

# THE JESUITS

## One Mission, Many Ministries

Jesuits are widely known for their colleges and universities, as well as high schools. And that's no surprise. Education is a cornerstone of the Society of Jesus, and has been since the late 1540s, when Jesuit schools began spreading through Europe.

But names like "Georgetown" and "Gonzaga" and "Marquette" do not tell a full story of Jesuit ministries. The works are far broader in scope, extending from middle schools in the inner city to refugee camps near Iraq, from retreat houses with an ocean view to parishes next door to college campuses. Jesuits — together with their lay collaborators — are called to these and many other ministries.

Geographically speaking, Jesuits serve where needs are greatest — From underserved neighborhoods in East Los Angeles to schools in Micronesia. They and their many collaborators are involved in myriad international works through such flagship organizations as the Jesuit Refugee Service.

### Ministry's Frontiers

The followers of St. Ignatius Loyola are also exploring the frontiers of mission and ministry.

"Thus as this world changes, so does the context of our mission; and new frontiers beckon that we must be willing to embrace," the Jesuits declared at their 2008 General Congregation. This spirit is finding expression, for example, in the recent phenomenon of Jesuit middle schools in hard-pressed urban neighborhoods of the United States. Other examples include interreligious dialogue in countries torn by religious violence, and the struggle for environmental justice.

## Get Involved

Go to: <http://jesuits.org/stayinformed> to sign up for The Jesuits award-winning newsletter and/or to learn more about the Volunteer possibilities listed below.

There are many ways you can get involved with the Society of Jesus in the United States. Stay informed about the work of the Jesuits in the U.S. and around the world by signing up for National Jesuit News, our award-winning newsletter by clicking [here](#). You can participate in our advocacy work on issues such as

immigration reform by signing up with Jesuit Advocates, or you can volunteer your time and talent with the Jesuit organizations listed below.



### Jesuit Volunteer Corps

Jesuit Volunteers are called to the mission of serving the poor directly, working for structural change in the United States, and accompanying people in developing



countries.

### Ignatian Volunteer Corps

IVC provides men and women, most age 50 or better, opportunities to serve others and to transform lives. IVC matches the talents of experienced Volunteers with the greatest social needs of our time.



### Jesuit Advocates

Jesuit Advocates speaks for the voiceless on matters of social concern before government and corporate institutions.



### Jesuit Refugee Service, USA

The mission of Jesuit Refugee Service/USA is to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons.