

2017 LASALLIANS WITHOUT BORDERS YEAR IN REVIEW

Here is a quick review of the activities and events sponsored by Lasallians Without Borders (LWOB) of the District of San Francisco New Orleans in the year 2017.



El Otro Lado 2017

LWOB's El Otro Lado immersion experiences, which began in 2008, continue to educate and challenge RELAN Lasallians' awareness of life and issues in the U.S. - Mexico borderlands.

In 2017, San Miguel High School of Tucson, Arizona hosted eight schools for El Otro Lado sessions, while Cathedral High School in El Paso, Texas hosted six schools. In addition to its informational content, an ongoing focus of El Otro Lado has been preparing Lasallian students and adults to be voices for migrant communities and their needs around the country.

One Book, One District 2017

"One Book, One District" is an LWOB initiative to unify through literature the schools in the SFNO District and to educate our students about issues surrounding immigration. This year, five SFNO schools participated in reading *Enrique's Journey*, a true account of one young immigrant's experience, by author and journalist Sonia Nazario.

[Read reflections on *Enrique's Journey* that were written by students from Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory in San Francisco, California.](#)

In February, Mullen High School in Denver, Colorado invited Ms. Nazario to speak at a student and parent school assembly. A group of students and adults from San Miguel High School also traveled from Tucson to attend.

The "One Book, One District" selection for 2018 is *Just Mercy*, an attorney's view from inside our criminal justice system, by Bryan Stevenson.



Lasallian Social Justice Institute - EOL Adult Educators 2017

This past July, LWOB joined with Christian Brothers Conference to plan and implement 2017's Lasallian Social Justice Institute.

Held in El Paso, Texas, "El Otro Lado: Guides in the Encounter" was for Lasallian educators interested in becoming facilitators and mentors in the meeting of their students and the migrant community. Presentations, on-site immersions, conversations, and prayer all focused on the issues of immigration and opportunities for advocacy.

Partnering with District of Mexico Norte 2017

LWOB collaborates with our neighboring District of Mexico Norte on efforts to address the needs of unaccompanied minors and women on both sides of our shared border. Mexico Norte students joined SFNO students in New Orleans for the Lasallian Youth Assembly in June, 2016. Both Cathedral High School in El Paso and Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco then joined Mexico Norte schools for their mission trips to serve communities in different parts of Mexico.

On the Horizon: VENAVER Tijuana

LWOB is currently looking into possibilities for restarting the District's VENAVER ("Come and See") inter-cultural immersion experiences with a program to be held in Tijuana, Mexico. More to come!

