

# St. Joseph Worker Program

## General Info

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**Affiliation:** Sisters of St Joseph, Ecumenical, Catholic

**Goal of Program:** The women of the St. Joseph Worker Program are committed to personal and social transformation. The four pillars of the Program are: Justice- working within diverse communities doing direct service, meeting unmet needs; actively working toward systemic change; Leadership- providing opportunities and mentoring for young women to develop strong leadership skills in the work of social and spiritual transformation in the world; Spirituality- developing and deepening of each Worker's spirituality through retreats, prayer and exploration of spiritual practices with the support and resources of the Sisters; Community- developing intentional community with others in the Program with a focus on living simply and sustainably; building just relationships with others and the earth.

**Type of Placement:** In MINNEAPOLIS/ST PAUL: supportive housing for women, women's social services, at-risk youth, community outreach, work with vulnerable/economically disadvantaged individuals and families, refugee resettlement, with and for immigrant populations, dementia care/elderly, healthcare for uninsured, Spanish-speaking populations, justice education, high school ministry, advocacy. In LOS ANGELES: work with vulnerable/economically disadvantaged individuals and families, at-risk youth/gang intervention, public health, community organizing, early childhood and elementary education, older adults/individuals experiencing homelessness, Spanish speaking populations. In ORANGE COUNTY & NAPA: K-8 teaching assistant, young adult + adult education, family services, medical/dental health clinic, healthcare, nursing, mental health, palliative care, ministry to those experiencing homelessness, human trafficking, immigration issues, social work and counseling, spiritual care, mission integration, social services, community outreach, and advocacy for systemic change. In PHILADELPHIA: social work, refugee resettlement, with and for immigrant populations, healthcare with the aging, education, neighborhood ministries, parish work/pastoral ministry with vulnerable/economically disadvantaged families. In NEW YORK: elementary + high school education, health care, social work, advocacy for formerly incarcerated women/women experiencing homelessness, assistant to United Nations NGO, ecological education.

**Service Area:** Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota; Los Angeles, California; Orange and Napa, California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; New York, New York

**Service Length:** 11 months - August through June

**Requirements:** Women ages 21-30 who have a heart for justice, a sense of humor and perspective, an open mind, a flexible spirit and an eagerness for a year of growth with all its rewards.

**Financial Arrangement:** Room, board, health insurance options, transportation to/from placement site, small monthly stipend, and student loan deferralment or options (when available). Additionally, in Minneapolis/St. Paul location: Opportunity to take two graduate or undergraduate courses for credit through the St. Catherine University in St. Paul, MN.

**Living Arrangements:** St. Joseph Workers (SJWs) form a small intentional community among themselves living in their own house. The larger community of Sisters of St Joseph provides hospitality, relationship, training, spiritual direction, and mentoring relationships for the SJWs throughout the year.

**Program Size:** Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN: 8-12 positions; Los Angeles, CA: 5-10 positions; Orange County & Napa, California: 7-10 positions; Philadelphia, PA: 5-8 positions; New York, NY 5-7 positions.

**Training:** The St. Joseph Worker Program has a strong commitment to the development of the Workers. There is a one to two week orientation to the SJW Program and placement site. The placement is 36 hours per week with excellent supervision, support and room for creativity. The

remaining 4 hours is focused on having time for professional and personal development with educational opportunities, spiritual growth, justice-based lobbying and activism as well as networking with community members in order to develop the skills and confidence required for real change to happen in the world.

**Application Deadline:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with two Priority deadlines on Feb 15th and April 15th. Applications will be accepted until placements are filled. We encourage you to contact us with any questions.

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