



JESUIT VOLUNTEER CORPS

Greetings Class of 2016,

Blessings to each of you during this time in your journey, as you prepare for your pending departure and the points of transition you will experience during your time prior to departure. We are conscious that during the upcoming weeks and months there will be a lot of information sent your way. We are committed to making sure you have the information necessary to be adequately prepared both logistically and from a perspective of holistic, formative preparation. We encourage you to focus on the current moments in your life that require your attention – be it transitioning from college, a full-time job, or another experience.

Through each of these moments, it's important to remain centered and reflect on how to share your own story with those who will support you along the way. Many will be asking you: "What you will be doing?" and this can sometimes create pressure, particularly in a culture that is inundated with information, making us feel that it's imperative that we respond with a clear outcome. We invite you to reframe the question and respond with "Why are you doing JVC? Why are you choosing to live deeply within JVC's four values for the next two years?"

We encourage you to feel the ambiguity and the joys that come with trusting that you will be welcomed by a community of current volunteers, local Jesuits, and other partners. During this time may each of you strive to slow down and to continue to walk in the pace of our God, listening to the voice of God in your feelings, inquietudes (concerns), and moments of grace. In this mailer, you will find both logistical information and resources to help you:

RESOURCES

We hope these help you in developing your own formation story that you will share with others:

- Praying our Goodbyes & Transition Prayer
- Change vs. Transition
- Process of International Service
- Good Counsel: Six Lessons for the Younger Set
- Crossing Cultures Exercises
- 2016 JVC Handbook

OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRING ACTION:

- Summer Orientation – Basic Info (also sent by email in the second Ignite)
- Immunizations and Power of Attorney

A friendly reminder – please continue in your fundraising efforts! We've been impressed that many of you are well on your way to your goals.

Warmly,

The International Program staff of JVC – Liz, Billy, Paige, Michele, and Nicole