

## Admissions Essay/Application Questions

Choose two of the following writing prompts. Write a well developed paragraph or two and be sure to give specific examples. Qualities that will be assessed: Structure, Evidence, Creativity, Organization, Use of Vocabulary and Development of ideas.

1. The Dominican motto “Veritas” or truth reflects the school’s ideals and responsibilities to assist students in their search for the truth. Here at ICA Cristo Rey, students are encouraged to live out their truths by embracing their unique opportunities and gifts. Together, we guide our students to live out the Gospel message by developing their minds, character, and heart in order to build a more just society. **Exercise:** Describe three important values that make up who you are and why they are important. In other words: what is your truth?
2. ICA Cristo Rey is centered on the four Dominican pillars of Prayer, Study, Community and Service. Through the study of these pillars, students develop their curiosity, courage and confidence which leads them to embrace their dreams and potential. **Exercise:** Think of an event in your life, and that changed you as a person, having to do with one of the four pillars (Prayer, Study, Community, or Service). Describe this event and explain how it changed you.
3. ICA Cristo Rey is a community. Every person in the school, no matter if they are a teacher, staff member, or student, brings their gifts and talents to the community to make it a better place. Some use their talent in science or English class; others are funny or great leaders; some are kind and helpful. The result is we are a stronger community because of the people in it. **Exercise:** How would you describe a community? What gifts and talents will you bring to the ICA Cristo Rey Community? How will your gifts and talents make ICA Cristo Rey a better community?
4. **Exercise:** What type of career field do you think you would be best suited to work in? (Some examples might include medical, legal, technology, marketing, etc.) Or, if you could choose a company in the Bay Area to work for who would it be and why? (Examples of companies might include Levis, Google, San Francisco General Hospital, YouTube, United Airlines, etc.)
5. We believe you should choose the high school that is best fit for you. We offer a very rigorous program and extensive curriculum at ICA Cristo Rey. In what ways do you believe that ICA Cristo Rey will benefit you in the long run?