

JCCHS SOCIAL JUSTICE ACADEMY



Based in our belief that our faith in God can bring about a more just world, the Social Justice Academy provides students with the opportunity to delve into the rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching through study, service, prayer, and action. Students will consider current and historical topics through the lens of the Catholic faith. To put faith into action, students will address unjust realities locally and globally through service projects.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to regular Theology courses, students will be enrolled in the Social Justice Academy course each year. In this course, students will:

- learn about Catholic Social Teaching through book-studies, films, and discussion of current events
- develop community outreach and service projects
- Create a community of Social Justice Academy students dedicated to service and the pursuit of justice

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

Students are required to participate in the following programs during their JC career:

- Annual membership in the CSMC (Carroll Students Modeling Christ) service club, and participation in at least one CSMC service project per year.
- Participation in at least one service trip (offered annually)
- Participation on the John Carroll March for Life at least once

SERVICE PROJECT

Seniors will be responsible for developing and leading a service project through the Social Justice Academy class. Projects will be mission-driven, rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, and will serve a population in need. Students will learn all aspects of project development: conception, proposal, team building, communication and PR, data/results tracking, and final analysis.

CULTURAL CREDITS & FIELD TRIPS

As part of our John Carroll Academies program, students have the opportunity to attend a number of cultural events and field trips throughout Birmingham and the Southeast. These events are designed to expand students' experiences and complement the learning that takes place in our classrooms. Community partners and available experiences include: UAB, Birmingham Southern College, Samford University, Catholic Social Services, local shelters, and other Christian charities and organizations.