

Making Salve's Mission effective in our daily lives.



Mission Statement

As an academic community that welcomes people of all beliefs, Salve Regina University, a Catholic institution founded by the Sisters of Mercy, seeks wisdom and promotes universal justice.

The University, through teaching and research, prepares men and women for responsible lives by imparting and expanding knowledge, developing skills and cultivating enduring values. Through liberal arts and professional programs, students develop their abilities for thinking clearly and creatively, enhance their capacity for sound judgment, and prepare for the challenge of learning throughout their lives.

In keeping with the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy, and recognizing that all people are stewards of God's creation, the University encourages students to work for a world that is harmonious, just and merciful.



Salve Regina UNIVERSITY

The mission is effective when Board Members:

Assume responsibility for selecting and supporting a President who is committed to the mission of the University.

Promote the Vision, Goals and Values of the University whenever appropriate in their respective communities.

For example:

- Use membership on the Board as a means to advance the reputation of the University.
- Serve as hosts for groups of prospective students.
- Support and encourage involvement in University programs and projects.
- Promote good relations with the city of Newport and the wider community whenever possible.

Promote the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy.

For example:

- Extend compassion and mercy to others.
- Practice and encourage social justice.
- Perform the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.
- Strive to live out the call to act mercifully.

Serve as role models by leading lives of integrity and demonstrating commitment to community service.

For example:

- Demonstrate business and professional ethics and responsible leadership in every endeavor.
- Create business and community networks for students and graduates.
- Assist in obtaining grants to fund University programs/projects.

Demonstrate commitment to life-long learning and the pursuit of wisdom.

For example:

- Be cognizant of the educational developments at the University.
- Assume responsibility to keep informed on matters pertaining to higher education.
- Be aware of changes in laws and society that may have consequences for higher education.
- Take advantage of cultural and academic offerings at the University and encourage other to do so.

Practice good stewardship.

For example:

- Exercise fiscal responsibility in decision making at the Board level.
- Assist in raising and managing the financial resources required to maintain fiscal stability.
- Work to enhance and personally support all fundraising events for the University.
- Strive to gain a greater understanding of all aspects of academic and student life at the University.

The mission is effective when Faculty:

Assume primary responsibility for teaching and curriculum development.

For example:

- Include a section in each syllabus that highlights how the course embodies the mission of the University.
- Establish clear goals and objectives as frameworks for course development.
- Ensure that course content, department offerings and University core requirements continue to meet the changing needs of students and the increasing demands of a multicultural society.
- Participate in evaluation processes at the course, department and University level.

Continue professional development in teaching and research.

For example:

- Conduct research, perform publicly, exhibit works.
- Make presentations before professional, scholarly or faculty groups.
- Participate in seminars, courses, workshops or conferences that enhance teaching skills.
- Publish articles in professional journals, write books, write grant proposals.
- Collaborate with colleagues to develop research projects/courses that are multidisciplinary and/or interdisciplinary.

Help students to advance in knowledge, develop skills and cultivate enduring values.

For example:

- Employ teaching methods and strategies that encourage skill building in: critical thinking, reflection, analytical ability, teamwork, and communications.
- Create a climate for students to learn values in conjunction with their studies.
- Help students to make sound decisions and seek wisdom.
- Engage students in service-learning courses or projects.
- Be an effective advisor and role model.

Promote the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy.

For example:

- Incorporate the virtue of Mercy in course materials when appropriate.
- Demonstrate compassion and affirmation.
- Introduce students to Catholic social teaching both in the classroom and in the community.
- Strive to live out the call to act mercifully.

Encourage students to work for a world that is harmonious, just and merciful.

For example:

- Identify course projects/assignments that include teachings about justice, harmony and mercy.
- Teach, by example and modeling, dedication to the alleviation of oppression in all of its forms.
- Encourage student participation in alternative spring breaks and community service projects.

The mission is effective when Staff:

Demonstrate sound judgment and motivate and guide others to do the same.

For example:

- Effectively communicate University and departmental policies, goals and objectives.
- Represent well the ideals of the University in all interactions.
- Strive to maintain integrity in all aspects of one's duties.
- Assume responsibility for one's own actions.

Become stewards of the University's future.

For example:

- Ensure the viability of all aspects of University life - educational resources, recruitment, scholarship fund, historic buildings, campus grounds – for future generations of students.
- Work to enhance the reputation of the University.
- Support and encourage involvement in University programs and projects.
- Take pride in the accomplishments of others at the University.

Exhibit commitment to life-long learning and the pursuit of wisdom.

For example:

- Strive to stay current in one's area of expertise.
- Be cognizant of changes in the higher education environment.
- Sponsor/support professional development opportunities.
- Attend University events, such as the fall symposium, public lectures and seminars

Continue to promote harmony and justice within the community.

For example:

- Maintain a respectful attitude at all times.
- Encourage cooperation within and between departments.
- Develop an understanding of other's roles and appreciate other's talents.
- Promote good relations with the city of Newport and the wider community.

Promote the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy.

For example:

- Demonstrate compassion and affirmation.
- Promote hospitality.
- Participate in spiritual activities.
- Support sponsored events such as the Walk for Life and Special Olympics.

Mission is effective when Students:

Assume responsibility for acquiring knowledge, skills and values.

For example:

- Attend classes, lectures, seminars, workshops and special events.
- Prepare homework and participate in class discussions.
- Give oral presentations, performances and/or exhibit work.
- Cultivate an awareness of global issues and events.

Demonstrate a desire to think clearly, creatively, and make sound judgments.

For example:

- Seek internships.
- Acquire a discipline-related job.
- Make use of peer tutors.
- Take a proactive role in helping others.

Learn to seek wisdom and grow in spirituality.

For example:

- Participate in religious services and campus ministry activities.
- Establish and promote informal discussions between faculty, staff and students.
- Create study groups to share knowledge.
- Participate in athletic activities that promote teamwork, cooperation and discipline.

Appreciate the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy.

For example:

- Incorporate the spiritual and corporal works of mercy into the Feinstein program.
- Set up a luncheon meeting with a Sister of Mercy.
- Continue involvement with service-learning project.
- Take part in Mercy week events.

Choose to work for a world that is harmonious, just and merciful.

For example:

- Become involved in projects that promote social justice, e.g. Oxfam, Hunger Concert.
- Volunteer for a community project during spring or summer break.
- Become a positive role model for others.
- Recognize and appreciate the differences in persons.

“While we place all our confidence in God, we must always act as if success depended on our own expectations.”

– Catherine McAuley



Vision

That Salve Regina University, known as a Catholic University of distinction, will continue to graduate men and women who positively impact the intellectual, spiritual and cultural life of their respective communities.

Goals

- Create a vibrant learning community that generates new standards of academic excellence and is charged with intellectual challenge, diversity of thought and centrality of purpose.
- Witness the core value of mercy through an institutional commitment to the service of others.
- Maintain a program of effective stewardship and enhancement of institutional resources.