



STUDENT COORDINATOR ESSAYS

DIRECTIONS: Please type your responses to each question on a computer and save your work. Please limit responses to each question to 350 words or less. You will be asked to copy and paste your responses into the online application.

1. Describe why you want to serve as a student leader for one of these experiences and highlight the leadership qualities you will bring to the group.
2. Have you had any **peer leadership** experience? If so, what have you learned from these experiences? If not, what do you anticipate being your greatest opportunity AND challenge in this role of peer leadership?
3. Please rank (from highest to lowest) the following areas in terms of your strengths; provide brief comments/descriptions on some (or all) qualities, as necessary: adaptability, assertiveness, communication, community-building, creativity, educating others, initiative, knowledge of/passion for justice, organization, reflectiveness.
4. What do you think are the important features of a thorough immersion preparation process? How would you facilitate this process and what unique ideas do you have?
5. One of the greatest challenges of the immersion experience program is getting students to stay engaged with their group after they return. What are your ideas for helping students to continue their commitment to what they have experienced after the trip is over?
6. What do you think is the key “thing” (outcome, goal, etc.) the immersion program achieves?
7. Please respond to ONE of the following:
 - A. Name two things about our world that would have to be different for us to call it "just." What are ways these changes could or would come to fruition?
 - B. Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ said:
“Today, our prime educational objective must be to form men-and-women-for-others; men and women who will live not for themselves but... men and women who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors; men and women completely convinced that love of God which does not issue in justice for others is a farce.” What does being “a man or woman for others” mean to you? And, how does this connect to your faith life?
 - C. What are some social justice issues you are currently passionate about and why? Or, what are some of the social justice issues in the area where you hope to be immersed and why do you want to learn more about them?