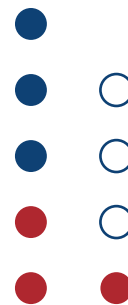


Just DePaul

Just DePaul is about our collective commitment to advance the agenda of social and environmental justice in each one of us, at DePaul University, and in the many communities we partner and serve with locally and globally



Principles



Recognizing Human Dignity

We uphold the dignity of each person as an equally valuable member of the one and diverse human family. Each person, in their own identities, life circumstances, and abilities should be able to live without fear or shame. We are called to treat all persons with respect and to create a world wherein human rights for all are fully respected and all are empowered to flourish, provided access to cover basic needs, and access to fully participate in social and political decisions.



Acting with Solidarity for the Common Good

Individuals do not and cannot exist alone. We belong to a global human family and are called to seek the common good for all and for our planet. This pursuit must involve the understanding that solidarity is mutual and that we accompany one another. We risk radical, active compassion in the face of a sometimes complacent, greedy, and indifferent world.



Sustainable Care for our 'Common Home'

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Building Knowledge and Experience in Social & Environmental Justice

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Acting with Vincentian Personalism

"Vincentian personalism" is a unique articulation of DePaul University's values and the manner in which the mission is lived out, though the broad concept of treating people with dignity without regard to wealth, status, race, ability, gender, sexual orientation, age, or any other aspect of their identity is expressed by many others in different terms. Saints Vincent and Louise were known for treating "each and every person as sacred and unique."¹¹ This is possible when we know one another, when we authentically encounter each other, and when we take the time to see the humanity in others rather than treat them as a statistic, story, task to be completed, or individual to be pitied or revered.



Participate in Systemic Change

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Promoting Non-violent Transformation

In the generations-old non-violent traditions of faith communities, indigenous peoples, and human rights activists alike, we create change that heals wounds, transforms systems, and sustains life and our planet. We have a responsibility toward moral imagination—envisioning the range of possibilities for a just world. We hold hope, beauty, and joy as human rights and as the fuel for our work.