Creighton University Partners in Mission

The 34th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus addressed all the Jesuits of the world on the topic of “Partnership with the Laity in Mission.” Decree Thirteen of that Congregation begins with these words: “A reading of the signs of the times since the Second Vatican Council shows unmistakably that the Church of the next millennium will be called, as John Paul II said, the ‘church of the Laity.’” The Society of Jesus acknowledges that this development is “a grace of our day and a hope for the future” and therefore we seek “to respond to this grace by offering ourselves in service to the full realization of this mission of the laity, and we commit ourselves to that end by cooperating with them in their mission.”

– From address given at Creighton University, by Superior General Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach

October 4, 2004,

Creighton University is a Catholic and Jesuit University that endeavors to implement its faith-based identity in its academic missions of teaching, scholarship and service.

Where pertinent to their subject matter, all instructors shall highlight mission based issues, such as ethics, justice, and faith-related perspectives in their courses in order to contribute to the overall value-centered education of the students.

All academic programs at Creighton University share in this endeavor, in a manner and to a degree consistent with the specific discipline.


The Partners in Mission Committee provides university-wide leadership to enculturate and promote the Catholic-Jesuit Mission at Creighton University among faculty. This committee was created to implement the “Resolution on the Catholic-Jesuit Mission of Creighton University” that was unanimously approved by the Academic Council on October 25, 2007.

New Presidential Committee Established 2013

The President appoints a Steering committee composed of at least one Jesuit and three to five faculty members to lead the Partners in Mission Committee. The Steering Committee facilitates dialogue and collaboration on mission-based activities among the representatives from the School and Colleges. The President directs the Steering Committee to oversee tri-annual assessment of implementation of the Catholic-Jesuit Mission Resolution in each School and College. The Steering Committee acts on behalf of the University Assessment Committee and submits an executive summary with recommendations of the University Assessment Committee and the President.

The President directs each dean to appoint a committee of three to five faculty members to advise the dean on the implementation of the Catholic Jesuit Resolution within their respective School and College. These committees constitute the membership of Partners in Mission.

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Tim Cook  Education/Arts and Sciences
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