



May 11, 2016

Dear Parents:

Your son is registered to attend the Class of 2020 Pilgrimage to San Antonio, Texas, from Friday, May 27, to Monday, May 30. He is among 112 members of his class making the seventy-two hour journey. The banner event of the trip is our visit to the Catholic Spanish Missions of South Texas (www.nps.gov/saan) on Sunday. This trip is considered a pilgrimage; that is, we will be travelling over some distance together for an important purpose. In this case, we have a religious as well as a secular purpose. We hope that your son will form closer bonds with his classmates and to deepen the spirit of openness to the mission that God has called him to at Jesuit.

He will be accompanied by ten faculty chaperones, including trip leaders Mr. Graham Jarrott, Mr. Michael Prados '83, and Mr. Julio Minsal-Ruiz, SJ. Fr. Kevin Dyer, SJ, will serve as pilgrimage chaplain. Also accompanying the tour are six young alumni and six junior counselors.

Your son will travel aboard buses chartered locally through New Orleans Tours. We have arranged lodging on the gymnasium floor of Antonian College Prep Catholic High School in San Antonio.

Other trip activities include the San Antonio *Riverwalk*, *Schlitterbahn* Water Park, *Six Flags* theme park, San Fernando Cathedral, pre-arranged recreation at *Dave & Buster's* family arcade, and a tour of *St. Charles College* and the Jesuit cemetery in Grand Coteau, Louisiana. Spending money should be allotted for snacks and souvenirs (suggestion: \$30-40). All other meals will be provided.

You do not have to pack any snacks or drinks for your son to bring on the bus. These will be provided for each bus. On the other hand, he should pack toiletries (*including sunscreen*), a towel, a sleeping bag, a pillow, and changes of clothes (including a swimsuit for the water park). Please consider the limited space on the bus when packing. Your sons should bring their cell phones if they have them, but they are responsible for these and any other such items (devices, headphones, etc.) they bring. More details can be found on the reverse of this letter.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at orillion@jesuitnola.org, or call my office at 504-486-3946.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Orillion".

Matthew P. Orillion '98
Director of Student Activities

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Class of 2020 Pilgrimage to San Antonio, Texas
DETAILS

I. Times

- **6:00 a.m. on Friday, May 27** –
Registration in Jesuit schoolyard begins.
Buses depart promptly at 7:00 a.m.

- **7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30** –
Return to Jesuit schoolyard. Students will call parents from buses one hour outside of NOLA.

II. Food

- All meals are included in the price of the Pilgrimage.
- Spending money will only be needed for snacks and souvenirs.

III. What to bring

- Sleeping bag & pillow for gym floor
- Toiletries, towel, and *sunscreen*
- Several Changes of casual clothes
- Khaki shorts and collared shirt for Mass at Cathedral on Saturday
- Swimsuit for water park
- Spending money for snacks and souvenirs
(Recommendation: \$30-40)
- Cell phones are encouraged. Other electronic equipment (iPads, iPods, etc) is discouraged.

IV. Insurance/Medical Waiver Form

- ***The completed form has been completed by all students as part of the registration process.***

V. Emergency Contact

- **Mobile phone number for emergencies only at any time:**
(504) 296-8843 (Graham Jarrott)

VI. General Schedule

- ***Friday, May 27***
 - ***Tour of Jesuit Novitiate and Mass in Grand Coteau, LA (lunch)***
 - ***Dinner on the Riverwalk and San Antonio River Cruise***
- ***Saturday, May 28***
 - ***Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (Jesuit Parish in San Antonio)***
 - ***Schlitterbahn Waterpark (lunch)***
 - ***Dinner and Arcade at Dave & Buster's***
- ***Sunday, May 29***
 - ***Mass at San Fernando Cathedral***
 - ***Tour of San Antonio Catholic Missions (lunch)***
 - ***Six Flags Fiesta Texas (dinner)***