Characteristics Of Jesuit Universities

The Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, in collaboration with the presidents, outlined seven qualities of Jesuit universities - one of which is **SERVICE**: The University as an institution and all of its various parts seeks to insert itself in the world on the side of the poor, the marginalized, and those seeking justice. It does this in particular by using its academic and professional resources.

### The Ignatian Vision

- Sees life and the whole universe as a gift calling forth wonder and gratefulness.
- Gives ample scope to imagination and emotion as well as intellect.
- Seeks to find the divine in all things - in all peoples and cultures, in all areas of study and learning, in every human experience (and, for the Christian, especially in the person of Jesus).
- Cultivates critical awareness of personal and social evil, but points to God's love as more powerful than any evil.
- Stresses freedom, need for discernment, and responsible action.
- Empowers people to become leaders in service, "men and women for others," "whole persons of solidarity, "building a more just and humane world.

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### The Pope Francis Resource Page

In recognition of his visit to the USA beginning on September 22, see the Pope’s schedule as well as his tips for happiness, leadership lessons, and views on mercy, a culture of encounter and the environment. Also available on the page are printable prayer cards.