



## **ICJE Immersion Program Mission and Learning Objectives**

### Mission Statement

Rooted in *a Faith that does Justice*, the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education offers high-impact formational immersion experiences. Informed by and in conversation with Catholic social tradition, these opportunities provide significant encounters with communities who have little access to wealth, power and privilege, and, together with pre- and post-immersion gatherings, cultivate a clear personal movement toward deepening faith, solidarity and active global citizenship.

### Key Learning Objectives

As an experiential learning program intended to integrate faith, justice and the intellectual life, and further the ICJE's strategic goals of "Engaging a Neighbor" and "Forming Active Global Citizens" we can identify several Key Learning Objectives of the immersion program which would serve as both guide and metric of evaluation for our formation process. Our hope and intention is that through participation in our program students would:

- I. Cultivate deeper compassion/empathy for others through encounter and shared experience with people from different contexts and backgrounds (e.g., racial, socio-economic, etc.), and particularly those who experience themselves as marginalized by society.**
- II. Cultivate a greater awareness of the challenges facing communities with little access to wealth, power, and privilege.**
- III. Grow in awareness of and commitment to specific key virtues, such as justice, solidarity, and simplicity.**
- IV. Develop skills and a toolbox for faith-informed social analysis and critical thinking regarding social justice issues.**
- V. Deepen their faith lives.**
- VI. Develop a broader and deepening understanding of personal vocation.**

In addition, for our student leaders we add a final learning objective:

- VII. Hone skills and confidence in Ignatian leadership and group facilitation.**