

THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH

LEARNING: ANCHORED IN OUR DOMINICAN HERITAGE...

1. The search for truth is one of our five Sinsinawa Dominican values. Truth—Veritas—is the principal motto of the Dominicans, and we are the heirs of the intellectual and spiritual search for truth.
2. The search for truth integrates all ways of knowing and reflects intellect, spirit, imagination, and heart. A Dominican education cultivates the skills necessary for “seeing and appreciating this unity of meaning.”¹
3. In the Dominican tradition, we are faithful to a life of study and search for truth through study, reflection and action.
4. We recognize with humility that we can never possess or fully express truth, and thus, with Thomas Aquinas, we are all “happy to beg a little bit of illumination from everyone we meet on the road.”

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

5. As a Dominican college, we believe that the liberal arts offer us the most compelling means through which to engage in the search for truth.
6. Authentic search for truth is guided by questions. We pose meaningful questions to frame our inquiry; we welcome questions as opportunities to challenge our perspectives and those beliefs that keep us from truth; and we hold provisional answers to questions as a means to inform our action.
7. The search for truth is an inherently communal endeavor; our search is broadened and deepened through meaningful relationships with others. As we engage with others, we have a responsibility to dialogue in a spirit of love, hospitality, and civility.

ACTIONS: WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO...

8. Because searching for truth is an active process, we will practice such critical skills as listening, encouraging, challenging, imagining and reflecting as we discern among many truths.
9. We will have the courage to speak our truth and share the fruits of our study and contemplation for the benefit of the wider community.
10. We will create spaces in which the following COR questions can be pursued and enacted:
 - Who am I and who could I become?
 - What are the needs and opportunities of the world?
 - What is my role in building a just and compassionate society?

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