Guidelines for Submissions to JSRI JustSouth Monthly E-newsletter 2023-2024

Submission Focus

We are seeking for publication in the JSRI monthly e-newsletter short written submissions or videos that address pressing/timely criminal legal system reform and/or racial justice topics. We urge the author to view one’s chosen topic through the lens of Jesuit values, Catholic Social Teaching, or another faith or spiritual lens, although this is not required. The piece should seek to educate, inform, inspire, stimulate, and/or persuade the reader about a criminal justice and/or racial justice issue that is timely and important in realizing a more just and humane university community, city, state, country, or world.

Potential Authors

We seek submissions primarily from Loyola University New Orleans faculty, staff, students, alumni, and JSRI community partners. Authors must be invited by JSRI to provide a submission to the JSRI newsletter. Members of the Loyola community are urged to contact the JSRI e-newsletter curator, Sue Weishar, Ph.D. at sweishar@loyno.edu or 480-522-0533, if interested in contributing to the JSRI e-newsletter.

Audience

The newsletter will be sent monthly via campus email to all faculty, staff, and students at the Loyola University New Orleans main campus and law school as well as nearly two-thousand JSRI e-newsletter subscribers from across the Jesuit world.

Submission Length

Text submissions, such as essays, opinion pieces, personal reflections, or poems should not exceed 700 words nor be less than 250 words. (Exceptions made on case-by-case basis.)

Video submissions should not exceed 5 minutes. (Exceptions made on case-by-case basis.)

Editorial Policy

Submissions should be original pieces by the author addressing a criminal justice and/or racial justice issue. The content of the submitted piece must not be in opposition to Catholic Social Teaching or Jesuit values. The editor of the newsletter, JSRI Executive Director Annie Phoenix, Ph.D., will give final editorial approval to all submissions.

Honorarium

If your piece is accepted by JSRI, you will receive a $350 honorarium from JSRI.

Due Dates

The due date for submission is the second Tuesday of the month the author has been assigned by JSRI. This is a HARD deadline. Every day the piece is late $50 will be subtracted from the author’s honorarium. If the piece is not submitted by COB of the second Friday of the month, the author’s invitation to submit will be withdrawn.

Examples

Here are pieces published in the 2022-2023 academic year in the JSRI JustSouth Monthly:

May 2023-- Lessons for Serving the Poor Today

April 2023-- Magnolia Licorice
March 2023-- Father Louis Twomey and the Fight for Labor and Civil Rights at Loyola

February 2023-- The Legacy of Racial Justice at Loyola Continues

January 2023-- Remembering Dr. Kelly Frailing

December 2022-- Celebrating Advent in Prison

November 2022-- What Anne Frank's Diary Can Teach Us Today

October 2022-- The Work of the New Orleans DA’s Civil Rights Division: Giving Second Chances to Reformed Men and Women Makes Us a Better Community

September 2022-- A Culture of Encounter with Life Without Parole

August 2022-- Understanding Catholic Social Teaching and Racial Justice

July 2022-- 53 Immigrants, 53 Human Beings: Do We Care?

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Some Resources on CST and Jesuit Values

Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching from USCCB

What is Catholic Social Teaching (CST)? by Fred Kammer, S.J.

The Twelve Ideals of a Jesuit Education

Quotes/Teachings of Pope Francis from the University of San Francisco