

How About a College Semester “At Home?”

For many students a service learning semester abroad is an excellent way to immerse themselves in a different culture and be challenged to look at life through a whole new lens. But for those whose interests or finances make that impossible, a semester at home might be the answer.

It is for Becky Seipel, a Xavier University student who is spending a semester living in Cincinnati’s Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, taking classes on urban issues and volunteering 10 to 20 hours a week with social service agencies there and at St. Leo’s.

Becky has worked with Catholic Charities both in Louisville and Cincinnati and hopes to work with refugee resettlement once she graduates. Through her volunteering at St. Leo’s she is working with ESL and tutoring classes and will be helping with Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings. Through these experiences she is forming relationships and learning about life through the eyes of immigrants, refugees, and local residents of North Fairmount.

It’s a win-win for all of us. And for those who aren’t in college, but would like to have a mission experience, St. Leo’s might be the fit for you. Without the expense of a plane ticket you can find out first-hand about life in another country. We are truly a place where home mission meets foreign mission. To learn more, contact Casey Betz, cbetzstleo@aol.com

- Angela Anno, Pastoral Associate



Becky with a little “attendee” at Thursday’s Women’s Group where she assists with the lessons of the day or in any and all ways she can.