



## **Saint Michael's Woodshop Capstone Project**

**Saint Michael's Woodshop** was founded in 1967 by Mercy Sister Pat Flynn. It is a ministry that teaches life and character skills - through the art of woodworking - to teens in the City of Rochester. Tutors and mentors are committed to accompanying young men and women as they learn a trade, enhance their sense of self-worth, master a good work ethic, and demonstrate mutual care for one another. Housed in a 6000 square foot woodshop, Saint Michael's features a complete range of equipment to give the students

experience and skills for employment.

**The Capstone Project** proposed at Saint Michael's features McQuaid seniors working collaboratively alongside woodshop participants and their mentors to create an altar for the McQuaid community to use at school-wide Masses. Through this project, woodshop participants and their mentors teach and guide McQuaid students in the craft of woodworking.

Simultaneously, McQuaid students meet with woodshop participants for individual tutoring sessions. McQuaid students support woodshop participants in their studies, offering assistance in subjects such as mathematics, science, and English. In this way, both McQuaid and woodshop participants become learners with and teachers of the other.

The ultimate goal of this Capstone experience is for McQuaid seniors to develop a "kinship" with urban youth who participate in the programs at Saint Michael's Woodshop. They do this by sharing the gifts they have received through their Jesuit education, while also receiving the gift of the art of woodworking from their counterparts.

The project includes direct contact with urban youth, and satisfies the requirements of the Capstone experience. McQuaid seniors and woodshop participants meet at Saint Michael's weekly from 4:00 - 6:00 pm where they will work together on their common projects.

**For more information**, please see Fr. Reiser before Friday, December 8th. Spaces are limited.

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