

Ignite!



Greetings Jennifer -

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The JVC staff has been excitedly preparing for your arrival to Orientation! In the coming month, a JVC staff member will contact you to set up a check-in call to continue the preparation for Orientation.



Orlando has been on our hearts and so to begin this issue we offer a prayer from JVC staff member Lily Roggenkamp which the JVC staff prayed together this week. This month's issue of Ignite! also highlights the JVC health insurance and includes communication resources to reflect on in advance of Orientation.

Thank you to those who filled out the [Orientation Survey](#). If you still need to complete the survey, please fill it out as soon as possible!

Stay Connected to JVC!

Join the [Incoming JV Facebook Group](#) to receive SMTS updates, fundraising tips, and other important information.

Check the [Incoming JV Resource Page](#) for important documents and past issues of Ignite!

Surprise Impact on StoryCorps





Love is a Verb

A prayer from a JVC staff member inspired by Queen, Lin-Manuel Miranda and Stephen Colbert.

**We chase the melodies that seem to find us
Until they're finished songs and start to play
When senseless acts of tragedy remind us
That nothing here is promised, not one day.**

Death doesn't discriminate between the sinners and the saints,
It takes and it takes and
We. Keep. Living. Anyway.

**We lived through times when hate and fear
seemed stronger;
We rise and fall and light from dying embers,
remembrances that hope and love last longer**

Why can't we give love that one more chance?

Love doesn't discriminate between the sinners and the saints.

Love does not despair. Love makes us strong. Love gives us the courage to act. Love gives us hope that change is possible. Love allows us to change the script.

Why can't we give love?
'Cause love's such an old-fashioned word
And love dares you to care for the people on the edge of the night
And love dares you to change our way of caring about ourselves

So, love your family, love the families, and the victims, and the people of Orlando.

Click above to hear from the JVs in Pohnpei, Micronesia share about who has impacted them most during their service.

Agency Spotlights



Parroquia San Pedro Andahuaylillas, Peru

The Jesuit parish of Andahuaylillas was founded around 1610 and is commonly referred to as "the Sistine Chapel of the Americas" due to its elaborate interior decorations and paintings. It is also the center of this small Andean town's social programs. International program JVs have served there since 2010. Currently, JVs at the parish work in the community dining hall serving up meals to the children and in the computer lab and library offering homework help, literacy tutoring, companionship and more. They also help lead retreat groups of students and adults that come to visit from other countries including the U.S.



Neighborhood Service Organization Detroit, MI

NSO is a nonprofit human services agency that hosts two JVs who serve as community coordinators. For 60 years, NSO has supported Detroit's most

But remember that love is a verb and to love means to do something.

This is ourselves under pressure.

**And love is love is love is love is love is love is love.
Love cannot be killed or swept aside.
Now fill the world with music, love and pride.**

- [Jim Martin, SJ responds to the tragedy in Orlando in solidarity](#)
- [Brendan Busse, SJ on the complicity of the government and the Church.](#)

Health Insurance Information

Health insurance coverage is required during the JV year. JVs may choose to stay on their parents' health insurance plan, pay for their own plan, or enroll in the health insurance coverage provided by JVC. Below is some information that you will find helpful in making this important decision.

What you need to know about health insurance:
[Health Insurance Overview](#)

How to enroll or decline JVC health insurance:
Submit one of the following forms no later than Monday, July 18, 2016.

- To ENROLL in the health insurance provided by JVC, please complete the following form: [2016-2017 Agreement of Understanding](#)
- To DECLINE the health insurance coverage by JVC, please complete the following form: [2016-2017 Health Insurance Waiver Form](#)

There is a dedicated webpage for JV health insurance: jesuitvolunteers.org/jvhealthinsurance.
If you have questions or concerns, contact Nicole at jvhealthinsurance@jesuitvolunteers.org

Send Me to Serve



As of the writing of this newsletter, Send Me to Serve has raised \$58,648 through 825 gifts, and 37 Jesuit Volunteers have met or surpassed the

vulnerable citizens with innovative services. Some services are location-based while others focus on outreach into the community and meeting people wherever they are. NSO's mission is to change lives through innovative services that harness the power of choice. Visit their [website](#) to learn more.

Forms Due to JVC

Thanks to you who have sent in your forms! The following forms, sent in your welcome packet and linked below, are due to JVC as soon as possible:

- [Medical Clearance](#) (completed by a physician or physician assistant; you will need to schedule a doctor's appointment)
- [Health and Wellness History](#) (completed by you)
- [Consent for Use of Name, Voice and Likeness](#) (signed by you)

Forms can be:

- Mailed to JVC office at 801 Saint Paul St.; Baltimore, Maryland 21202
- Emailed to recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org

Also, please email a clear .jpg headshot of yourself to use for Orientation materials (send to recruiter@jesuitvolunteers.org).

For all Incoming JV information, including copies of



initial goal of \$600. That's pretty amazing! Keep up the good work!

45 JVs still need to set up their fundraisers. If you haven't set up your SMTS page yet, the step-by-step instructions are [here](#). Set it up by June 20. It's not too late to start spreading the mission of JVC! Make sure you personalize your page and share it with as many people as you can. There was some great information in the Welcome Call. If you missed it, listen to it [here](#).

SMTS Leaders:

Anna Harty - \$1,140

Catherine Larrabee - \$1,275

Katherine Nguyen - \$1,215

Jordan Enos has received the most individual gifts - 20 and counting!

Make sure to say THANK YOU to your supporters!

Preparation for the Journey - Communication & Community

"To effectively communicate, we must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others." --Tony Robbins

As a JV, you will be a part of several intentional communities within which you will broaden your perspective and confront boundaries. You will share meals, reflect, pray together, and live among the people you serve. You will challenge and support one another, while gaining new insights into the realities of poverty and oppression.

Helpful tips for community living:

- Say "yes" more than you say no
- Communicate often
- Be honest and authentic
- Be open to new perspectives and examine your biases
- Try something new (at least once)
- Voice your feelings
- Articulate your needs - and invite others to articulate theirs

previous issues of Ignite, please check out the [Incoming JV webpage](#).

Financial Preparedness

Becoming a Jesuit Volunteer is a tremendous commitment and we encourage all incoming JVs to consider their financial and travel needs before leaving for Orientation.

- If you have student loans, begin looking into options for Loan Deferment/Forebearance. You can find info here: [Loan Deferment FAQ](#)
- Discuss with family your commitment to community and the monthly stipend, which may limit your travel during the JVC program year
- Consider if you will travel for the holidays and how you will budget for this transportation as a JV
- During the year, many JV communities save money to travel to other JV houses and visit local landmarks. Begin considering your expectations and how to plan as a community.

Open, honest, and direct communication will be essential in your experience as a Jesuit Volunteer. Take the [Communication Style Self-Assessment exercise](#) to learn about your own style of communication.

This tool will help you learn more about your own preferred method of communication, and also how to best communicate with those who have different styles than your own.

Use the [JV Facebook Group](#) to share other ideas and resources!

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