



A YEAR OF PURPOSEFUL
SERVICE, STEADY FAITH,
AND ENDURING HOPE.

2025 IMPACT REPORT



Ignatian Volunteer Corps

EXPERIENCE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A MESSAGE FROM MARY MCGINNITY PRESIDENT & CEO

Reflecting on the past year, I am struck by how many people are searching for purpose and connection in a world that often feels unsettled. Many who find their way to IVC do so because they see the injustice and need around them and feel called to respond in a positive and impactful way. They want their lives to matter and their faith to shape something good in the world. They stay because they find meaning in service, strength in community, and a renewed sense of God's presence in their everyday encounters.

This year, thousands of neighbors received support, care, and companionship because an IVC Corps Member showed up with skill, compassion, and a generous heart. Our members bring something essential to their service: practical expertise formed through decades of life experience and the spiritual depth that allows them to serve with steadiness. Their wisdom and gifts make a real difference. The nonprofits we partner with show incredible courage as they face rising demand and limited resources, and IVC Corps Members help steady that work by offering gifts, skills, and time that many agencies simply do not have available.

In 2025, our mission received a remarkable affirmation. IVC welcomed the largest gift in our history, a \$1,000,000 investment from a donor who believes deeply in the difference our Corps Members make. This gift allows us to scale our efforts to reach more qualified adults, strengthen our marketing and outreach, and respond to the surge of nonprofit agencies asking to partner with us. More organizations than ever have contacted IVC looking for dependable, compassionate support at a time when the need feels overwhelming and staffing remains a challenge. This investment helps ensure that IVC can meet that call.

What began thirty years ago as a small, faith-filled idea has become a national community rooted in Ignatian spirituality and committed to service. I am grateful for every person who plays a part in this mission: our Corps Members, spiritual reflectors, partner agencies, board members, donors, and staff. You are the reason this work continues to flourish.

Thank you for believing in the power of service, reflection, and community. As we look to the future, IVC remains ready to welcome anyone who feels called to make a difference. There is room here for every gift, every story, and every heart that longs to bring hope to others. With gratitude,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary McGinnity".

Mary McGinnity
President and CEO

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE IVC NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As I look back on this year, I am filled with gratitude for the people who make the Ignatian Volunteer Corps what it is. IVC is built on relationships: Corps Members who give their time and wisdom with generosity, nonprofit partners who trust us with their missions, donors who believe in the power of service, and staff who care for every person who walks through our doors. Together, they form a community that is both strong and deeply compassionate.

I am especially grateful for our Corps Members. They step into schools, shelters, food pantries, and community programs with a spirit of humility and hope. Their presence strengthens organizations at a time when demand is rising and resources are uncertain. They do not serve for recognition. They serve because it is who they are, and because they believe every person deserves to be seen and cared for with dignity.

As a board, we take seriously our responsibility to safeguard this mission and help it grow. We are proud of the progress made this year through the Imagine IVC Strategic Plan and encouraged by what lies ahead. The need in our communities is great, but the generosity of people who believe in this mission is even greater.

To everyone who supports IVC, thank you. Your involvement ensures that this work continues to flourish in cities and towns across the country. I am honored to serve alongside you and look forward to the year ahead with hope and confidence.

With great appreciation,



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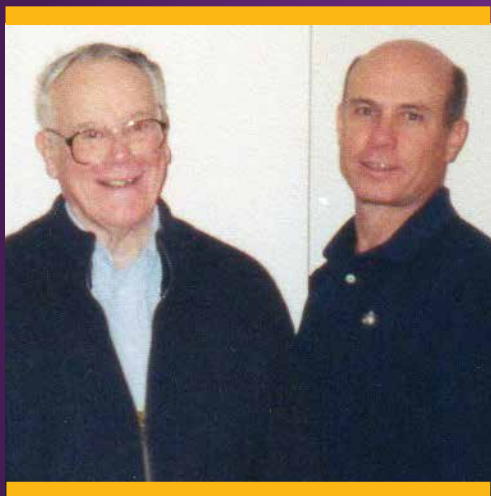
Richard R. Kelly, Jr.
Chair, IVC National
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REFLECTION FROM OUR CO-FOUNDER



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IVC co-founders Rev. Charlie Costello SJ and Rev. Jim Conroy SJ

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When Charlie Costello, SJ, and I started IVC, we weren't creating another volunteer program. We were building a *formation community* for lay people—seasoned men and women whose faith, wisdom, and desire to serve needed a spiritual home.

I co-founded IVC because I believe deeply that we are called—vocationally called—to step into the messiness of life and serve others. This desire to see and respond to the suffering of our brothers and sisters is, for me, a participation in God's story in the world. IVC provides an opportunity for people of faith to live out their baptismal call, embracing humanity in all its brokenness and beauty. This work is grounded in the Beatitudes, embodying the heart of God through gratitude, generosity, and a commitment to make a difference. To me, IVC is a priesthood of service—answering the call to love, to heal, and to serve.

From the beginning, IVC was shaped by St. Ignatius' *First Principle and Foundation*: that we are created to praise, reverence, and serve God—and to find God in all things. Service, in the Ignatian view, is not separate from prayer; it is its fullest expression. Reflection sustains that connection. It keeps the heart of service alive when the work becomes difficult, when human need feels endless, and when hope seems thin.

Through prayer, journaling, and conversation with a spiritual reflector, Corps Members learn to name where they've encountered God, to listen for the Spirit's movement, and to see how grace unfolds in the people they serve. Reflection doesn't take them away from service—it deepens it. It reminds them that what they are doing is not charity alone, but a sacred act of companionship and love.

Why focus on lay people? Because Vatican II's *universal call to holiness* is real. A generation rich in experience and faith doesn't need vows; it needs structure, community, and a way to connect prayer with action. That's the heart of IVC: not just doing more, but becoming more—finding God in all things, and being transformed by love in the process.



A COMMUNITY ROOTED IN FAITH

Across the country, Corps Members gather in prayer, reflection, and community—discovering God in one another, in those they serve, and in the world around them.



As we grow older, it's important to understand that God calls us in different ways at different times in our lives. Some people are called in extraordinary ways but most of us are called to find the extraordinary in the ordinary; to find God in daily life."

— Barbara Lee, spiritual director, IVC Corps Member, and author of *God Isn't Finished with Me Yet* and other books.



Ignatian spirituality is the heartbeat of IVC.

A GROWING MOVEMENT OF PURPOSE AND SERVICE

Across the country, people searching for purpose in their next chapter are discovering IVC—often for the very first time.

Every day, thousands of adults reach a moment of transition: retirement, an empty nest, or simply the desire to live with more intention. And more and more of them are finding IVC.

Some come across a story shared by a friend. Others see one of our videos, attend a virtual information session, or stumble onto our website while searching for something meaningful. Wherever they start, the response is often the same:

“This is exactly what I’ve been looking for.”

IVC is becoming a national home for people who want to use their gifts with purpose, strengthen their spiritual lives, and join a community of adults who believe their next chapter should matter. And as more people hear about IVC, our corps continues to grow one person, one story, one invitation at a time.

For many, discovering IVC is the beginning of something life-giving.

Perhaps it could be for you, too.



WHY I JOINED IVC

When people discover IVC, they find more than a volunteer role—they find a way to make their next chapter matter. Every year, thousands search for meaning, connection, and a place to put their gifts to work. Through IVC’s outreach and growing digital presence, many discover a simple truth: their experience still has the power to change lives. Here, three Corps Members share why they said yes—and how IVC reshaped their understanding of service, faith, and purpose.



Veronica

— San Diego

I joined IVC because it aligns with my spiritual values that ‘God is in everything.’ To be able to bring those values to St. Rita’s School is so rewarding.”

Her story:

After revitalizing the library at St. Rita’s School, Veronica fulfills a childhood dream of teaching—this time with deeper purpose. Her service blends education, Ignatian reflection, and a renewed sense of calling.



Eric

— Northeastern Pennsylvania

My searches kept yielding one organization that approached service in a way that really resonated with me—purposefully, spiritually, and with discernment. That organization was IVC.”

His story:

Guided through a thoughtful discernment process, Eric found a dual calling: supporting diocesan communications and companioning families at a hospice center. His service draws on his strengths while stretching him spiritually in ways he never expected.



Kathy

— Omaha

It is hard for me to imagine not being of service at New Cassel. The residents and staff make me feel like a valued member of the community.”

Her story:

One of Omaha’s longest-serving Corps Members, Kathy leads monthly rosary-making with seniors who light up when she walks into the room. What began as “helping out” became a vital ministry of presence—and a community that now feels like home.



Whether you’re retired, semi-retired, or simply ready for your next chapter, IVC offers a path where purpose, service, and spirituality meet—and where your experience becomes a gift for others.

Your story could be next.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES, ONE PARTNERSHIP AT A TIME

Across the country, nonprofits face growing demand and shrinking resources. IVC bridges the gap with skilled, dependable Corps Members who make mission-critical work possible.

Every nonprofit has the same challenge: **the need is always greater than the staff available to meet it.** Budgets shift, grants disappear, volunteer programs come and go, and yet the work continues: feeding families, welcoming immigrants, tutoring children, supporting people in crisis, and walking alongside those rebuilding their lives.

This is the space where IVC shines. Our Corps Members bring decades of professional experience—nursing, teaching, counseling, law, finance, social work, administration—and they offer it with a steadiness that nonprofits can count on. They serve week after week, year after year, providing the kind of consistent, mission-aligned support that government programs and the free market simply can't supply.

Across our vast and expanding network of nearly 400 partner agencies, IVC Corps Members are extending the reach of nonprofits, strengthening overworked staff, and helping organizations dream bigger for the people they serve.

This is hope that multiplies: one person offering their gifts, and entire communities strengthened because of it.



400
NONPROFIT
PARTNERS
ACROSS 30
STATES AND
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550
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MEMBERS
SERVING
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WHERE IVC MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Across our growing network of nonprofits, IVC corps members help carry work that would otherwise go unfinished

Making a Difference in New Orleans

A calming voice when crisis calls

After a 30-year career with the New Orleans Police Department—much of it spent supporting victims in moments of trauma—**Joe** knew he wanted his retirement to matter. At the Society of St. Vincent de Paul New Orleans, he now answers calls from community members seeking help with housing, food, and basic needs.

Joe's ability to listen deeply and anticipate what callers may be too overwhelmed to ask for has become invaluable. As Executive Director **Michael Bourg** explains:

“Joe’s background enables him to connect deeply with the individuals we serve.”

Joe would tell you he's simply doing what comes naturally. But for callers in crisis, his presence is nothing short of transformative.

Making a Difference in Detroit through IVC's Virtual Program

Helping residents reclaim confidence and hope

Through IVC's Virtual Program, retired educator **Jim** teaches communication skills to residents at the Pope Francis Center's Bridge Housing Campus, a program supporting people experiencing homelessness. His group classes and one-on-one sessions meet residents where they are, restoring not just skills but confidence. Jim often hears how meaningful it is for residents to be able to “express themselves without judgment.”

His impact has been so tangible that the organization's leadership notes:

“Having Jim as a part of the PFC team has helped tremendously in our ability to meet our residents where they are, and in helping them to achieve their individual goals.”

For some, this support leads to breakthroughs—like the resident who, after suffering memory loss, needed both tutoring *and* new glasses. Jim walked with him through both steps, and the resident now asks eagerly for more “homework.”

Making a Difference in Boston

Walking with those who feel unseen

In Boston, **Vince** serves with Capuchin Mobile Ministries (CMM), an outreach program accompanying men and women experiencing homelessness. Rather than waiting for people to come to them, CMM goes out into the city—bringing food, warm clothing, and compassionate conversation directly to those on the margins.

Vince's presence is often the difference between someone feeling invisible and someone feeling human again.

His ministry illustrates the heart of IVC: not just meeting material needs, but restoring dignity through genuine encounter.

As CMM describes their work:

“These experiences are a reminder that service is not only about completing tasks but about being fully present to others, honoring their humanity, and witnessing to God’s love in action.”

For Vince, the most important thing he offers isn't clothing, a sandwich, or a hygiene kit—it's consistent, compassionate presence. The ministry calls him a “**benevolent beacon of hope**” for people who often receive little kindness from the world around them. His story highlights a core truth: **IVC Corps Members don't just serve. They accompany.**

And in doing so, they help people who've been pushed aside feel seen, heard, and valued. Across every sector—education, hunger relief, housing, immigration—IVC multiplies the capacity of nonprofits to serve.

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IVC FEEL LIKE HOME

IVC is a high-touch, relationship-centered organization. Whether you reach out as a prospective Corps Member, a nonprofit partner, or a supporter, our staff is ready to welcome you, guide you, and walk with you every step of the way.

At the heart of IVC is a staff that believes in people.

Our regional directors accompany Corps Members throughout their service year, help match individuals with meaningful placements, and build trusted relationships with our nonprofit partners. Our national team supports everything behind the scenes — communications, formation resources, major gifts, events, enrollment systems, and the ongoing care that keeps this mission thriving.

No one at IVC works alone. Our staff collaborates across regions, shares best practices, and supports one another so that Corps Members and partner agencies receive the highest level of attention, care, and professionalism.

People often tell us, ***“I felt welcomed the moment I reached out.”***

That’s intentional. Because in IVC, relationships matter — and every person who walks through our virtual or physical doors deserves to feel known, accompanied, and valued.





When you partner with IVC, whether by joining the Corps, welcoming a Corps Member into your nonprofit, or supporting our mission, you're not just connecting with a program. You're joining a community of people committed to your success.

Our staff brings decades of experience in ministry, nonprofit leadership, Ignatian spirituality, adult formation, marketing, philanthropy, education, and pastoral care. But what truly defines them is their relational approach: they listen deeply, respond compassionately, and go the extra mile to ensure every person feels supported.

Whether you have questions about service, spirituality, communications, donor engagement, or partnership development, someone at IVC is ready to pick up the phone, hop on a Zoom call, or meet you for coffee.

This is how we operate:



high-touch, high-trust, and always grounded in mission.
Our mission is built on relationships — and every relationship begins with a warm welcome.

FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS. FINDING PURPOSE IN SERVICE.

IVC helps adults live the Ignatian call to a faith that does justice.

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is a spiritual home for adults who want their next chapter to matter. Corps Members serve one or two days a week and discover God in the relationships they form with the people they accompany. Through reflection, community, and shared prayer, they learn to recognize the movements of the Spirit in their daily lives and to bring a gentle, steady presence to those who need it most.

If you feel called to deeper purpose, greater connection, or a renewed spiritual life, we are here to welcome you.



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Join the Corps

Serve with purpose and deepen your spiritual life.

<https://ivcusa.org/join-the-corps/>



Partner with IVC

Strengthen your organization's mission with skilled, compassionate support.

<https://ivcusa.org/partner-with-ivc/>



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