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## **Mission and Ministry**

The Division of Mission and Ministry has particular care for promoting and celebrating the mission, goals, vision and values of Mount Mercy. It identifies and reflects the key aspects of Mount Mercy's Catholic identity and mercy mission, calling forth the characteristics celebrated by the Sisters of Mercy and voicing the heritage and mission of the University.

Mount Mercy's Mission and Ministry Division is spearheaded by Sr. Shari Sutherland, a Sister of Mercy, who serves as the Executive Director for Mission and Ministry.

The Division champions Mount Mercy's Catholic identity through expressive articulations of faith, infusing mercy into core aspects of students' lives and empowering them to discover and articulate this meaning for themselves. The Division of Mission and Ministry works to introduce students to the heritage and values of Mount Mercy through a variety of experiences, including class presentations, orientation programs, Living Communities for residential students, service outreach opportunities, special events, and conversations with the Sisters of Mercy.

A special week in September celebrates the mission and vision of the Sisters of Mercy, with fun and engaging activities that highlight Mount Mercy's Catholic heritage and allows the campus community to join in an expression of that meaning.

Within the Division, the Mount Mercy community has access to the Coordinator of Volunteerism and Service Learning, Campus Minister, residential Chaplain, Sacramental Priest, Music Minister, Graduate Assistant for Social Justice, Residential Peer Ministers, and Campus Peer Ministers – all working to create a community atmosphere where every faith and background can come together and celebrate God's presence in meaningful ways. The staff of the Mission and Ministry Division welcomes people of all faith and non-faith backgrounds.