## Religious Studies Department - RE 487 - Community Service Internship

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Faculty Supervision: Dr. David Coleman; Bro. Tom Spring, SM.

On-site Supervisor:

Description: Students will select a community service project that involve them in volunteer work in religious or other non-profit institutions providing direct service to the community. They are required to maintain a journal of their work experience, attend scheduled reflection sessions, prepare a final paper based on the experience, readings, and their reflection sessions, and present a job evaluation from the on-site supervisor.

## Requirements include:

- a minimum of 100 hours work time covered by this internship;
- working with Bro. Tom Spring on the journal process for the work, reflection seminars, and final paper;
- identification of an on-site supervisor who will evaluate the work of the intern at the completion of the internship;
- scheduling and completing four sessions with the Faculty Supervisor, covering the following texts: The
   Power of Servant Leadership by Robert Greenleaf, and The Servant by James C. Hunter. (These texts are
   available in the bookstore, listed under RE 380 Leadership Ethics.) The final text is The Collaborative
   Leader: Listening to the Wisdom of God's People by Loughlan Sofield and Donald H. Kuhn. (This text is
   available in the bookstore, listed under MAPL 605 Moral and Ethical leadership.)
- finding three articles related to her/his understanding of ministry and service and providing copies of the
  articles to the Faculty Supervisor two weeks before the final session. At the final session, the student will
  present her/his reflection on how the chosen articles contributed to the student's understanding of the service
  experience.
- arranging a schedule of four reflection sessions, three of which will each be devoted to one of the three texts
  and a final session as described in the preceding paragraph.
- preparation of a weekly journal that includes specific information on the work being done and a reflection on that work and its meaning for the intern and for those with whom the intern works, and discussion of the readings that form the basis of the four sessions mentioned above.
- a short integration paper (7 10 pages) which will discuss the role of service as an integral part of religious life, community and education. It will include specific references to the books and articles used during the semester and any additional research as might prove helpful. This paper is due on 13 December 2001.