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THE JESUIT CATHOLIC IDENTITY

of JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY



A COMMITMENT TO A CHURCH WITHIN
THE WORLD, SERVING THE HUMAN
SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND VALUE,
AND FOR JUSTICE AND SOLIDARITY.

The Jesuit Catholic character

of John Carroll University is a single reality based on the integration of faith and culture that welcomes people of all faiths and people of no faith. As such, it represents a commitment to a church within the modern world, serving the human search for truth and value, and for justice and solidarity. It also represents a reverence for the transcendent vision that Christ preached and lived as the final best expression of human flourishing and fulfillment. This Jesuit Catholic character inspires and guides the intellectual, professional, and ethical endeavors that make John Carroll a university *committed to graduating individuals of intellect and character who lead and serve by engaging the world around them and around the globe.*

In May 2008, the John Carroll University Board of Directors adopted the University's Catholicity statement, *The Jesuit Catholic Identity of John Carroll University*. It was developed through a widely inclusive dialogue over a two-year period and continues to inform a shared understanding of our mission and identity.

Visit sites.jcu.edu/mission for a link to the full text of the Catholicity statement on the JCU website.

Foundational Principles

As a Jesuit Catholic university, we believe that:

- Because God's love creates and sustains all that is, God's presence is always active in the world and is therefore available to be discovered, appreciated, and responded to.
- The self-revelation of God in Jesus reveals what it means to be fully human and fully alive.
- Made in the image of the triune God, we are meant for community.
- The University shares in the Church's mission to carry on the redemptive work of Jesus Christ in the world.
- The search for wisdom, meaning, and beauty proper to a university is a sacred endeavor that requires us to welcome people of all faiths and no faith.
- As Pope Francis has stated, "through dialogue it is always possible to get closer to the truth: dialogue is a gift of God by which we enrich one another."
- The University's Jesuit heritage inspires a distinctive intellect and character whereby our students:
 - Grow in the understanding of the relationship between faith and justice as we meet people where they live, especially those who are poor and marginalized.
 - Cultivate an ability to see, reflect upon, and recognize God active in our lives and in the world, discerning how best to respond to the circumstances of injustice wherever God's love is thwarted.
 - Engage in leadership and service for social justice in the region and in the world.



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INTEGRATION *of* FAITH *and* CULTURE



John Carroll University desires to create an environment where the traditions and culture of Catholicism profoundly and creatively influence its inclusive search for wisdom and understanding and its formation of the whole person for service – intellectually, spiritually, and socially.

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