

College of the Holy Cross
Office of the College Chaplains



Application for: Arrupe Immersion Program



**Please mark the program for which you are applying.
(Please mark only one)**

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Kenya - Jan 9-19, 2013 Tentative Estimated Cost: \$4,000

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Nicaragua - Jan 9-19, 2013 Tentative Estimated Cost: \$1,800

Guidelines

- Please complete the following short answer questions and essays.
- **Please submit a photo** (or copy) of yourself along with this application.
- Please submit your application to the Office of the Chaplains by **4pm on April 10th**.
- Please **sign up for an interview** in Campion when submitting your application (or email from abroad to schedule).

Name on your passport/ State ID	
Name you prefer to be called (if different)	
HC ID #	
P.O. Box	
Mobile Phone	
Year	
Major	
Gender	
List any courses you have taken that relate to or complement the purpose of this immersion. (e.g. – Faith & World Poverty, Latino or Africana studies, theology, etc.)	
**Important - Please mention any concerns you have about this trip, financial or otherwise.	

Permanent address (home)	
<i>Please sign here to acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to live within the Mission statement and the "Behavioral expectations" for this trip.</i>	

For International Programs

Do you presently hold a passport that will be valid for at least six months after your return from the program to which you are applying?	
Please list any previous experience outside your home nation.	

Essays (Each essay should be no more than 150 words each. Please submit the essays with this form.)

1. How has your personal history lead you to apply to this program? What is your motivation to apply for a program like this?
2. How do you understand the difference between an immersion program (such as the one to which you are applying) and a service trip?
3. Daily reflection on our own spiritual journey will be central to our work. Please explain how you express your relationship with God. Please also mention your comfort level with group reflection experiences.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact Marty Kelly in the office of the Chaplains at mkelly@holycross.edu with questions or concerns at any time.

Please return to Office of the College Chaplains, P.O. Box 16-A

<p style="text-align: center;">Mission statement Arrupe Immersion Program</p>

The Arrupe Immersion Program is a faith based program responding to the call to work for peace and justice in the world. This call is central to the Christian Scriptures and to the Jesuit mission of the College of the Holy Cross. In order to more effectively respond to that call we operate out of these guiding principles:

- ***To see God in all things:*** How can we be open to the experience of God inviting us into areas of the world in great need? How can we be open to the hospitality and generosity of the materially poor? How can we grow in a realization of the presence of God in the world, and in light of that realization respond to the needs of the world? How can we live this dynamic call to be aware of the presence of God in the poor and forgotten while noticing the shallowness of common understandings of success?
- ***To live as contemplatives in action:*** Inspired by the distinctive character of Ignatian spirituality we aspire to root all of our work in prayer, to allow God to continue to form us through prayerful reflection on the work of the day. In choosing to center our work in prayer we open ourselves to the transformative growth experiences that come from vulnerability and love. By centering our work in prayer we also realize the liberation that comes from knowing that we are “workers, not the master builder... prophets of a future that is not our own.” (Oscar Romero, Archbishop and martyr).

Purpose of the Arrupe International Immersion program

- To coordinate and implement a variety of global immersion programs which have a common purpose, philosophy, and set of policies. These seek to provide Holy Cross students with a powerful experience that is both challenging and integrative.
- To coordinate the practical efforts of all immersion programs offered through the Office of the Chaplains at the College of the Holy Cross (in particular addressing compliance issues, marketing, fundraising, and training).
- To offer consistent and in depth preparation for the immersion experience for all student and staff participants
- To provide consistent follow – up for all student and staff participants by offering resources for vocational discernment, opportunities for communal prayer and reflection on their experiences, and post graduate volunteer opportunities.
- To serve as a prophetic voice on campus for global justice issues and to take an active role in raising campus awareness.

The manner in which we will cross cultures:

- This is not a traditional mission experience; it is a reverse mission experience. We go to realize the glory of God already present throughout the world.
- Our history of privilege, as members of a North American academic community, allows us many opportunities not afforded most people in the world. The purpose of these immersion trips is to be more aware of those privileges, and to cultivate methods of reform in our lives and in larger society. As a result we will strive, while traveling, to avoid the excesses common to most affluent tourists. To this end, the program is structured in a way that promotes reflection, prayer, and opportunities to experience community in a deeply meaningful way.

<p style="text-align: center;">Arrupe Immersion Program Behavioral expectations and Statement of Common Understanding</p>

The Holy Cross Arrupe Immersion Program has, at its heart, a commitment to walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers throughout the United States and the world. Through their participation in one of the Immersion programs Holy Cross students, faculty and staff are offered first hand experiences with women and men who struggle for the most basic of needs.

By making the following behavioral expectations explicit we hope to establish guidelines for community development and allow for growth and entertainment within the mission of the program and with particular attention to the safety and security of all participants.

- I understand that in participating in this Program I am going not as an individual, but as an informal representative of the College of the Holy Cross. Thus, in all that I do or say I will endeavor to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct. I will be respectful of the people of the host region, students from other colleges or universities, and of my companions, who, like myself, have need of rest, quiet, privacy and peace of mind. I will do nothing to cause them any risk, worry, or anxiety. At all times I will see to it that my own personal behavior is always morally and legally acceptable and that I will adhere to the Community Standards as set forth by the College of the Holy Cross in the Student Handbook.
- I understand that alcohol is excluded from the Arrupe Immersion Program. From many years of experience and after much consideration participants are asked to abstain from alcohol for the short time we are visiting our host location as a sign of solidarity with people who struggle for their most basic needs.
- I understand that illegal drugs of any kind will not be tolerated. Participants who are found to use or carry illegal drugs will be immediately sent home at their own expense.
- I understand that participants are asked to be deliberately simple in their packing. When packing I will remember that we are living among the economically poor. It is our attempt to live in something close to solidarity with the people we are visiting.
- I will not enter into romantic relationships with people from the host region while we are traveling there.
- I will be open to being changed by this experience and to reflection with other members of the group through the preparation and actual time of the trip.
- I understand that for my own safety all participants are expected to spend evenings with the larger group or with some part of that group. I will use any free time in a safe and responsible way. I will consult the trip leader before leaving during free time.
- In the event of a medical or political emergency I will respect the decision of the group leaders to evacuate, or stand fast.
- I understand that I have been assigned to a particular group of Holy Cross students, with whom I will travel, live, and work for the duration of the Program, and that even though the tasks assigned to us may not be those of my own preference, I agree to do them as generously and cheerfully as possible, especially as I understand that the fulfillment of these tasks is for the enhancement of those whom we serve.

- I understand that each group will have a person who is the local contact and host for the duration of our stay in our host region, and that I am expected to respect and follow the wishes and directives of this person, as seems in keeping with my own good judgment.
- I understand that we are the guests of the people of our host location, and I will make every effort to be respectful of their beliefs, traditions, values, and local customs. For example, taking photographs will always be done with discretion and may require my asking permission.
- I understand that those responsible for organizing this Program have taken every reasonable precaution to assure my health, safety, security, and general well-being during the trip. However, I also understand that neither the College of the Holy Cross, nor anyone in our host region assumes any legal responsibility or liability for any injury or event which may occur to me during this Program. I understand that I and my family only are responsible for any medical or legal expenses which may possibly be incurred during the Program. I am willing to sign a legal waiver to this effect.
- I understand that the vehicles which have been provided for our transportation are to be used solely for the purposes of the Program, and hence, neither I nor any group of students will expect to make use of these vehicles for personal reasons, such as evening excursions, etc. Furthermore, I understand that they are to be operated at all times in a safe and reasonable manner, and in compliance with the laws of the states through which we will be journeying.
- I agree to pay a ***non refundable deposit*** upon my acceptance to secure my position in the immersion program:
 - **Kenya: \$400**
 - **Nicaragua: \$200**
- I will attend community meetings and offer my help with the fundraising, education/ research and community building activities.
- I agree to the payment schedule for the immersion program (outlined separately by the group leaders).

Signature

Date