

# Pre-Theology II Mission Immersion

Pre-Theology II mission trips focus on justice issues and service for and with those marginalized because of poverty, illness, race, and cultural structures. They challenge the men to actively express their love of Christ as His servants following Jesus' example of servant leader in John 13. They engage the men in doing justice as mandated by Christ: —whatever you do for one of these least of mine that you did for me (Mt 25:40).

The major goals of the Pre-Theology II mission trip program are:

- to raise the seminarians' awareness of the social contexts and structures that limit people in their ability to live full, active, productive, and free lives
- to involve seminarians in the ministries of social justice and to help them identify effective pastoral strategies for promoting social justice within the communities and for the individual members
- to develop new or deepen existing pastoral skills and sensitivities
- to focus on the *service* dimension of ministry and the minister as *servant*
- to assist the men in their assimilation of lessons learned through ministry and their integration of theological understandings of ministry and priestly service with those lessons
- to provide the men with individual feedback on their strengths and limitations as observed by others, most especially their mission trip supervisors
- to further assist the men in their ongoing discernment of their vocational calls through ministerial experiences.

## ***Nature and Destination of Mission Trips:***

#1 – Peru Mission Trip - CRS Global Fellows Trip – (usually an African nation)

#2 – United States – Tohono O'odham Nation in Diocese of Tucson

The seminarians participate in a mission trip as part of their Pre-Theology II pastoral formation. The trips are scheduled for the end of the winter quarter. Orientation for the mission trips are provided through the weekly formation sessions prior to the mission trip experiences. The seminarians have an opportunity to reflect upon their experiences through theological reflection during the mission trips and during the first two class formation sessions of the spring quarter following the mission trips.