VALUES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF A RAVEN

Jesus Christ

We believe in the love of Jesus Christ and the faith revealed to, and handed down by, the Roman Catholic Church.
A Raven is Christ-Centered. Christ-Centered Ravens understand that everything they have is a gift from God and seek to offer it back with good zeal.
"THE LOVE OF CHRIST MUST COME BEFORE ALL ELSE." (RULE OF ST. BENEDICT 4:21)

Community

We believe in service to the common good, respect for the individual, virtuous friendship, and the beatitudes.
A Raven is Collaborative. Collaborative Ravens create a spirit of teamwork.
"NO ONE IS TO PURSUE WHAT HE JUDGES BETTER FOR HIMSELF, BUT INSTEAD, WHAT HE JUDGES BETTER FOR SOMEONE ELSE." (RB 72:7)

Hospitality

We pledge to uphold the dignity of every human person from the beginning of life to its natural end.
A Raven is Hospitable. Hospitable Ravens welcome others with authenticity and warmth.
"ALL GUESTS WHO PRESENT THEMSELVES ARE TO BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST." (RB 53:1)

Listening

We believe seeking counsel and listening should lead to wise resolution and action.
A Raven is Engaged. Engaged Ravens listen and serve the needs of others.
LISTEN "WITH THE EAR OF YOUR HEART." (RB P.1)

Prayer and Work

We believe our *Ora et Labora* cooperates in God's plan to make all things new.
A Raven is Faithful. Faithful Ravens discern God's will, work hard to accomplish it, and courageously defend their beliefs.
"THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED." (RB 57:9)

Stability

We believe in a commitment to one's vocation in a daily rhythm of life following St. Benedict and St. Scholastica.
A Raven is Steadfast. Steadfast Ravens can be trusted to fulfill their commitments and are marked by resiliency, integrity, and character.
"NEVER SWERVING FROM HIS INSTRUCTIONS, WE SHALL THROUGH PATIENCE SHARE IN THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST THAT WE MAY DESERVE ALSO TO SHARE IN HIS KINGDOM." (RB P.50)

Conversion of Life

We believe in *conversatio*, a commitment to personal conversion or growth, positively transforms life.
A Raven is Joyful. Joyful Ravens provide a positive witness to the Gospel.
"YOUR WAY OF ACTING SHOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM THE WORLD'S WAY." (RB 4:20)

Love of Learning

We believe rigorous scholarship in the liberal arts, rooted in the monastic tradition, leads to the discovery of truth.
A Raven is Thoughtful. Thoughtful Ravens are lifelong learners who analyze problems, gather appropriate information, and make prudent decisions.
"WE INTEND TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL FOR THE LORD'S SERVICE." (RB P.45)

Stewardship

We believe the Lord God made all things and called them good.
A Raven is Competent. Competent Ravens maintain high expectations for themselves, and exhibit diligence with the goods and duties entrusted to them.
"MORE WILL BE EXPECTED OF THOSE TO WHOM MORE HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED." (RB 2:30)

Excellence Through Virtue

We believe that a daily discipline and practice of virtue leads to learning, freedom, and greatness.
A Raven is Committed to Greatness. Ravens are committed to greatness and approach all things with class and professionalism, and constantly strive for success and excellence.
SHOW "THEM ALL THAT IS GOOD AND HOLY MORE BY EXAMPLE THAN BY WORDS." (RB 2:12)