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Dear New Jesuit Volunteer,

Welcome to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps! We are thrilled to officially welcome you on your acceptance of placement. On behalf of the team at JVC I believe and trust this will be a year of life-changing experiences that generate permanent transformation.

JVC is a holistic experience engaging in the four values of JVC: developing your personal and communal spirituality, adopting a simple lifestyle in a new neighborhood and city, forming community with people whom you have not met before, and working for social justice in solidarity with people oppressed and made poor. You are joining a community, generations old, of young people who have radically chosen something different. Thank you for entering into this work and this adventure with us. JVC provides fertile ground for growth and deepening of faith and relationships, and with your commitment and openness the opportunities for us together to grow and build a more just and hopeful world.

Thank you for sending us your signed covenant. As you learned in the screening process the covenant provides the lifeblood for the responsibilities and opportunities to which you are committing when signing your name. The word *covenant* in its Latin origin translates to a *coming together*. Through the gift of free will we each have an opportunity every day, and over our lifetime to choose to *come together*, often relying on faith and community to sustain us in this commitment through times of challenge and to help multiply graces through times of joy. The official duration of a covenant with JVC is for one year, building the foundation for a lifetime of engagement and connection with our growing community. We, your agency placement, your community mates, and our whole JVC family rely on your commitment through this entire time period; we know you have made this decision with joy, thoughtfulness, and full understanding.

There is certainly much to read and much to learn, and this is only the beginning! For more specific information about the JVC program, please refer to the Handbook found at jesuitvolunteers.org/incoming-jv. Other important documents, including the materials in this packet, will also be posted on this website.

This packet contains a lot of important information, so please read through it carefully. Pay special attention to the deadline listed below, which is quickly approaching! Specifics about arranging travel to Orientation and community information will be coming at a later date.

Our team is here to walk with you through this journey. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out!

I hope you have an enjoyable spring. The entire JVC staff looks forward to meeting you in August and working with you throughout the program year. Welcome to the JVC family!



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Enclosures:

- Spring and Summer Overview
- Consent for Use of Name, Voice, and Likeness
- Medical Clearance
- Health and Wellness History
- Loan Deferment FAQ
- An Introduction to Fundraising for JVC
- Send Me to Serve: A Guide to *YOUR* Online Fundraising Page
- Stone Catching: a reflection by Former Jesuit Volunteer Emily Dillon

Please submit the following by **May 2, 2016 (May 20 for those placed in April)**:

- Signed Consent for Use of Name, Voice, and Likeness
- Completed Medical Clearance (must be completed by a physician)
- Completed Health and Wellness History
- A clear .jpg photo of you (head shot preferred) that we may use for Orientation materials (email to recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org)

Unless otherwise stated, materials may be mailed to 801 Saint Paul Street; Baltimore, Maryland 21202; faxed to 410-244-1766; or scanned and emailed to recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org.