

# Mission and Ministry

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The Department 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.

Sr. Linda Bechen, a Sister of Mercy, serves as the Vice President for the Department of Mission and Ministry.

The Department 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 Department 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, service outreach opportunities, special events, and conversations with the Sisters of Mercy.

Mercy and Mission Week, held every fall, 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 department, Mount Mercy community has the Vice-President of Mission & Ministry, the Residential Chaplain (a Catholic priest), the Campus Minister, the Coordinator of Service and Volunteerism, and the Coordinator of Liturgical Music, available to respond to needs. They are supported through the work of resident peer ministers (students) who directly work with students in the dorms in small group settings.

All are working to create a community atmosphere where faith and beliefs can come together and be celebrated in meaningful ways.

Hospitality, which is the heart of our Catholic Mercy university, welcomes all people with diverse backgrounds, faith traditions, and perspectives.