DFP Field Education

Learning Agreement Guidance

Hours – planned # (briefly breakdown in Objective below)

Learning Objective

1. 1-2 short statements of WHAT you plan to do, generally describing the assignment
   a. name of ministry or program, particular activity
   b. categories covered
      i. Area of Ministry (Charity / Word / Sacrament)
      ii. Scope/Location (Parish / Deanery / Diocese / Community)
      iii. Level of Involvement (Observe / Participate / Lead / Initiate New)
   c. # of contacts, # hours each & time period

“This experience in [name of ministry/program], will be ministry in [Area of Ministry], in the [Scope/Location], to [Level of Involvement] by [name the activity].
This will involve [# times, # hours each, time period].”

2. 2-3 concise statements of how this experience will address aspects of your personal development plan (WHY you plan to do this – MOST IMPORTANT)
   a. expand a past area in a new way / develop a new area of ministry
   b. why you are personally drawn to this ministry

“I have a personal goal to [name it]. This experience is intended to develop my ministry of [name of area] by [this specific field activity] to [behavior/skill to develop]. At the end of this assignment, I will be able to [specific way of using this behavior/skill].

Note: please do not refer to “the poor”, “the hungry”, “the old” – they are all people – “people who are poor”, “people who are hungry”, “people who are seniors”, etc.

3. Keep all this brief, don’t explain HOW you’ll do this - I’ll ask if more info needed. Keep this to one page if at all possible. Don’t attach long detailed descriptions.

4. PLEASE TYPE all forms, not handwritten.

Field Ed. (Supervisor) evaluations

- talk with your field supervisor periodically during assignment about feedback
- after assignment completed and form signed by supervisor, send to me to sign

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EXAMPLE:

I have a personal goal to *better relate to people with needs different from mine*. This experience in a Food Pantry, will be ministry in Charity, in the Community, to participate by *checking people in*. This will involve *working once a week for 2 hours each time over 12 weeks*. This experience is intended to develop my ministry of *charity* by *interacting with people experiencing hunger* to *understand their needs better*. At the end of this assignment, I will be able to *identify appropriate ministerial outreach for people who lack adequate food, and to help others understand these needs better*. 