

## Seattle, Washington



There are 2 JV communities in Seattle, one named Mercy House (after Fred Mercy, SJ) and the other Cherry Abbey (after Cherry Street, where it is situated). Both are located in the Central District of Seattle, near the Seattle University campus (Jesuit institution and home of a residential Jesuit community) and a 30 minute walk to downtown. Jesuit Volunteers have served the community of Seattle since 1970, one of the first urban locales we expanded to. There is a strong Asian American / Pacific Islander population in Seattle, and many immigrants and refugees from many parts of the world who reside in Seattle. Seattle is a hub for services in high demand in the region, and housing and homelessness are in a current state of crisis in the city.

### Joys of being a JV in Seattle:

- o Strong support network, including many mental health professionals, former JVs who call Seattle home, the Ignatian Spirituality Center that offers spiritual direction and programming, a Jesuit parish, and Seattle University.
- o The view of Mt Rainier and the Space Needle on clear days, and waterfronts in all directions
- o An abundance of city parks and green spaces