



International Leadership Program

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REFLECTION

Participating in the International Leadership Program in Rome has been an experience that broadened my perspective on leadership, global responsibility, and cultural understanding. The program's sessions, organized by Voice for Rights International, along with visits to historical sites and monuments, and collaborative opportunities, offered valuable insight. I also learned more about the current challenges and the values needed to tackle them.

One of my primary learning outcomes was gaining a clearer understanding of leadership as a service based on responsibility, empathy, and ethical decision-making. Presentations on drug abuse, human rights, natural law, and the growing ethical decline emphasized the urgent need for leaders to maintain integrity while caring for their communities' well-being. These sessions prompted me to reflect on how societal issues are interconnected and how effective leadership requires both moral reasoning and practical action.

The city itself greatly enhanced my lessons. Exploring the Colosseum, especially the underground section where gladiators once prepared for battle, reminded me of humanity's struggles. Visiting other monuments and historical sites also offered a historical perspective.

Culturally, the program was equally impactful. Meeting youth leaders from around the world broadened my understanding of different cultures, challenges, and hopes. Through conversations, we exchanged experiences, shared personal goals, and explored opportunities to collaborate. These interactions reminded me that despite our diverse backgrounds, we all want to create a more peaceful, fair, and sustainable world. This cultural exposure boosted my confidence, communication skills, and global perspective.

Overall, the International Leadership Program has had a positive impact on me. It has encouraged me to think more critically, act more ethically, and engage more intentionally with global issues. The lessons learned and connections made will guide me as I continue to work toward becoming a leader who makes meaningful contributions to positive change.