

Core Virtues & Standards of Behavior

Trust in God

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:3)

“Unless the Lord build the house, we labor in vain.” (Ps 127:1)

- We are disciples of Christ who follow Him as the Lord of every aspect of our lives.
- We entrust ourselves and our work to the Lord.
- Prayer, intercession, and worship are foundational in our lives and in our work. We establish regular practices of prayer wherever we work and serve together.
- We ask the Lord’s guidance and help in all of our endeavors.
- We are “docile to the Holy Spirit.”

Community

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that you have sent Me.” (John 17: 20-21)

- We strive to maintain unity in our work.
- We recognize that our love for one another is a primary witness to the Gospel.
- We recognize that our first and primary relationships with one another are as members of the Body of Christ, brothers and sisters in Christ.
- We resolve conflict and wrongdoing in our relationships according to biblical principles.
- We exercise our speech in ways that upbuild and impart life. We do not slander or gossip.

Servanthood

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.”
(Philippians 2:3-5)

- We are first God’s servants and serve the Christ in each other.
- We aim to put others first.
- We exercise leadership in humility.
- We are generous with others.
- We practice hospitality.

Respect for Persons

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!” (1 John 3:1)

“So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.” (Genesis 1:27)

- We recognize that all human life is sacred and possesses a dignity that comes directly from our being created in the likeness and image of God and not from any action of our own.
- We do not view co-workers, fellow students, missionaries, donors, and friends in primarily functional ways but recognize them as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.
- We respect the freedom of each person– we do not force or coerce or manipulate others.
- We acknowledge our common humanity, the complementarity of men and women, and the uniqueness of each person.

Integrity

“Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.” (Proverbs 10:9)

“He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.” (Luke 16:10)

- We are committed to creating a community that acts with honesty and forthrightness, holding ourselves to the highest ethical standards.
- We conduct our affairs with diligence and strive towards excellence.
- We are appropriately transparent in all matters.
- We do the right thing no matter the cost.
- We keep our word.
- We can be counted on.
- We are faithful to the teaching and governing authority of the Catholic Church.