THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

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FROM THE MISSION STATEMENTS OF CUA AND NCSSS:

As the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, founded and sponsored by the bishops of the country with the approval of the Holy See, The Catholic University of America is committed to being a comprehensive Catholic and American institution of higher learning, faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed on by the Church. Dedicated to advancing the dialogue between faith and reason, The Catholic University of America seeks to discover and impart the truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church, the nation and the world. (approved by the Board of Trustees, December 12, 2006)

The Catholic University of America is a community of scholars, both faculty and students, set apart to discover, preserve, and impart the truth in all its forms, with particular reference to the needs and opportunities of the nation. As a university, it is essentially a free and autonomous center of study and an agency serving the needs of human society. It welcomes the collaboration of all scholars of good will who, through the process of study and reflection, contribute to these aims in an atmosphere of academic competence where freedom is fostered and where the only constraint upon truth is truth itself.

NCSSS Mission

Derived from the mission of The Catholic University of America and that of the social work profession, the mission of the National Catholic School of Social Service is to educate students from diverse faiths and cultures who in their professional endeavors will embody the values of social justice, service, and scholarship. This mission is grounded in the justice and charity foundation of Catholic social teachings and the tradition of a modern university that welcomes all forms of human inquiry. (2010)

We are an academic community bound by the sometimes divergent, often similar, policies of the Council on Social Work Education and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Guided by these broad guidelines, we work to accept and honor the personal values and beliefs of all those we teach, work and learn with, and those we serve through our practice. (October 1996)

NCSSS Goals

1. To advance knowledge, values, and competencies through the development, application, and dissemination of theory and research relevant to the social work profession.
2. To serve and empower vulnerable, oppressed, and impoverished people and communities.
3. To promote social and economic justice and individual and societal well-being in the context of The Catholic University of America, the social work profession, and the needs of the local, national, and global communities.

The Catholic University of America is committed to the belief that “with respect to the fundamental rights of the person, every type of discrimination, whether cultural, whether based on sex, race, color, social condition, language or religion, is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God’s intent” (Vatican Council 11, Gaudium et spes, No. 29). Accordingly, it is the policy of the University to comply fully with provisions of federal and local laws and regulations, where applicable, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of criteria specified in those laws and regulations in educational programs and activities, including admission thereto, and in employment. Inquiries may be directed to the CUA Equal Opportunity Officer.