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Teatro Corazón

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Organizational Profile

Teatro Corazón is a theater group affiliated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. This group has born tremendous fruit in the recruitment and training of young people and parents who have had no previous acting experience. It began as a response to many of the issues in the local neighborhood, esp. divisions among different Spanish-speaking immigrant constituencies. A group of young people from the parish wanted to address issues of family cohesiveness and higher education and decided to organize an ongoing effort of community building through popular theater. **Students who sign up for this particular placement must be able to understand and speak Spanish.**

SCU Student's Role

Santa Clara students will help to put on a play about Our Lady of Guadalupe. Students will be participating with members of Teatro Corazón in their weekly rehearsals learning the songs as well as getting to know the families they will be working with to put on the play. The play will be performed in the Mission Church at SCU. **Students who choose this placement will be expected to participate in the Guadalupe Celebration in the Mission Church on Sunday, December 4 2011** (Be aware that this is the Sunday before finals.) There will also be two practice sessions November 20 and 27 and it is highly encouraged you attend one or both.

To Do Before Orientation

- Visit the website for the diocese of San Jose to learn more about how Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish fits into the overall work of this diocese.
- Read your course syllabus and be prepared to discuss your learning goals with your placement supervisor at orientation.
- Review the materials provided regarding the story of and devotion to the Virgen de Guadalupe.