



VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS for STUDENTS

During this time of COVID-19, the Br. David Darst Center is eager to continue justice education and faith formation through online workshops. Students and families are still hungry for opportunities to dive into experiential learning, dialog, and action to address injustices in our world. We know those of us with marginalized identities are hit hardest by the pandemic, so this is a particularly important time to ask critical questions about how to better live as one human family and how we can #SeeItDifferently.

Please see below for several options to engage in online workshops. We are also open to a conversation to adapt one of these options to your needs and your school community, especially for students seeking service/justice hours during the pandemic.

NOTE: Each option below would focus on one of the Darst Center's 'Burning Issues', including incarceration, immigration, homelessness, food insecurity, and education. Each option can also incorporate the impact of COVID-19 on marginalized communities, including questions about access to healthcare, distribution of resources, and workers' rights.

OPTION ONE: Workshop Within Class Time

- Three sessions over three class periods focused on one of our 'Burning Issues'
- Sessions are 45 minutes to 1 hour each (when possible)
- Sessions take place as a part of a regularly scheduled class time with 2 Darst Staff members joining the class virtually on the school's meeting platform
- Session 1 - Darst Center staff facilitate student discussion about an article or video previously read/watched about the topic, outlining different aspects of the injustice, who is affected and how, and why it matters; can also incorporate prayer and connection to Catholic Social Teaching for Catholic/Christian schools and groups
- Session 2 - Students hear from a representative who works at Darst Center partner agency (who also joins the class virtually) to share about their work, the organization's mission, and have Q&A
 - *a portion of the cost for online workshops will be donated to the participating partner agency in lieu of in-person service at this time*
- Session 3 - Darst Center staff facilitate follow-up dialog, sharing, and guiding students in creating action plans for local impact
- Cost: \$750 for 3 sessions



OPTION TWO: Workshop Outside of Class Time

- Two 1-hour sessions OR One 2-hour session
- Can be incorporated into class time or as a separate gathering
- Can be offered to multiple grade levels and multiple schools (for those who are open to it) who gather at the same time on a weekend or weekday late afternoon/evening
- Would have at least one staff member present from each participating school (if there are multiple)
- Darst Center can use its own Zoom account to host or can use a school's platform when that is helpful for student access and familiarity
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- Session 2 - Students hear from a representative from a Darst Center partner agency (who also joins the class virtually) to share about their work, the organization's mission, and have Q&A (30 minutes); Darst Center staff facilitate follow-up dialog and give students a guide for creating action plans for local impact
 - *a portion of the cost for online workshops will be donated to the participating partner agency in lieu of in-person service at this time*
- Cost: \$500/group of up to 25 students