



Catholic Volunteers in Florida

Transforming Lives Through Faith and Service

Message from the Director



This Thanksgiving, we at CVIF are grateful for our amazing community of volunteers and the many ways they share their lives and gifts with people on the margins: mentoring youth, supporting students, assisting people with disabilities, empowering women, building up rural communities, equipping families facing homelessness, opening doors for formerly incarcerated community members, and providing legal assistance to immigrants.

Through this work, we come to know Christ and who we are in Christ. We offer thanks for all we have and all we are... and for you! We thank you for all your support and prayers. Wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving!

CVIF Now Hiring!

Catholic Volunteers in Florida is now hiring a Recruitment Associate! Help us spread the word!

If you or someone you know has been inspired by a volunteer service year, is passionate about community, enjoys working with people of all experiences and backgrounds, recruiting others to a good cause, and has excellent communication and organizational skills, please check out this opportunity.

Full-time or part-time (25-40 hours per week), based in Orlando, travel throughout Florida.

For details, go to [Apply to CVIF](#).

Immediate Placements

CVIF is recruiting for several positions starting in January 2018 including:

- Community Liaison/ Legal Secretary with Florida Rural Legal Services in Fort Pierce
- Resident Assistant with Bishop Grady Villas in Orlando
- Case Manager with Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa
- Community Organizer with Wimauma Community Development Corporation in Wimauma

APPLY TODAY!

Welcome New Volunteers!

Fall 2017 Retreat Reflection

by Vanity Duran & Vanessa Hornedo



On October 25-28, CVIF was able to reunite at the Warren Willis United Methodist Camp in Fruitland Park, FL. The retreat was filled with empowering workshops and team building activities. We got to meet other similar volunteer groups such as the Young Adult Missional Movement of the United Methodist Church and Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteers.

We kicked off the retreat on Wednesday evening with dinner followed by a catch-up session. Volunteers were able to reflect on the challenges that they are faced with during their service year. Vanity Duran, a volunteer in Wimauma at Enterprising Latinas said that she appreciated hearing everyone else's challenges. "It definitely makes me feel like I'm not alone on this challenging, yet strengthening journey. Hearing of my volunteering family experiences has truly brought me closer to every individual," she said. The following day, CVIF collaborated with Crossroads Anti-Racism Organization & Training to provide a full-day of cultural competency training. Volunteers were trained on how to dismantle systematic racism and how to build an anti-racist multicultural diverse community at the service sites. On Friday, volunteers were able to enjoy a ropes course where they learned how to work together while overcoming their own personal limitations.

Edson, our volunteer with Overtown Children & Youth Coalition and the South Florida CARES Mentoring in Miami said that he felt closer to the group and needed the group activity. "However, I was disappointed when the retreat was over because I missed the group." Topping the night off with a bonfire, the CVIFers definitely enjoyed a 'kumbaya' moment. Before heading back to the service sites, the volunteers partook in service together at the St. Paul Catholic Church in Leesburg.



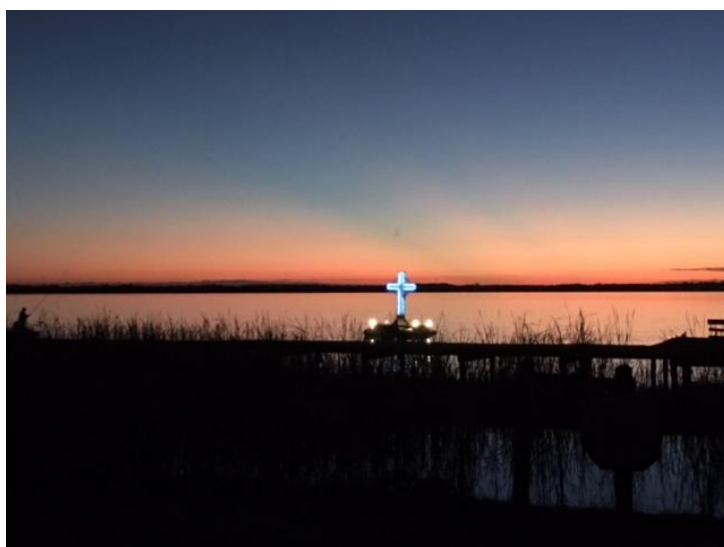
Vanessa Hornedo is returning as a LEAD Volunteer where she serves as the Business Development Coach at Enterprising Latinas, Inc. in Wimauma, FL. Her duties include providing one-on-one consultations for members interested in launching their own business by guiding them from their vision to planning to marketing and launching.



Marya Noriega is also returning as a LEAD Volunteer at her hometown in Wimauma where she serves with the Wimauma Community Development Corporation. Her duties include implementing community outreach and education which leads to providing specialized services to youth and families in low-income communities.



Janal Daniel is a first-year volunteer as the After School Program Instructor at Girl Power in Miami, FL. She helps build capacity to the organization and provides program support. Welcome, Janal!



Our Mission

Catholic Volunteers in Florida is dedicated to providing people of all faiths the opportunity to volunteer for a year and live out their faith by serving the diverse needs of the people of Florida and the Dominican Republic. Catholic Volunteers work towards justice and peace, transforming the community they serve as well as themselves. We live out our mission statement through our five core values: Doing Justice, Active Spirituality, Creating Community, Living Simply, Personal Growth.

"Some give by serving, while others serve by giving."

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Upcoming Events

- December 1: Festive Friday: Holiday in the Park in Wimauma
- December 8: CVIF Board Meeting
- January 11-14: Volunteer retreat in St. Augustine