

JUSTICE

LEARNING: ANCHORED IN OUR DOMINICAN HERITAGE...

1. St. Dominican de Guzman founded the order of preachers to preach the Gospel and to nurture relations among people of every rank and class, based upon recognition of their basic needs and human dignity.
2. Throughout history, Dominicans such as Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, Bartolomé de las Casas and Martin de Porres have dedicated themselves to the pursuit of justice; the permanent presence of the Dominicans for Justice and Peace at the United Nations is consistent with this tradition of the Order.
3. Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli, an Italian immigrant, founder of the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, was a voice for the voiceless in the new American wilderness.
4. The mission of the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa invites us to partner with them in the “building of a holy and just Church and society.” (Sinsinawa Mission Statement)

BELIEFS: WHAT DOES THIS REALLY MEAN TO US...

1. As a Dominican college, our core mission values impel us to study the needs of our times and promote changes that ensure justice for all people and the well-being of all creation.
2. To promote justice, the social systems and institutions of our community should pursue the common good: that which benefits everyone-especially the invisible and powerless among us.
3. As an institution of learning, we recognize education for all is the foundation for living a full human life.

ACTIONS: WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO...

1. To become literate about differences among us.
2. To be conscious of the needs of our times.
3. To embody justice in policies, behaviors, and practices.
4. To study each issue, listen for underlying concerns and needs, while communally discerning a course of action on behalf of the common good.
5. To hold the COR question: “what is our role in creating a more Just and Compassionate world?”



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