School Field Trip ~ Experience the Church

General Overview
Students & chaperones will visit three to four churches in approximately three hours. A guide will meet you at the first destination and ride with you to each church. For accommodations such as additional time for lunch, uses of a retreat room or other facility for an activity ‘away from home,’ please consult with a tour coordinator. Limited restrooms facilities are available at the churches so staggering permission to go at each church is recommended. According to faculty discretion, students may bring snacks or lunches to eat on the bus between destinations. This excursion makes beautiful photos for your school newsletters and web-bulletins. All participants are welcome to bring cameras. A group photo is highly recommended.

Sample Learning Objectives

Behavior & Respect
➢ Teach and Reinforce good church comportment

Architecture & Art
➢ Explain use of basic structural elements, such as cornerstone, nave, apses, altar, columns and cornices.
➢ Demonstrate general history of our churches’ architectural elements.
➢ Imitate art, color or light patterns in sketchbooks
➢ Identify repeated architectural or sacramental elements that may be common to several churches.
➢ Practice knowledge using ‘bus quizzes’ between destinations, or classroom review/test upon return.

History & Culture
➢ Learn local and Church history: founding of Chicago, immigrant and current parishioner perseverance in building the church then, maintaining prayer and presence at each location.
➢ Define patronage and connect with the patron of each parish.

Prayer
➢ Dedicate a class prayer, song or time of silence at each destination for stated or unstated intentions.

Tour Destinations: Due to their location, proximity to each other and easy highway access, as well as lessons they teach about culture, art, and history, the churches below make a great first-tour of churches for young people. When possible, we accommodate requests to visit churches not on this list.

• St. John Cantius
• St. Hedwig
• St. Mary of the Angels
• St. Stanislaw Kostka

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**BASIC PACKAGE: All Tours Include**
1. Three hour guided visit
2. Three to five churches
3. Art, architecture, and history explanations
4. Time for observation, exploration and/or worship

**Special PRICES for your Catholic School Field Trip:**
- $12 Chaperone/Faculty Member
- $7 Student
- $0 Clergy/religious

**CUSTOM PACKAGES: Add something extra**
- Schedule time to further explore Chicago
- Include a good meal at a local restaurant
- Reserve a private room for your meeting or activity
- Choose or create a tour theme
- Transportation Options: Mini-Coach, School or Charter buses

**other GROUPS we host:**
- Choirs, Youth, Senior Clubs, RCIA, Tourists,
- Altar Servers, History Clubs, Knights of Columbus,
- Legion of Mary, Catholic Schools, Private tours and more

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**Theme Examples**
- Church Architecture,
- Sacraments, Finding Forgiveness,
- Ethnic Origins, The Angels,
- Sanctuaries of the Saints, Eastern Significance, Polish Beauties,
- Mysteries of Mary,
- Life Tour, Our Poor

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