhance their confidence when speaking. The program commences on Monday 26 August.

For more information, please email Ms Tash Sanjay.

To register, please click here.

Ms Natassja Sanjay
Debating Coordinator
FROM THE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS
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SPORTS REPORT

Mr Michael Vandervelde
Sport Program Manager

Congratulations

• To the Monte 1 Netball team who put in a mammoth effort against Loreto Kirribilli in the McAuley Ward match. The team went down eventually after a great fight back.

• To the Monte Athletics team who competed at the CGSSSA Athletics Championships at Homebush on Friday 16 August. The team won the Junior and Intermediate Championship and came second in the Senior Championship by 3 points. Monte were overall Championship winners for the 6th straight year. Both the Senior and Junior Relay teams achieved outstanding results – breaking records!

• To the Monte Netball Teams who played their final round games. Well done to all the teams on an outstanding season. We have 44 teams progressing to the semi-finals.

• To the Monte Representative Netball teams who competed at the CCC Netball Championships. The Open team unfortunately lost after a tough semi-final to ‘nemesis’ Loreto Kirribilli, who eventually won the Championships. Both the Junior and Intermediate teams worked hard but failed to make the semi-finals.

• To the Monte Representative Netball Umpires who did a great job at the CCC Netball Championships. They not only covered our teams’ duties, but also assisted other schools.

• To the Monte Representative Netball Umpires - Naomi Jacka (Year 9) and Olivia Renwick (Year 9).

Good Luck

• To the Monte 44 Netball team playing the semi-finals this Friday/Saturday.

• To the Monte Athletics team who are competing at the IGSSA Championships on 28 and 29 August.

• To Grace Henry (Year 8) who will be competing at the School Sport Australia Championships for Cross Country this weekend.

• To the Monte 5 Football team who are competing in their semi-final this Sunday.

• To the Monte Representative Hockey teams who are competing in Newcastle 21 and 22 August.

• To the Monte Representative Rugby 7s girls playing in the Regional Championships this week.

• To the three girls competing in the State Snow Sports competition.

• To the Monte Representative Dancers competing in CGSSSA on Tuesday 27 August.
**Term 3 Representative and College Events**

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**NSW All Schools Tae Kwon Do**

The NSW All Schools Tae Kwon Do Championships will be held on Saturday 31 August at St Aloysius’ College. The details are available on MonteConnect/Tae Kwon Do.

**Netball Umpiring**

Congratulations to the following student for gaining umpire qualifications:

**Round 14:**

- **National C Badge**
  - Naomi Jacka (Year 9) and Olivia Renwick (Year 9)

- **Junior Level 1**
  - Hannah Jom (Year 7), Elizabeth Mulcahy (Year 7) and Natalya Tyler (Year 8)

**Monte Active**

Monte Active classes have recommenced. Students can join at any time.

**FIRST SESSION IS FREE!**

All the details are on MonteConnect/Monte Active.

- **Yoga** Tuesday pm and Friday am (OR401)
- **Zumba** Wednesday pm (Mercy Hall)
- **Fitness** Every Morning and Thursday afternoon (Monte Gym)

**Swimming at Monte**

Monte offers swimming squads for fitness and/or for competition all year round. The Swim page on MonteConnect contains all the information.

Contact Mr Jon Bell jbell@monte.nsw.edu.au
**Sports Report**

**Winter Sports**

**Term 3**

The contacts for Term 3 sports are:

- IGSSA & Invitational Basketball Term 3 – Mr Matt Rowan
- Rugby 7s Term 3 - Mr Matt Rowan
- IGSSA Twilight Athletics – Mr Matt Rowan
- NSFA Football Term 3 – Mr Michael Vandervelde
- SEHA and IGSSA Hockey Term 3 - Mrs Liz Morgan
- Norths Netball Term 3 – Ms Katie Barton and Mrs Tania Dorahy
- Cross Country – Mrs Tania Dorahy
- Monte Active – Ms Katie Barton

**Summer Sports**

**Term 4, 2019 and Term 1, 2020**

Nominations are now closed for the Term 4 2019 and Term 1 2020 Summer Sports Program. Trials are already well underway. All the details are on MonteConnect/appropriate sport page.

Please ensure your daughter is well-aware of the commitment required to play, and the consequences of withdrawing once grading is completed.

The Sports on offer will be:

- Tennis (HKDTA and IGSSA)
- Touch (Easts)
- Softball (MWSA)
- Water Polo (IGSSA & ESSG)
- Volleyball (Santa) (Term 4 only)
- Basketball (Santa) (Term 4 only)
- AFL (Term 1 only)
- Sailing (Term 1 only) – to be confirmed

All the details have been posted to students on the Sports Forum. Please note that AFL and Sailing are not open on MonteConnect, but they WILL NOT clash with other Saturday morning competitions.

**Sporting Acknowledgements**

If your daughter is involved in any significant sporting events or achievements please let us know so she can be acknowledged.

**Sports Department Staff**

Please contact the Sports Department on 9409 6420 or email mvandervelde@monte.nsw.edu.au

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**Non-College Notice**

**AFL**

**2019 QBE Sydney Swans Academy**

**Open Athlete Assessment Trials**

Advanced Players

Registrations are Now Open for Girls Aged 11-13 Years

The assessment will involve a range of skill and motor competency tests, with each player receiving an individual feedback report following the assessment.

**Trial Dates**

- **U12s** (born in 2007)
  - Tuesday 10 September
- **U13s** (born in 2006)
  - Wednesday 11 September

**Venue**

Tramway Oval (Lakeside Oval)
Driver Avenue, Moore Park, NSW
(directly opposite the SCG)

**Time**

5:00pm–7:00pm

**Cost**

$50

#ITSO2PLAY

Play for the fun of participating - not the glory of winning.
Sydney Buses is considering removing the 7:55am Ridge Street connection between buses 774 Northwood to Milsons Pt and the 662 Riverview to North Sydney.

This change is due to take effect on Ridge St near Miller St at 7:55am (where the 774 service is to wait for the 662 service where Students can Transfer to continue to Milsons Point).

Previously bus 774 would wait for bus 662 to transport students to Milsons Point. However, after monitoring this transport site, our records indicate that there are no students utilising this connection service. This has been taken into consideration along with the recent road redevelopment, causing this waiting connection to cause excess traffic congestion in the peak morning period.

Please notify your daughter of this proposed change.

The proposed change is earmarked for 8 September 2019.

Should this proposed change raise any concerns/objections, or you are aware of this service still being required by students, please contact:

Tony Moujalli, tony_moujalli@sta.nsw.gov.au
Customer Operations Manager
Willoughby Depot | State Transit
02 9941 9200 | 0400 782 555

www.monte.nsw.edu.au | 02 9409 6200 | 128 Miller Street, North Sydney

EMPOWERED BY CHOICE
At Monte we believe that an innovative education, built on the foundation of choice, will equip young women for a life of significance, purpose and success.

2020 BURSARY APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
CLOSING FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
ENQUIRIES registrar@monte.nsw.edu.au
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PARENT AND CARER BOOK CLUB
NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

6:30pm - 8:00pm in the College Library
SUGGESTED READING
Normal People by Sally Rooney
The Place on Dalhousie by Melina Marchetta
NOTE: There is no pressure to read both books
Monte P&F presents

Trivia at the Movies

A Trivia Night at the Movies
Saturday September 21, 2019, McQuoin Centre
Doors Open 6.30pm. Quiz commences 7.30 sharp
$25 per head

Fancy Dress Theme: At the Movies
Come along as your favourite (or feared) star or character from the silver screen
— Prizes for the best (and most interesting) dressed group!

Tables of 10
Book a table with friends and allocate a table organiser or go in the mix to sit with other parents from your year and house.

BYO
Food, drinks and themed decorations for your table — Prizes for the best (and creative) table decorations!

RSVP
Tuesday September 17, 2019

TryBooking link: https://www.trybooking.com/BESCV
ATTENTION ALL DESIGNERS IN THE MONTE COMMUNITY

DESIGN WEEK • 26-30 AUGUST
COME AND SHARE YOUR DESIGN EXPERIENCES WITH OUR STUDENTS

Monte’s annual Design Week is fast approaching, and we would love to hear about your experiences in the field of Design. This year, Design Week is 26-30 August and our theme is Kaleidoscope. The students have the opportunity throughout the week’s events to make their own decision about their view and perspective on design and its future.

Each year during Design Week, we ask friends and family with links to the Design Industry to come in and share with the students their experiences within the design world.

Students gain so much from listening to people’s life experiences and contextualising what they learn at Monte.

If you are involved in a field of Design or know of anyone who might be willing to talk to students, please contact Mr Adrian Johnston ajohnston@monte.nsw.edu.au

To those wonderful people who have helped us out in the past please don’t be shy. You are always welcome back.
You are invited

Study Overseas Information Evening

Date: Wednesday 28 August 2019 at 5–7.30pm
Venue: Ascham School, 188 New South Head Road, Edgecliff
Information and essential registration: www.trybooking.com/531591
Enquiries: Gillian Sloan at gillian.sloan@ascham.nsw.edu.au
Please note: No onsite parking is available
#StageX

(express! excite! explore!)

A Holiday Program for Young Performers

**WHAT**

A 4 DAY- FULL TIME PROGRAM IN
- DANCING
- SINGING
- ACTING
- PHYSICAL THEATRE

**WHEN**

October School Holidays
8-11 October 2019

**WHERE**

Pioneer Theatre
Pennant Street, Castle Hill

**APPLY**

stagex.com.au
What is #StageX?

#StageX is a new and exciting holiday program in Sydney’s North West. From October 8 - 11, young performers, aged 10-18, will have the opportunity to work with and learn from some of the industry's leading professionals.

This four day, full-time program will allow the participants to explore workshops in ACTING & IMPROV, SINGING, MUSICAL THEATRE, JAZZ, HIP-HOP and PHYSICAL THEATRE.

At #StageX there will be a big focus on the mental wellbeing of young performers. Throughout the week, participants will have the opportunity to work on positive self, bouncing back, stress management and mindfulness and meditation.

The fun-filled week will culminate in the #StageX Showcase. In an entertaining, energy packed production, students of #StageX will perform what they've learnt throughout the week for their families and friends at The Pioneer Theatre in Castle Hill.

At #StageX participants will receive:

- **Full-time supervision** offered from 8:30am - 5:30pm with a fun and engaging team.
- **Four days of workshops** in Dance, Singing, Acting, Musical Theatre and Stage Craft, culminating in a showcase event at the end of the week.
- **Masterclasses** led by some of the Australian industry's finest.
- **Perform** in a professional environment in a new boutique theatre.
- **Meet new friends**, have a fun week and learn some fantastic skills.
- A focus on mental wellbeing, mindfulness, and positive self.
- A #StageX t-shirt.
- A professional video of the #StageX Showcase to keep.
- Professional photos from the week.
- 2 tickets to the #StageX Showcase for their parents and friends.

Who Can Apply?
Anyone aged 10 - 18

Dates
8 - 11 October 2019

Time
8:30am - 5:30pm, Tuesday - Friday
(additional supervision is available on request)

Cost
Full Package COST: $399*
(*Includes Creative Kids rebate of $100, available through Service NSW. Normal price without rebate is $499.)

Location
Pioneer Theatre
Pennant Street Castle Hill

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!
stagex.com.au
The Two Wolves Abroad

The Two Wolves Abroad serves communities overseas and recognises disadvantaged and excluded groups. Immersions offer an intellectually, spiritually and physically challenging opportunity for future leaders to make authentic connections that grow from service and respect. In doing so, we hope our volunteers have profound and transformative experiences.

Thailand/Vietnam 2 - 21 Dec 2019
Assist the first Two Wolves Abroad first partnership project, St Vincent Diem Orphanage for Children with Disabilities in Huong Phuong. Visit the water purification plant making the orphanage self-sustainable before travelling to Thailand to teach English to disadvantaged youth.
Cost $4,800 $3,800 (Hanoi ex Chang Rai)

Nepal 2 - 21 Dec 2019 & 6 - 26 Jan 2020
Serve with Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity in Kathmandu before trekking through the stunning Himalayas for four days to the remote village of Tipling. Spend a week teaching English and assist with construction work before a shorter trek back to Kathmandu.
Cost $5,600 $4,500 (Kathmandu)

Guatemala 6 - 26 Jan 2020
Begin in Guatemala City working with students from Boys Hope Girls Hope, an organisation educating and housing disadvantaged children. Travel to Mayan villages to work with the communities on service projects and visit Lake Atitlan and Antigua.
Cost $6,000 $4,200 (Guatemala City)

Mexico 6 - 26 Jan 2020
Volunteer with an NGO providing safe and affordable housing to those most destitute. Confront the struggle faced by those seeking immigration to the US and serve these people as they seek a better life. Finish your journey with a visit to Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles.
Cost $6,000 $4,500 (Los Angeles)

India 27 Jan - 16 Feb 2020
Experience what it means to serve those most on the fringes in India. Work with the missionaries and Jesuits in Darjeeling at Jesu Ashram Medical Centre. The experience concludes with a 4-day trek through Singalila National Park to Sandakphu.
Cost $5,400 $4,200 (Kolkata ex Bagdogra)

Belize 27 Jan - 16 Feb 2020
Develop an understanding of the Mayan culture by leading retreats for children in villages surrounding San Antonio. Visit a Cacao farm to gain an understanding of how a social enterprise works and visit the second largest barrier reef in the world. Teach English in Punta Gorda.
Cost $6,000 $4,200 (Belize City)

What’s included: Contribution to overseas projects, meals, transport/transfers, accommodation, heavily discounted insurance, t-shirt, experienced mentors, local guides, group reflections, pre–departure briefing, debrief, post–travel events, Two Wolves community.

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