



## Manresa Scholars Program Student Application Information 2009-2010

Manresa (pronounced “man-REES-uh”) is the city in Spain that was the site of a transformational experience in the life of St. Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. There, Ignatius chose to abandon his rich lifestyle and developed a fervor and eagerness to serve God. It was at Manresa that Ignatius found his calling. The Manresa Project focuses on “vocation,” a word that comes from the Latin word “*vocare*” or “to call.”

Specifically, the Manresa Scholars Program supports junior and senior Marquette University students who are discerning a call to Christian ministry as ordained, religious, or lay ministers. Through a field education placement in a ministry setting, Scholars are given the opportunity to share their gifts with one particular faith community over the academic year. Field experience sites include assisting at a neighboring congregation, an Archdiocesan parish or agency, or another ministry site suited to each Scholar’s particular gifts. Other aspects of the program include mentoring, supervision, theological reflection, and prayerful discernment. A partial-tuition scholarship will be awarded to each Scholar for the academic year.

### Criteria for Applicants:

- Have current sophomore or junior status.
- Have a 3.0 minimum overall grade point average.
- Demonstrated leadership in ministry-related activities on the college, high school, and parish or congregation level.
- Must be available for 10-15 hours of service per week during the academic year in an approved ministry-related setting.
- Must participate in a weekly theological reflection session with one’s peers, regular individual meetings with one’s site supervisor, regular individual meetings with the program coordinator, and an annual retreat.

Please note that receipt of the partial-tuition scholarship could affect other parts of your financial aid package.

### **Information sessions on the Manresa Scholars Program:**

- **Sunday, February 15, 2009, 7 p.m., AMU 230**
- **Monday, February 16, 2009, 5 p.m., AMU 230**

If you cannot attend one of these information sessions, or have any other questions, please contact Gretchen Baumgardt at 414.288.3689 or [gretchen.baumgardt@marquette.edu](mailto:gretchen.baumgardt@marquette.edu).

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 4:30 p.m.**

Please mail or drop off your application to:

Gretchen Baumgardt  
Assistant Director  
Campus Ministry, AMU 236  
Marquette University  
P.O. Box 1881  
Milwaukee, WI 53201



## Manresa Scholars Program Student Application Form 2009-2010

*(please print)*

NAME (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

MU ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MU E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL (OR CAMPUS) PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR(s): \_\_\_\_\_

MINOR(s): \_\_\_\_\_

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

THEOLOGY COURSES TAKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCESS TO A VEHICLE TO DRIVE TO MINISTRY SITE:    \_\_\_\_\_ YES    \_\_\_\_\_ NO

PROFICIENCY IN SPEAKING SPANISH (e.g., none, fair, fluent, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES *(please type and attach to this application)***

Please attach a resume or a list of your service and ministry-related activities, noting dates and any leadership roles you have had.

### **NAMES OF RECOMMENDERS *(please type and attach to this application)***

Please provide the names, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and street addresses of three people who know you well enough to comment on your life of faith, your leadership, and your interest in ministry. At least one recommendation must come from a faculty or administrator at Marquette University and one from a Marquette student. Instructions for recommenders can be found in the Manresa Scholars Information for Recommenders document. Recommendations must be received by **Tuesday, March 17, 2009**.

### **ESSAY *(please type and attach to this application)***

Manresa Scholars are expected to give evidence of an active life of faith, a commitment to ministry, and a desire to consider seriously ministry for their life work. In 500-800 words, please describe (1) your reasons for applying to this particular program, (2) how your involvement in ministry activities thus far has influenced your life, (3) your hopes for what the program can offer you, including the types of ministries in which you have an interest, and (4) your hopes for future work in ministry. Please sign your name at the bottom of your essay.

**Please mail or deliver your completed application form, resume or list of service activities, names of recommenders, and essay by Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. to Gretchen Baumgardt, Assistant Director, Campus Ministry, AMU 236. Semi-finalists will be interviewed during the last week of March and first week of April.**

