

CORE Values

1. **Positioned in Love**

We pursue the ministry of Jesus from a position of love for God and others; we desire to minister the authentic good for others without any concern for self and personal ambition.

“And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.” - 1 Cor 13:2

2. **Awareness of God’s Presence**

Our goal is to cultivate a ‘presence-driven ministry’ born out of increased awareness of the presence of God in our ministry.

“I cannot imagine how religious persons can live satisfied without the practice of the presence of GOD. For my part I keep myself retired with Him in the depth of centre of my soul as much as I can; and while I am so with Him I fear nothing; but the least turning from Him is insupportable.” - Brother Lawrence, The Practice of the Presence of God

3. **Intimacy with God**

We acknowledge that all ministry should flow from a place of intimacy with God; all missionary efforts need to be rooted in personal holiness. We believe that the authentic growth of our ministry comes from our growing intimacy with Him.

“If God should desire to raise us to the position of one who is an intimate and shares his secrets, we ought to accept this gladly.” - St Teresa of Avila, Opusc. De Libro vitae

4. **Risk-Taking**

We encourage and celebrate students taking risks in their pursuit of greater obedience to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We seek to cultivate a lifestyle of fearless evangelization.

“To be ‘Spirit-filled evangelisers’ means to be evangelisers who are ‘fearlessly open to the working of the Holy Spirit’” - Pope Francis, EG, §259

5. **Patience in the Process**

We are intentionally patient with ourselves and with others as we develop our ministry gifts and acknowledge that because everyone is in a process of maturity that patience is necessary for growth. We are also committed to giving and receiving feedback to help one another mature.

“Beware of becoming vexed or impatient at the faults of others; for it would be folly, when you see a man falling into a ditch, to throw yourself into another for no purpose.”
- Saint Bonaventure

6. **Perseverance for Breakthrough**

We acknowledge that authentic growth comes through overcoming disappointment and that only through a lifestyle of perseverance will we breakthrough into the greatness that God has called for us in ministry.

“Perseverance is the most desirable gift we can hope for in this life. It is in our power to persevere. Of course, I do not mean that our perseverance takes its origin from our power. On the contrary, I know that it springs from God’s mercy, whose most precious gift it is.”
–Saint Francis de Sales

7. **Culture of Honor**

We intentionally seek to cultivate a culture of honor where we choose to treat one another with the highest regard because they bear the image of God and we celebrate his work in one another’s lives. We acknowledge that we can only properly receive from the gifts of others when we honor them.

“Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor.”
– Romans 12:10

8. **Christian Unity**

We carry the Lord’s heart for unity among all who believe (cf Jn 17:21), and work with the Holy Spirit to build bridges with Christians of all denominations. On occasion, we will welcome those Christian leaders from whom our leaders are in relationship with to present to our students.

“Cooperation among all Christians vividly expresses that bond which already unites them, and it sets in clearer relief the features of Christ the Servant” (Vatican Council II, Decree on Ecumenism, 4). This cooperation based on our common faith is not only filled with fraternal communion, but is a manifestation of Christ himself...Moreover, ecumenical cooperation is a true school of ecumenism, a dynamic road to unity. Unity of action leads to the full unity of faith: “Through such cooperation, all believers in Christ are able to learn easily how they can understand each other better and esteem each other more, and how the road to the unity of Christians may be made smooth.” – Pope Saint John Paul II, On Commitment to Ecumenism (Ut Unum Sint), 12).