

On to Fort Benning

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Tonight and tomorrow I'll be traveling on a bus from Kansas City, Mo. for 14 hours with other locals and students from Rockhurst University. After a short stop in St. Louis to pick up students from Washington University, we'll be on our way to Columbus, Ga.

I'll be there to report on the Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice (IFTJ) and the School of the Americas Watch (SOAW) Vigil outside Fort Benning. Throughout the events of the weekend you can expect to see blog postings on this site with updates.



Founded by Maryknoll Fr. Roy

in 1990, the SOAW has every year

since held an annual vigil outside the gates of Fort Benning. The vigil is to call attention to the training of soldiers from Latin America at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC).

Along with those who come for the vigil on Sunday morning and SOAW sponsored talks on Friday and Saturday, students from across the country are also expected to attend the Ignatian teach-in. Full of dynamic speakers and informative break-out sessions, the teach-in will culminate on Saturday evening with a 10,000 person large celebration of the Mass.

Among other things, during the weekend I'll be talking with people from near and far to hear their stories and insights.

Look for the posting of stories, photos, videos, and audio from the events.