

Xavier Mission
55 West 15th Street
New York, NY 10011

By volunteering at the
Fr. Ned Coughlin shelter,

YOU

*can make
a difference
in the
life of a
homeless person.*

*“Who practices hospitality
entertains God himself”*
Proverb

Xavier Mission asks

*Where are
YOU
sleeping
tonight?*

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MISSION** 
Welcome. Serve. Empower.

59,000+ people in New York City sleep in shelters each night



About the Shelter

The Fr. Ned Coughlin, SJ Men's Shelter runs in conjunction with the Olivieri drop-in center and Urban Pathways.

We operate the shelter seven nights a week, year-round for up to fifteen men or women. Volunteers provide a light meal in the evening, breakfast in the morning and a patient and compassionate presence.

The Emergency Shelter Network of Congregations and Community Organizations (ESN), of which our shelter is a part, was restructured by the New York City Department of Homeless Services in 2009. Xavier Mission has been a leading voice in advocating for the continuation of the network and the protection of our guests.

Location

24 West 16th Street New York, NY 10011

Hours

8:00 pm-6:30 am (next day)

Once a week, once a month or even once every other month—choose a schedule that's right for you!

Volunteering is Easy!

There are 2 shifts to choose from:

Primetime Volunteer

Duties include:

- Sign-in guests
- Serve a prepared light meal
- Assist guests in getting settled with beds, linens, etc.
- Spend time talking with guests
- Oversee lights out

Hours: 8:00 pm-10:00 pm

Overnight Volunteer

Duties include:

- All of the above
- Stay overnight
- Serve a continental breakfast
- Oversee morning clean-up and departure

Hours: 8:00 pm-6:30 am

All volunteers also assist in making sure the shelter is neat and orderly, including helping to re-stock food and supplies and doing a final pass-through before leaving in the morning

To volunteer or for more information please contact

xmshelter@gmail.com or 212-627-2100

For information about Xavier Mission, please visit us online at

www.xaviermission.org/shelter

About the Guests

- Up to 15 homeless men or women are our guests each night. They arrive by bus from the Olivieri Drop-in Center to sleep in a safe and restful environment.
- Guests are carefully screened for health and behavioral problems and cleanliness, and are over the age of 15. They are not sent if severely lacking personal hygiene or if they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- The shelter will be all men or all women on any given night but is almost always men.

Things to know:

- Overnight volunteers ideally work in pairs—couples are welcome to serve together
- All new volunteers will be paired with an experienced volunteer—you will not be asked to stay alone
- Bring comfortable clothing to sleep in.
- Clean linens are provided.
- Be sociable! Our guests usually like a friendly conversation

By volunteering you provide a safe, restful night's sleep for homeless individuals.