

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Mission-related Excerpts



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Our Mission

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Our Core Values

Catholic Identity

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Development of the Whole Person

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Compassionate Service

The University of Saint Joseph promotes, supports and facilitates caring service as an integral part of all teaching and learning experiences.

Academic Excellence

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Respect/Integrity

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Multiculturalism/Diversity

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“It’s not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are.” – Roy Disney



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MERCY PATH

“Each day is a step we make
towards eternity and we shall
continue thus to step from
day to day until we take the
last step, which will bring us
into the presence of God.”

– Catherine McAuley
Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy



THE USJ MISSION

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How do you feel called to live out this mission?

How are you becoming a global citizen?

How will your decisions affect people who are in need of health care, education, and basic human respect?

How are you willing to be witness to a deep reverence for all people?

How can you best respond?

How have you been personally encouraged, inspired, and/or challenged?

How have you felt welcomed? How are you willing to reach out to others who are “different” from you?

How have you experienced the expression of the Catholic tradition in an ecumenical manner?

How are you willing to extend yourself in welcoming others?

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Dear New Colleague:

Congratulations on joining the University of Saint Joseph (USJ)! On behalf of our faculty, staff, and leadership team, I am delighted to welcome you to our vibrant learning community. At USJ, you are joining an organization with a culture of values and value.

Now that you are part of our University, founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, you will experience our long-held mission to provide a rigorous liberal arts and professional education for a diverse student population in an inclusive environment that encourages strong ethical values, personal integrity, and a sense of responsibility to the needs of society.

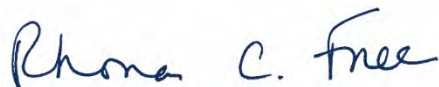
Our University has changed over time. Originally Saint Joseph College, the institution has adapted through the years to ensure that we meet evolving societal demands and effectively educate the next generation of global changemakers. Developments have included the creation of a nursery school (School for Young Children) and a school for special-needs children from ages 5-21 (Gengras Center) – both of which also serve to educate USJ students – to the launch of graduate masters and doctoral programs, the expansion of undergraduate programs to include men, and many campus upgrades to our facilities.

All of these investments in resources support our strategic commitment to the University's academic excellence, research, diversity, and community service and engagement. Whatever your role, I'm confident that your expertise and support will help shape the future of the University.

As you begin your time at USJ, we have prepared a variety of resources to assist you. The New Employee section of MyUSJ provides information, our strategic goals, important policies and procedures, and your employee benefits. To really integrate yourself into USJ, I encourage you to connect with your colleagues; we are here to help you learn and acclimate to your new role.

I am so pleased that you have chosen to join us. Welcome to USJ!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhona C. Free". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rhona" being the most prominent part.

Rhona C. Free, Ph.D.
President