

Mount St. Joseph University

Approved Statements for *Mission and Catholic Identity*

Mission Statement

Mount St. Joseph University is a Catholic academic community grounded in the spiritual values and vision of its founders, the Sisters of Charity. The University educates its students through interdisciplinary liberal arts and professional curricula emphasizing values, integrity, and social responsibility.

Members of the Mount community embrace:

- excellence in academic endeavors;
- the integration of life and learning;
- respect and concern for all persons;
- diversity of cultures and beliefs;
- service to others.

Catholic Identity Statement

The Catholic Identity of the University is rooted in our Mission, in the Gospel values of service, compassion, and charity, and in the legacy and vision of our founders, the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. As an institution Catholic in faith and tradition, we commit ourselves to creating an inclusive environment where persons of all faiths and no faith are welcomed. We expect and value mutual respect, by all and for all, in our pursuit of knowledge and truth and in our search for the sacred.

Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Heritage and Values

Mount St. Joseph University continues to be inspired by and faithful to the heritage and values of our founders, the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, which include:

- doing justice
- sharing resources for the liberation of the oppressed
- commitment to the healing of our global home
- embracing cultural expansion
- learning from and being in solidarity with the poor
- being prophetic in church and society
- risking a caring response

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Catholic Intellectual Tradition

Six principles of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition:

- complementarity of faith and reason
- value in the study of all disciplines as a way of knowing God
- respect for the cumulative wisdom of those who have come before us
- integration of knowledge and education of the whole person
- attention to the community of all humanity
- cultivation of inclusiveness and diversity

Catholic Social Teaching

Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching:

- Life and dignity of the human person
- Call to family, community, and participation in society
- Rights and responsibilities for the common good
- Care for the poor and vulnerable
- Dignity of work and the rights of workers
- Solidarity in the pursuit of justice and peace
- Care for and stewardship of creation