**A Completed Immersion Application Includes the Following (very firm deadline of 9:45 am on Friday, October 21):**

**1. Submitting your online form (which includes $100 deposit & parent consent).**

This includes the student service preferences, student essay reponses, parent/student consents of understanding and $100 online deposit. If you will not be paying online, please write a check out to Jesuit High School for $100 and bring it to Mrs. Anderson's office in Christian Service no later than 9:45 am on Friday, Oct. 21.

Link to the online application is available here: <http://www.jesuithighschool.org/immersions>

**2. Please ask two faculty or staff members of Jesuit High School to complete an online recommendation for you.**

Print and complete the paperwork embedded in the online application (how to find the application is listed above). You are required to physically hand this completed form to the two faculty/staff members you are asking to complete your recommendation. The link is also here: <https://docs.google.com/a/jhs.net/document/d/156sEDY9Y9WGH1a3nZ7M0xl2eoVhyrL6TP76U1_9kgFc/edit?usp=sharing>

**3. Check your student email for your interview time. Please keep in mind a missed interview will take you out of consideration for an Immersion team.**

Interviews will begin on Monday, Oct. 24 and will run for 3 weeks. We hope to inform students on their acceptance or waitlist status just after Thanksgiving.

Questions or concerns? Feel free to email Mrs. Anderson: [Gina.Anderson@jesuithighschool.org](mailto:Gina.Anderson@jesuithighschool.org) or stop by her office in Christian Service.

**Who are we sharing life with?**

* **With people experiencing homelessness or severe economic hardship**
  + **Sacramento:** We will serve with various non-profits who help those experience homelessness or severe economic hardship. From the service experience we intend to advocate at Sacramento’s City Council meeting and lobby at the state capitol in unison with those striving to improve the lives of people experiencing homelessness. We are in process of confirming our lodging with Loaves & Fishes. (LOCAL)
  + **San Francisco:** We will serve in the Tenderloin district of San Francisco at the St. Anthony’s Foundation (SAF). One of the many strengths of the SAF is the emphasis it provides on poverty education for its volunteers. We will be staying at St. Agnes Jesuit parish in the Haight/Ashbury district of SF. (LOCAL)
  + **South Bay Area:** The team will be staying at Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose. Through the course of the week we will volunteer with Dorothy’s Place (Salinas), Sacred Heart Community Services, Most Holy Trinity Parish & School, and St. Anthony Padua Dining Room. (LOCAL)
  + **Los Angeles:** The majority of our time will be spent preparing food, serving, and companioning people facing hunger and difficulties on Skid Row. We will also visit Dolores Mission and Homeboy Industries. We will be staying in the business office of the Cardinal Manning Center. The CMC is a shelter for 60 men experiencing homelessness. (LOCAL)
  + **Portland:** (See below) (LOCAL)
* **With people experiencing developmental disabilities**
  + **Portland:** Our mornings will be spent serving people experiencing homelessness at St. Andre Bessette Parish in downtown Portland, Oregon. Our afternoons and evenings will be spent in service and companionship with members of the L’Arche Community, people living with physical and developmental disabilities. Lodging is TBD. (LOCAL)
  + **Chiapas:** (See below) (INTERNATIONAL)
* **Doing physical labor/home repair in underserved communities**
  + **New Orleans:** We will once again partner with the St. Bernard Project, a well established non-profit organization devoted to restoring the homes of their neighbors. Whenever possible we will work side-by-side with the homeowners. We will stay at the Mission House of Mustard Seed Ministries. (DOMESTIC)
  + **Tijuana:** Volunteering: We will partner with Esperanza (Spanish for Hope!), working side-by-side with a local family as they take their handmade concrete blocks and transform it into a permanent home. There will also be opportunity for cultural immersion including visiting an orphanage and the touring the border from the Mexican side. Lodging will be with Esperanza (La Posada). (INTERNATIONAL)
* **With people experiencing extreme poverty abroad**
  + **Tijuana:** (See above) (INTERNATIONAL)
  + **Chiapas:** We will be working on Yo'onik Learning Center for Indigenous Mayan Children in Zinacantan through the organization Natik. We will be spending time with the community at Angeles de Amor, a day program and working farm for people living with disabilities. We will also be experiencing the Mayan culture by visiting sites such as Chomula and the Mexican National Jungle. We will be staying at Angeles de Amor in their volunteer quarters. (INTERNATIONAL)
  + **Guatemala:** We are once again partnering with International Samaritan to volunteer with people who make their livelihood by scavenging through the local landfill for food and items to sell. Much of our time will be serving the pre-school and elementary school children whose families live in the this city dump next to the school. Lodging will be at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Guatemala City. (INTERNATIONAL)
  + **KINO Border Initiative: Nogales, Arizona/Mexico:** (See Below)
* **Catholic Community Service-Retreat** (With a focus on simple living, helping local underserved communities, and respect for the Earth)
  + **Kansas City (Jerusalem Farm):**  We will be living simply and giving of our time and energy to help others primarily with home maintenance and repair so that they may have adequate shelter. The Jerusalem Farm community, which provides our housing, is led by an alumnus of Jesuit High School. (DOMESTIC)
  + **West Virginia (Nazareth Farm):** We will be partnering with the community at Nazareth Farm, who provide our housing, in an atmosphere of simple living and service. We will assist neighbors in need with home maintenance and repair as well as work on the farm for self-sufficiency. (DOMESTIC)
* **With people experiencing immigration**
  + **KINO Border Initiative: Nogales, Arizona/Mexico:** The Kino Border Initiative recognizes the tremendous impact that immersion experiences can have on delegations. They are provided the opportunity for direct service, for dialogue with people impacted by migration and for reflection on their experience and response. (DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL)
  + **Tijuana:** (See above) (INTERNATIONAL)