

Principle 3: THE NOTRE DAME EDUCATOR AS A GOSPEL WITNESS

- 1. We follow Jesus, our Master Teacher, and give witness to his spirit of compassion, hope and joy, especially to those who experience poverty in its various forms.**
 - Live our vocation joyfully and vibrantly.
 - Relate to God in personal and communal prayer, drawing strength to meet the challenges of everyday life.
 - Keep a positive spirit and try to say and do as Jesus would say and do.
 - Serve as active participants in Christ-centered activities, e.g. liturgies, prayer services and retreats.
- 2. We nurture our Notre Dame charism, spirit and mission among ourselves as educators and among all with whom we work.**
 - Stress the importance of witness to God's goodness and provident care amidst the violence and evil so prevalent in today's world.
 - Share experiences of how our sisters and collaborators are living God's goodness and provident care in their ministries.
 - Celebrate in creative ways God's goodness and provident care and the SND spirit in our ministries.
- 3. We reverence Mary, the Woman of Hope, who made visible the glad tidings of the Gospel.**
 - Celebrate Mary's feastdays through prayer.
 - Have statues and altars in honor of Mary in appropriate places.
 - Make it frequently known that Mary is our model as Notre Dame Educators.
- 4. We share the rich spiritual and educational heritage of the Sisters of Notre Dame by using opportunities for ongoing formation and professional growth.**
 - Share our heritage through faculty/staff meetings, celebrations and programs
 - Immerse our collaborators in our mission and charism by focusing on different aspects of our mission and ministry.
 - Provide clear instructions/guidelines that reflect the pedagogical principles of our first sisters, Bernard Overberg, as well as our present educational traditions.
- 5. We promote collaborative programs and processes that assure the continuity of the excellence of Notre Dame education through our commitment, competence and dedication.**
 - Prepare conscientiously for every class and activity assigned to us.
 - Acknowledge publicly those teachers and schools that are known for excellence.
 - Partake in creative initiatives that promote the vision and principles of a Notre Dame School.
- 6. We affirm that goodness supported by firmness is a characteristic mark of our educational heritage.**
 - Carry out our duties as educators based on Christian faith, hope and love.
 - Treat one another in such a way that shows compassion and care without compromising discipline and development of moral character.
- 7. We create clean, orderly and attractive surroundings in order to provide a safe environment conducive to learning and respectful of all.**
 - Promote cleanliness and good order in our environment.
 - Take time to make our teaching environment as beautiful as possible.
 - Cultivate awareness of nature and enjoyment of God's creation.