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SAINT JOSEPH  
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# MERCY PATH

“Each day is a step we make towards eternity and we shall continue thus to step from day to day until we take the last step, which will bring us into the presence of God.”

— Catherine McAuley  
Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy



## THE USJ MISSION

The University of Saint Joseph, founded by the Sisters of Mercy in the Catholic tradition, provides a rigorous liberal arts and professional education for a diverse student population in an inclusive environment that encourages strong ethical values, personal integrity, and a sense of responsibility to the needs of society.

*How do you feel called to live out this mission?*

*How are you becoming a global citizen?*

*How will your decisions affect people who are in need of health care, education, and basic human respect?*

*How are you willing to be witness to a deep reverence for all people?*

*How can you best respond?*

*How have you been personally encouraged, inspired, and/or challenged?*

*How have you felt welcomed? How are you willing to reach out to others who are “different” from you?*

*How have you experienced the expression of the Catholic tradition in an ecumenical manner?*

*How are you willing to extend yourself in welcoming others?*

## UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH CORE VALUES



**Catholic Identity:** Rooted in the Mercy tradition of empowering students, how does the University of Saint Joseph live out this core value?



**Development of the Whole Person:** The University of Saint Joseph encourages, inspires, and challenges all students to fully develop their intellectual, spiritual, social, emotional, physical, and leadership potential.



**Compassionate Service:** The University of Saint Joseph promotes, supports, and facilitates caring service as an integral part of all teaching and learning experiences.



**Academic Excellence:** The University of Saint Joseph provides a values-centered education that prepares students as global citizens, lifelong learners, and informed decision makers.



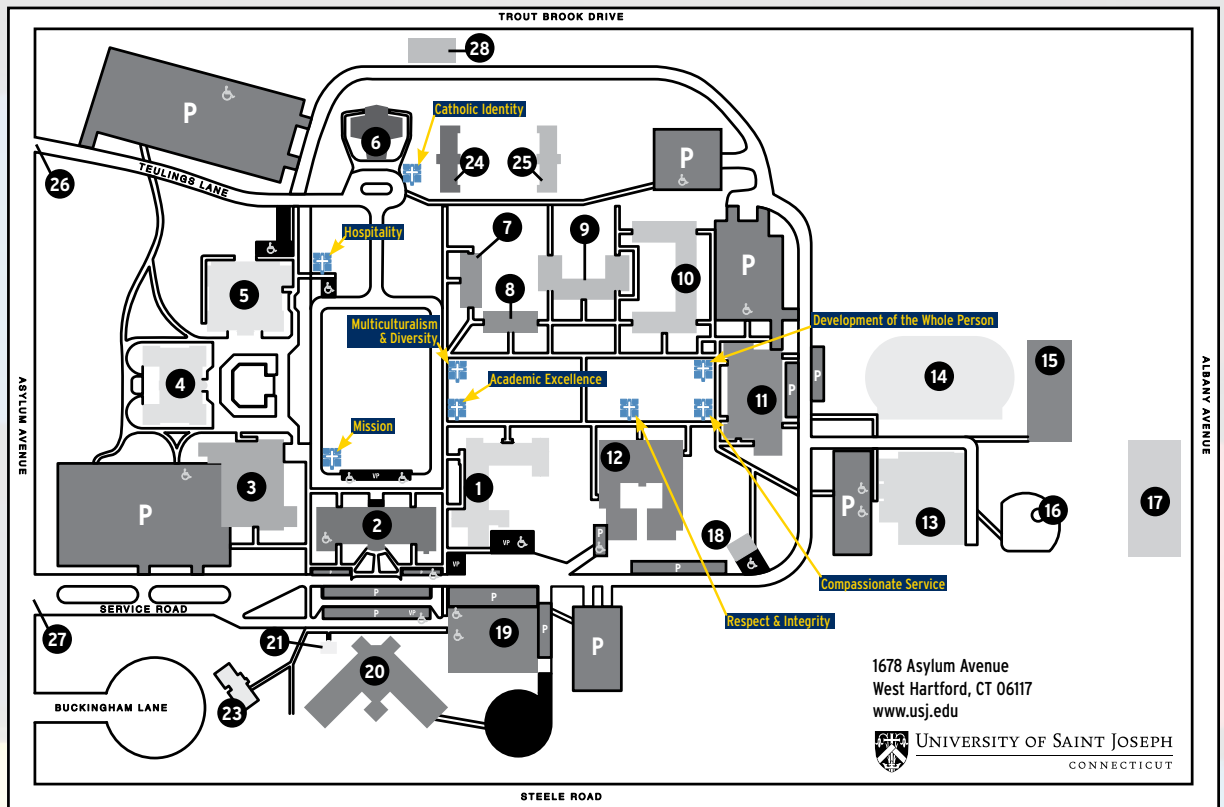
**Respect/Integrity:** The University of Saint Joseph demonstrates respect and reverence for all people and fidelity in personal witness.



**Hospitality:** The University of Saint Joseph is a welcoming community where relationships are based on openness, inclusivity, and mutual respect.



**Multiculturalism/Diversity:** The University of Saint Joseph is committed to fostering the growth of an inclusive community that welcomes and benefits from differences among community members.



# WALKING THE MERCY PATH

Begin your walk outside **The Pope Pius XII Library 3**. There, you will find a banner highlighting the University of Saint Joseph **Mission**. Take a moment to reflect on the Mission's relevance in today's world. What is your role in living and advancing the Mission during your time on campus?

Approach the corner of **Mercy Hall 1** closest to the **McDonough 2** quadrangle and look for the **Academic Excellence** Core Value banner. Consider the ways the University of Saint Joseph curriculum prepares students to lead and serve the 21<sup>st</sup>-century world – both in the workplace and in the community.

Outside the front door of **Lourdes Hall 12**, you will find the banner for **Respect/Integrity**. Remember a moment in your life when you felt respected or when you knew yourself to be a person of integrity.

At the corner between **McGovern Hall 11** and Lourdes Hall, you will see the **Compassionate Service** banner. Reflect on ways you have sought justice, acted compassionately, and demonstrated mercy to the world.

Continue along the quadrangle path to **Madonna Hall 10**. You will encounter a banner entitled **Development of the Whole Person**. As a coeducational Catholic university, how does the University of Saint Joseph live out this Core Value?

Proceed toward **McAuley Hall 8** and the **Multiculturalism/Diversity** Core Value banner. Reflect on the important questions asked there.

Walk toward **The Connor Chapel of Our Lady 6**. There, you will find the **Catholic Identity** Core Value banner. No matter your faith tradition, consider what you have learned about the Mercy charism and Catholic tradition from your University of Saint Joseph experience.

Next, venture toward **The Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities**, which contains **Lynch Hall 4** and **The Bruyette Athenaeum 5**. There, you will see the banner for the Core Value of **Hospitality**. How have you experienced being welcomed here? How are you willing to extend yourself in welcoming others?

We hope you enjoyed your journey along the Mercy Path at the University of Saint Joseph! Let this path be your home for contemplation, reflection, and recommitment to the values that bind us.