

## NICARAGUA IMMERSION - SAMPLE ITINERARY

### *Ignatian Colleagues Travel Seminar June 5-13, 2010*

#### **Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Arrival and Check in at Hotel Europeo in Managua.

#### **Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Breakfast at Hotel Europeo  
8:45 AM Depart for CGE  
9:00 AM Introductions, Schedule, Health & Safety  
9:45 AM History and Update with Mark Lester, regional co-director of the Center for Global Education.  
Email: [marklest@gmail.com](mailto:marklest@gmail.com)  
12:15 PM Lunch at CGE with Joseph Mulligan SJ from the Detroit Province who has been working in Nicaragua since 1986, author of a book on the history of the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, collaborator with the Base Christian Communities  
1:30 PM Leave for Masaya. Meet with the Carolina Medina Business Incubation Program of NITLAPAN (UCA think tank) entrepreneur known as El Gueguense, and visit craftmakers whose products are being exported by El Gueguense to Seattle U. Meeting face to face with local artisans and small business owners  
2:15 PM Meet with Carolina Medina from Business Incubation Program of NITLAPAN  
6:00 PM Dinner at Hotel Europeo

#### **Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM Breakfast at Hotel Europeo  
9:00 AM Depart for Volcan Santiago  
10:45 AM Visit Masaya market  
12:30 PM Lunch at El Saguan in Granada  
Walk around Granada  
4:00 PM Reflection at CGE  
4:45 PM Depart for Batahola  
5:00 PM Tour the cultural Center  
6:00 PM Worship Service at Batahola  
7:30 PM Dinner Hotel Europeo

#### **Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM Breakfast at Hotel Europeo  
8:30 AM Depart for UCA  
9:00 AM Meet at The Central American University UCA with Silvio Aviles SJ– Renata Rodriguez Academic Vice President, Vera Amanda Solis, Secretary General of UCA to talk about the Mission of the UCA c. 2278-1490  
Meeting with Silvia Juarez, an attorney and Director of the UCA Law Clinic.  
12:30 PM Lunch at CGE  
1:30 PM Depart for Nueva Vida  
2:00 PM Meet with Mike Woodard from Jubilee House to hear about their development projects, micro-lending initiatives  
6:00 PM Dinner at Hotel Europeo

#### **Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM Breakfast  
7:50 AM Depart for meeting  
8:15 AM Meet with Dr. Fransisco Aguirre Sacasa, Deputy to the National Assembly for the Liberal Constitutional Party (PLC) former ambassador to the US, current secretary general of the PLC

11:00 AM Meet with Carlos Fernando Chamorro , former editor of Barricada, the FSLN newspaper during the Revolution government, Founder and Director of the Center for Communication Research c.  
 12:30 PM Lunch at CGE  
 2:30 PM Depart for Leon  
 4:00 PM Hotel Check in  
 4:45 PM Free time to explore city of Leon (weather permitting!)  
 6:30 PM Dinner at Hotel Austria

**Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:15 AM Breakfast  
 8:00 AM Depart for Malpaisillo  
 8:30 AM Meet with members of Xochitl Acatl – Merxte Brosa , Guadalupe Gonzalez, Marcia Pozo  
 Visit farming community  
 12:00 PM Lunch with members Xochitl Acatl  
 Visit projects of pelibuey sheep and goats, selling of meat, dairy products and tannery workshop  
 Shoemaker- Glenda Ruiz  
 Visit clinic and Psychologist at Clinic- Aracelys Zelaya  
 Nurse at clinic – Ena Perez  
 Meet with Juana Delia Rojas and Merxte to hear Xocitl Acatl overall strategy  
 3:30 PM Depart for Leon  
 6:00 PM Reflection and Dinner at El Mediterraneo

**Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Breakfast at Hotel Austria  
 9:00 AM Depart for Managua  
 11:00 AM Meet with Maria Teresa Blandon, founder of the Feminist Women´s Movement  
 12:30 PM Lunch at Hotel Europeo  
 2:30 PM Depart for Nitlapan  
 3:00 PM Meet with Arturo Grigsby Director of Nitlapan, a Jesuit research institute involved in models of urban and rural development  
 4:30 PM Visit Mama Delfina Craft Store  
 6:30 PM Dinner at Europeo

**Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:15 AM Breakfast at Hotel Europeo  
 8:00 AM Depart for Fé y Alegria  
 8:30 AM Visit Fé y Alegria School – Roberto Clemente, one of the Jesuit works in Nicaragua. Meet with Berta Noguera, principal of Roberto Clemente School  
 10:30 AM Break  
 12:00 PM Lunch Hotel Europeo  
 2:00 PM Meet with Father Miguel D'Escoto, former Foreign Minister, current advisor to Sandinista government  
 3:30 PM Meeting with Father Fernando Cardenal SJ, Former Minister of Education of the Sandinista Revolution, Coordinator of the National Literacy Campaign, currently the Director of Fé y Alegriac.  
 5:00 PM Final Wrap up  
 7:00 PM Dinner at Cocina de Doña Haydee

**Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast at Hotel Europeo  
 Depart for Airport