Iona in Mission Committee & Student Leader Application
2014-2015

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Graduation Year: _____ GPA: _____

Major: _____ Residential/Off-Campus ___ Commuter ___

Previous IIM experience: _____

I am interested in being a: ___ Student Leader
___ Committee Member
___ Either

Committee

**Specific positions on the Committee will be decided after selection.*

Tentative 2014-15 mission sites that interest me:

Winter Break:	***Spring Break:***	***Summer:***
__ Nazareth Farm	__ Latin America	__ Zambia
__ Ireland	__ New Orleans	__ South Dakota
__ India	__ Baltimore	__ Syracuse: L'Arche
	__ Philadelphia	__ Rochester

**The sites are not set in stone and are subject to be altered depending on various factors.*
***See the attached description of each tentative trip for more information.*

Please type a response to the following:

1. What is the purpose of the Iona in Mission program and short-term service immersion experiences?

2. Why do you want to serve on the Iona in Mission Committee?

3. Why do you want to be a Student Trip Leader?
   Is there an IIM trip that most interests you, if so, why?

4. Identify and explain your previous college experience with:
   a) Iona in Mission (prior trips and student leader experiences)
   b) Community service
   c) Leadership and organization roles
   d) Other extra-curricular activities

5. What talents will you bring to the Committee/team? How do you hope to grow?

6. Explain one idea you have to foster team growth as a student leader or program growth as a Committee leader.

7. State your anticipated time commitments for next year.

Please return to Stephen Hill in LaPenta 217 by 5pm on March 14, 2014.

Do NOT hand in the trip descriptions with your application!

Tentative 2014-15 IIM Mission Trip Descriptions

I'M Nazareth Farm, West Virginia
Dates: January 4 – 10, 2015
At Nazareth Farm, students will learn about the economic challenges of Appalachia and engage in service opportunities such as constructing homes and visiting community members. This week long service-retreat immersion experience will focus on the cornerstones of simplicity, community, prayer, and service.
Estimated cost: $325

I'M Ireland
Dates: January 2 – 16, 2015
Students will walk in the footsteps of Bl. Edmund Rice during this mission immersion in Ireland. One week will be spent in Dublin serving at various ministries of the Edmund Rice Network and learning about social justice issues. The team will then head south to Waterford and Callan to visit the Edmund Rice heritage sites.
Estimated cost $2,000

I'M India
Dates: January 2 – 16, 2015
A tentatively scheduled new immersion of Iona in Mission, details are yet to be worked out. However, the group will work with the Christian Brothers in either Kolkatta or Delhi engaging the local community through service while learning about social justice issues relevant in Indian society and the globalized society.
Estimated cost: TBD

I'M Latin America
Dates: March 13 – 21, 2015
The Iona in Mission group will be working with *Los Hermanos* in Lima, Peru or Cochabamba, Bolivia, depending on the availability of the Brothers. The groups will be fully immersed in the reality of Latin America through service and building relationships within the local communities.
Estimated cost: Peru - $1,500; Bolivia - $1,700

I'M New Orleans
Dates: March 14 – 21, 2015
Hurricane Katrina is over, but hardly forgotten as a distant memory. Students will work with Camp Restore, an organization utilizing local and national volunteers to rebuild the homes of the elderly, disabled, or uninsured victims of Hurricane Katrina. The team will also be immersed in the amazingly unique culture of New Orleans through visiting the many neighborhoods and sites of the city while being embraced by the hospitable folks of NOLA in unexpected conversations that are sure to occur, which turn solidarity into real relationships.
Estimated cost: $900

I'M Baltimore
Dates: March 14 – 21, 2015
This new mission trip will immerse the Iona in Mission group in the heart of Baltimore with Catholic Charities. A typical week includes volunteering at Our Daily Bread, Catholic Charities meal program, serving lunch daily to 500-700 people; assisting with meal service at My Sister's Place Women's Center; and volunteering in a variety of capacities at Sarah's House, a shelter for families in Anne Arundel County.
Estimated cost: $400

I'M Philadelphia
Dates: March 15 – 21, 2015
The Saint Francis Inn is a place of ministry with people who are homeless, addicted, mentally ill, and very poor. The main service site is the restaurant-style soup kitchen feeding up to 400 people a day while also providing other services. In addition to the Inn, the St. Francis community runs a thrift shop, women's center, and the Urban Center which provides social services and housing to families and individuals dealing with issues related to poverty and/or homelessness. The underlying vision is *empowerment* and *justice.* The IIM Philadelphia service immersion gives participants an amazing experience to grow in faith and service to the poor and marginalized.
Estimated cost: $150

I'M Zambia
Dates: May 21 – June 3, 2015
Participants in the Zambia immersion act as servant-learners, immersing themselves in the Zambian culture and customs while working alongside the Christian Brothers and community partners on educational initiatives in Mazabuka, Zambia. The team also travels to Livingstone, Zambia to visit wildlife game parks and Victoria Falls which is the world's largest waterfall.
Estimated cost: $3,000

I'M South Dakota
Dates: May 23-29, 2015
The team will travel to the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota to work with RE-MEMBER, a non-profit organization which works with the Oglala Lakota Nation. The participants will work at various projects across the Reservation and be immersed in the culture of the Lakota people to learn about their history and the injustices present on Reservations.
Estimated cost: $1,000

I'M Syracuse, NY – L'Arche
Dates: May 18-25, 2015
L'Arche is world-wide network of communities of people with and without developmental disabilities. The Iona in Mission group would be living together with the L'Arche members to witness their community and the dignity of every person regardless of ability. This immersion will be a journey of spirituality, community, and awareness of developmental disability.
Estimated cost: $250

I'M Rochester, NY
Dates: May 18 – 25, 2015
Participants will be hosted by the Sister of St. Joseph (SSJ) of Rochester and serve in their ministries while living in community together. The SSJ Volunteer program offers women and men the opportunity to serve the poor and marginalized at sites such as: a middle school for disadvantaged youth; an elementary school serving a large refugee population; a soup kitchen; Bethany House which is a safe house for women and children in need; a daycare center for medically fragile children; and a community medical center serving families who are uninsured. The program also includes reflection on Catholic Social Teaching and how we are each uniquely called to serve and be our very best selves.
Estimated cost: $250