## **Mission Statement**

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Having studied at a catholic school during the initial years of my educational journey in India, I am aware of the Catholic ideals, attitudes, and principles that guide its activities in accordance with the proper nature and autonomy of such an institution. In principle, any educational institution, which has its roots into Catholicism, must be both a community of scholars representing various branches of human knowledge, as well as an academic institution in which Catholicism is vitally present and operative. This is also present in "Part I: Identity and Mission, point (1)" of the Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities Ex Corde Ecclesiae.

It would be an honor for me to part of XXX, which besides being a distinguished institution with a proud and rich history based on its strong intellectual community concerns the quality of life in the communities that it serves. If I can be part of such an institution, I would combine the intellectual resources and breadth of opportunity that will be bestowed upon me to develop close student-teacher interactions through both research as well as teaching; that is typical of a liberal education system and support its mission through the effective use of technology.

My aspirations will reflect upon my values, which will include:

- To develop scholarly activity, including research, scholarship, and creative endeavor at the baccalaureate and graduate degree level and provide services responding to the needs of the people, institutions, and communities, which the university serves.
- A commitment to critical thinking and rigorous intellectual inquiry
- An abiding concern for the environment, health, and education
- A strong commitment to diversity in the student body, the faculty and staff, and the curriculum
- A willingness to address challenging societal issues with honesty, civility, and practicality. Within the ideals of Catholicism, I will strive to promote a community that values respect, integrity, innovation, openness, justice, responsibility, and fosters the intellectual capacity to engage in ethical decision-making.

My central motive at XXX would be to promote Catholic principles in a way that enriches the mind by stimulating it and sustaining a spirit of free inquiry directed to understanding the nature of the universe and the role of humanity in it.