CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY
Magis Catholic Teacher Corps

Magis Catholic Teacher Corps-Essay Guide for Application

Please complete the following three essays on separate pages and place them in one document to upload. Each essay should be approximately one page in length. Submit the document online on Creighton's Graduate School application website. The essays may be shared with school principals as part of the placement process.

1. TEACH — Your Call to Catholic Education

What draws you to teaching in a Catholic school, and what kind of teacher do you hope to become through Magis?

Magis teachers commit to two years of full-time teaching while pursuing graduate coursework in education. Teaching through Magis is both professional preparation and a commitment to forming the whole person.

Consider addressing:

- Experiences that have prepared you to work with children or young adults
- Strengths you would bring to the classroom and areas in which you hope to grow
- A teacher or educator who has influenced the way you hope to teach
- What you understand about the mission of a Catholic school, and how your own faith or values would help you live it out in the classroom
- How graduate study and professional formation will help you grow as an educator

2. SERVE — Living in Community & For Others

What does it mean to you to live and serve in intentional community?

Magis teachers are called not only to serve their students and schools, but also to live intentionally alongside one another. Community requires presence, generosity, vulnerability, shared responsibility, and a willingness to grow through both joy and challenge.

Consider addressing:

- What you believe you would contribute to a Magis community
- An experience that shaped your understanding of service or community
- A time you navigated conflict, disagreement, or differences with others

- What intentional community requires from each person
- Your understanding of simple living and how you would approach sharing a home and life with others

3. TRANSFORM — Faith, Growth & Becoming More

How do you hope to be transformed through your Magis experience, and how do you hope your presence will contribute to the transformation of others?

Rooted in Catholic and Jesuit values, Magis invites teachers to become contemplatives in action—people who reflect on their experiences, recognize God's presence, and respond through lives of faith and service. Magis welcomes individuals from diverse spiritual backgrounds while asking all participants to be open to and actively participate in spiritual formation and Ignatian spirituality.

Consider addressing:

- Your current faith, spiritual, or reflective practices
- An experience that challenged or deepened your faith, values, or understanding of yourself
- Where you hope to grow spiritually during your two years in Magis
- How you hope your faith or values will influence the way you teach, serve, and live in community
- What being a “contemplative in action” might mean in your daily life