Vincentian Mission of Service Flourishes Throughout St. John’s

Robert Mangione, R.Ph. ’77P, ’79GP, ’93PD, ’99Ed.D., was recently appointed Provost of the University, but he has been a member of the St. John’s family since he began his undergraduate studies here nearly 40 years ago. He acknowledges that his years at St. John’s have given him a profound understanding of the importance of the University’s Vincentian mission of service to others, something that he embraces on a daily basis.

“The Vincentian charism is deeply embedded in everything that I do,” Professor Mangione says. “When I’m trying to make a decision, I always reflect on the fact that we should legitimately be held to a higher standard because we’re a Vincentian institution.”

Mangione notes that many faculty members incorporate a commitment to service as part of their coursework, encouraging students to undertake projects and conduct research that will ultimately benefit those in need.

“When we’re teaching and giving examples in class, it’s always important to focus on how the poor would respond to that situation, and how we would be able to help them,” he says. “Those opportunities to inspire the students to think critically and creatively are the challenges, and they lead to possible solutions.”

Inspiration in Action

The powerful motivation of the University’s Vincentian mission is readily apparent in how its students respond to those challenges.

Before he came to St. John’s, Thomas King ’12Ed, a graduate student in St. John’s School of Education, had never heard of St. Vincent de Paul.

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Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. has retired after 24 years as President of St. John’s University. The University Board of Trustees has named Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., former President of Niagara University, as Interim President, effective August 1, 2013. Fr. Levesque will serve for 10 months while a national search is completed. To read more about St. John’s new Interim President, please visit www.stjohns.edu/interimpresident.
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Calling all alumni, former faculty and staff, neighbors, friends and supporters: We want to know how you’re connected to St. John’s. The enclosed survey card includes a space for you to wax poetic about late nights at St. Augustine Hall or share your favorite NYC stories—whatever you remember most about your time at the University, we’d love to hear about it. Jot down a few sentences and we may include your St. John’s connection in a future newsletter. We hope to hear from many of you!
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But after only a few weeks on campus, he quickly realized the importance of the Vincentian mission and decided to make it his own.

“I learned that St. Vincent was the evangelizer of the poor and that his mission was rooted in serving the poor,” Tom says. “I really began to make that a part of myself, because if that was the mission of St. John’s, I wanted it to become part of me as well.”

Tom serves as a graduate assistant in the Office of Campus Ministry on the Queens campus, is an altar server in St. Thomas More Church, and brings food and clothing to the homeless of New York City as part of St. John’s Midnight Runs program. He knows that serving others has made him a more spiritual person.

“All people need to be treated with respect and dignity,” he says. “Serving at St. John’s has had a profound impact on my life.”

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