

2023-2024 Romero House Application Academic Year

**APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS THROUGH FEBRUARY 28TH TO
THE CENTER FOR SERVICE LEARNING (LOYOLA 30)**

Romero House is a Regis University student residence that was established in 1992 as an opportunity for undergraduates to experience an intentional community in service of others, with a commitment to social justice, exploring faith and spirituality, and living a simple lifestyle. Romero House students strive to live out Archbishop Oscar Romero's call to immerse themselves in the world. **The 2023-2024 Academic Year Program will be located at 3296 W. 53rd Ave.**

The Romero House position at Regis University is a service learning position sponsored by the Center for Service Learning. The Romero House resident's primary responsibility is to cultivate an intentional community with fellow residents while striving to live in solidarity with the poor; doing service at a local non-profit; and exploring issues of faith and justice through communal spirituality times, a bi-weekly class about spirituality and engagement in the world, and personal and group reflection.

The Romero House residents are commissioned to the call of community in a variety of ways. Their duties include 6-10 hours of service at a local non-profit or low income school a week, scheduled community dinners and time for spiritual growth with the community, bi-weekly faith and justice hospitality nights, living in economic solidarity with the poor, and a commitment to being fully present as a member of the Romero House community. Being a member of an intentional community requires **making the community the main priority** for the duration of the program. We expect that those who apply are willing to accept the challenges and joys of making Romero House their **number one commitment** outside of academics.

REQUIREMENTS

Commitment and focused energy dedicated throughout the duration of the program.

At the time of applying for the Romero House program, the candidate must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater. The Romero House resident will be expected to maintain a 3.0 GPA or above while living in the Romero House.

Completion of 6-10 regularly scheduled hours of service at a local nonprofit each week.

Limit of academic course load to 15 credits per semester, **including the *Topics in Spirituality* class (Wednesdays, 9-11am)**, and refraining from registering for other classes at that time. The Topics in Spirituality Class can be used towards completing Core academic requirements most prevalently, Upper Division Religious Studies courses.

Contribution to the development of community life by **actively engaging oneself** and **being present in the house on a regular basis**.

Presence and involvement at bi-weekly Hospitality Nights every other Wednesday and one community dinner/meeting night per week (TBD by your housemates).

Abstain from outside employment and all major outside commitments both at Regis i.e.; RUSGA Director and in the larger community unless approved by the Romero House Coordinator in advance.

Members of Romero House will be asked to contribute \$2,000 for a pilgrimage to El Salvador and Guatemala which will take place over the winter break from earned Community-Based Work Study funds or other resources.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Current Class: Fr. So. Jr. Sr.

Pronouns: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Local Address: _____

Best Phone Number to Reach You: _____

Best Email Address: _____

Major(s): _____ GPA: _____

Have you ever been subject to the disciplinary process here at Regis (Y/N)?

If so, please shortly describe what happened and what the outcome was:

REFERENCES

Please list the names and phone numbers of **two Regis Faculty/Staff** and **one Peer** who can serve as a reference, and indicate how you know him/her.

Name	Phone	Relationship

COMMITMENT

Participation in the Romero House program requires a commitment to fulfilling the responsibilities of living in community and serving at a non-profit agency. On a separate sheet of paper, please list anything about yourself (e.g. any physical limitations, medical and/or counseling history, family background, etc.) which might affect your ability to participate in any aspect of the program – such as community life or performance of service site-related functions.

SHORT ESSAYS

On a separate piece of paper please type a short response (**no more than a paragraph**) to each of the following questions:

1. Explain why you are interested in living in Romero House.
2. Demonstrate your understanding of living in an intentional community. What do you imagine your needs, expectations and apprehensions will be?
3. How would you describe your faith and/or sense of your own spirituality? How does your faith/spirituality influence your desire to engage in service and social justice?
4. As a Romero House resident, how do you anticipate creating a balance between your education, service, community time, personal time, educational seminars, and spiritual reflections?
5. Out of the 7 pillars that piece together the Romero House program's values and goals (Solidarity, Service, Social Justice, Community, Simplicity, Spirituality, Learning) which one do you feel most challenged by? And why?

Thank you for your interest in the Romero House!

Questions? Contact Isabell Pramuk ipramuk@regis.edu or

Paul Burson pburson@regis.edu

Please return the completed application to:

The Center for Service Learning (Loyola 30)

by Tuesday, February 28th 2023 at 5 p.m.

If selected for an interview, applicants will be notified within one week from the date of their application submission. **Interviews will take place between Feb 13th and March 31st.**

Applicants will be notified of final decisions by Friday, March 31st.

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Regis Faculty/Staff Reference 1 of 2

Applicant's Name: _____

Name of Regis Faculty/Staff Reference: _____

To the reference: The applicant named above has chosen you as a reference to help us consider their application to be a part of the Romero House Academic Year.

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In providing this recommendation, please feel free to comment only on those areas that apply to your knowledge of the applicant, making comments where necessary. Also, please attach additional sheets if you need more room to comment.

Please return this form to Isabell Pramuk in the Center for Service Learning, Loyola 30, by February 28th, 2023. Thank you for your comments.

Scale: 1 = Strongly Do Not Recommend 2 = Recommend with Reservations 3 = Acceptable 4 = Recommend 5 = Strongly Recommend

Community Service: 1 2 3 4 5 No basis for response

Consider the types of activities engaged in, the number of people served, the applicant's role in planning and implementing activities, and the impact of activities on others. Is the student open to learning?

Comments:

Level of Maturity: 1 2 3 4 5 No basis for response

Comments:

Commitment to living in and contributing to the Romero Community:

1 2 3 4 5 No basis for response

Consider the applicant's other living experiences. How has the applicant effectively worked through challenges and conflicts of living with other people? What personal qualities would be gifts to the community and which would be potential limitations?

Comments:

Spiritual values : 1 2 3 4 5 No basis for response

Consider how their values get exercised through daily decisions. Consider the applicant's participation in a community of faith, adherence to moral principles or other evidence of faith in action.

Comments:

Academic Commitment : 1 2 3 4 5 No basis for response

Consider the applicant's desire and follow through in being a strong student. How has the student been able to find balance between academics, service, campus commitments, and work?

Comments:

What else would you like us to know about the applicant as a potential Romero House resident?

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1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?

2. List three adjectives that best describe the applicant:

3. Please describe your experience of the applicant working and/or living with others.

4. What else would you like us to know about the applicant as a potential Romero House resident?