Greetings to Holy Cross Alumni in the Sarasota Area!

If you are an alumnus/a who has been looking for an event to inspire you, then we believe we have just the ticket – and it’s a blockbuster. This event is for all age groups and it fulfills an integral part of our shared Jesuit education: devotion to service. The exciting element of this event is that because the need is great, we have teamed with fellow Jesuit alumni from Detroit Mercy, Fairfield, Xavier, John Carroll, Le Moyne, Loyola of Chicago, Loyola of New Orleans, Marquette, Regis, Rockhurst, Saint Louis, Spring Hill, San Francisco and Wheeling (Boston College and Fordham may also have attendees, but will not send out a flyer to their alumni this year). We’re excited about the prospects for getting together with likeminded graduates from other Jesuit institutions and really believe this event will be something special. So come on out, join us, do a good thing for the community, and have fun too!

The date is Saturday, April 24, with registration due no later than April 14. Xavier University is coordinating the registration process/payments. Although the focus event is squarely on the service projects, in keeping with our Jesuit heritage, we have incorporated an early morning mass and an afternoon celebration picnic. The Mass will be at St. Martha’s Catholic Church at 7:30 a.m. Registration is desired, but not required. The picnic will be at Twin Lakes Park and includes food, beer, wine and selected raffle items. Advance registration and a $5 entrance fee per person are required. The picnic offers a great opportunity to share in the camaraderie developed by working together in the morning, while also giving classmates an opportunity to interact with fellow alums who may have signed up for other projects. And for those not able to participate in the full day of activities, we have made it easy – you and your family or friends are welcome to join us for any part of the day that meets your interests or schedule.

**Project Descriptions**

**Project 1:** Catholic Charities of Sarasota/Manatee Headquarters Office, 4930 Fruitville Road (East Sarasota). Paint the hallway; add wall and base cabinets for small area at back of suite. (2-3 people needed)

**Project 2:** Bethesda House, 1670 Fourth Street (Downtown Sarasota). Paint the hallway, add shelving and take down boarded up material inside that is covering a window. (4 people needed)

**Project 3:** St. Martha’s Early Learning Center, 1658 Fourth Street (Downtown Sarasota). Paint three rooms in two houses, add shelving, replace mulch in playgrounds and replace sand in sand boxes. (10 people)

**Project 4:** St. Martha’s Church, 200 N. Orange Avenue (Downtown Sarasota). Rake parking lot, prep and paint parking lines, paint concrete parking bumpers and handicap markers, and spread mulch. (10 people)

**Project 5:** Bishop Nevin’s Academy, 4380 Fruitville Road (East Sarasota). Spread mulch. (6 people)

**Project 6:** Seniors And Youth For Safety (SAYFS) is an intergenerational program coordinated by Goodwill Industries. Participants are linked with 3 or 4 teenage volunteers recruited from local churches, mostly from Newtown. The teenagers attend a 1/2 hour “Age Sensitivity” program, learning how hard it is for seniors to hear, open medicine bottles, see, etc. After training, the teens go with our participants to selected low income homes where elderly people reside, make a list of needed equipment, return to Goodwill to pick up the items, then take them back and install them in the home. All equipment is provided by Home Depot and typical includes: surge protectors, bathroom aids, carpet pads, fire alarms, fans, etc. The team also checks to ensure there are no other issues that would require contacting another agency for assistance. This program is good for the teens, good for the elderly and good for the community. (10 - 15 participants)

**Project 7:** Friendship at Home is a program operated by The Senior Friendship Center (SFC) Venice Office. SFC has identified five homes requiring assistance, most of which is yard work, windows and house cleaning, carpets cleaned, straightening the garage, etc. Beneficiaries are low to moderate income elderly individuals trying to remain independent. This is a great team project for folks who want to sign up two or three family members or friends. SFC has said that it will identify more homes based on the number of registrants. Please note all homes are in the Venice area. (12 - ??)

**Project 8:** Keep Sarasota County Beautiful, 200 N Orange Avenue (Downtown Sarasota). This is intended as an overflow project. If people finish one of the other projects early and want to continue working until the picnic starts, they will be given latex gloves and plastic bags to clean up the community in which they had been working. Primary registrants for this project will be provided the same materials, given a quadrant downtown and asked to walk out for about two hours and come back a slightly different route for about another two hours. (unlimited)

*Each project will have a volunteer coordinator and each of the first five projects will have a Home Depot team leader. Please direct questions about any event to John McGruder at 941-953-6541.*
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Event 1:  7:30 a.m.  Mass at St. Martha’s Catholic Church, 200 N. Orange Avenue (at Fruitville Road), Sarasota, FL. Registration desired, but not required.

Event 2:  8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Eight service projects located throughout the area. Registration required. Project team leaders will contact registrants after April 15.

Event 3:  1 – 4 p.m.  Picnic at Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road. Registration and $5 per person required in advance. Food, beer, wine and raffle items included.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please write the number of participants in the block provided.

Event 1: Mass _____  Event 2: Service Project _____  Event 3: Picnic _____

Service Project Registration

In the probable event that some projects are over-subscribed and others are under-subscribed, we request that everyone rank at least two projects on which they would be willing to work. To the extent possible we will give everyone their first choice, with early registrants getting priority as necessary.

Project 1: Catholic Charities Headquarters _____  Project 2: Bethesda House _____
Project 3: St. Martha’s Early Learning Center _____  Project 4: St. Martha’s Church _____
Project 5: Bishop Nevin’s Academy _____  Project 6: Seniors & Youth for Safety _____
Project 7: Friendship at Home _____  Project 8: Keep Sarasota Beautiful _____

Name______________________________________Guests____________________________________

Institution represented___________________________________________________Class Year_______

Address_____________________________________City______________________State____Zip______

Home Phone_________________________________Work Phone________________________________

Home E-mail_________________________________Work E-mail________________________________

Number of picnic tickets_________at $5 per ticket         Total amount enclosed__________

Please check payment:

__ Check Payable to Xavier University National Alumni Association
__ Master Card  __ Discover  __ Visa  Account #__________________________________Exp____

Name as it appears on card_________________________________Authorized Signature____________________

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2004
Mail to XUNAA, 3800 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45207-7760 or Fax to: 513-745-3232