2016-2017 CORE (Communities of Reflection) Group Leader Application  
University of San Francisco, University Ministry  

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:** 12 midnight on Thursday, March 31, 2016

**Name:** ________________________ **School Year:** F SO JR SR GRAD

**Home Phone:** ________________________ **Cell Phone:** ________________________

**E-mail:** __________________________________________________________________________

**USF UNIVERSITY MINISTRY MISSION**  
We embrace and celebrate the richness of the Catholic faith and heritage of USF. At the same time, we welcome and encourage people of all faiths, as well as those with no religious traditions, to join with us in creating an inclusive learning community that is reflective and authentic in its search for meaning and truth.

*In the Jesuit Catholic tradition, we challenge women and men to be contemplatives in action who:*

- Engage in experiences that challenge their perceptions
- Reflect with thoughtful attention to the influence and meaning of these experiences
- Allow their discernment to shape and transform our purpose in the world
- Actively develop relationships of compassion, justice, and advocacy

**CORE STUDENT LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Commitment to the mission and vision of University Ministry and Ignatian Spirituality
- Ability to articulate your on-going experience with your faith life and with community
- Ability to facilitate group meetings, discussion, and activities with your CORE group
- Willingness to create a brave space where people can share their experiences as a “whole person” and strive for “magis, the more,” aiming to engage, not to evangelize
- Availability to create and plan activities for topics of justice, faith, and community life
- Willingness to work with a Resident Minister (who will plan with and support you)
- Enrolled in classes as a part-time or full-time student, with consistent minimum 2.7 GPA
- Attendance at monthly check-in development meetings with a Resident Minister
- Attendance at monthly All-CORE Community Gatherings + Student Leader meetings
- Participation in a once-a-semester meeting with your RM Support Lead(s) and Emily
- **Availability for the mandatory fall 2016 CORE Student Leader Retreat all day on Saturday, August 27, 2016; more information will come about the spring 2017 retreat day**

**CORE LEADERSHIP TEAM POSITIONS**

- CORE Student Leaders (YOU!)
- CORE Resident Minister Support Leads
- CORE Director (Assistant Director for Retreats, Emily Czarnik-Neimeyer)
Please answer all of the following questions below in type to the best of your ability.

1) Please describe your CORE experience at USF, including how CORE has impacted you.

2) Please describe two of your strengths and two of your challenges as a USF student leader.

3) How would being a CORE Student Leader interweave with your own faith and spirituality?

4) How do you define “community?” How do you see community playing a role in CORE?

5) Please explain an example of a social justice based activity or reflection you would lead.

6) The COREs are identity-themed/based, with a welcoming “general/non-themed” CORE as well. Which identities do you think should be 2016-2017 CORE themes (i.e. First-Year CORE)?

Thank you for your application and commitment to the University Ministry CORE program!