

URSULINE FRANCISCAN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY



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“I have come that they may have life and have it in fullness” (John 10:10).

“Mission of Education” according to Dr Kalam, “is the foundation to ensure the creation of enlightened citizens who will make a prosperous, happy and strong nation”. Education enkindles a light and dispels darkness of ignorance. The educational institutions under the management of Ursuline Franciscan Education Society are the beacons of light in the lives of the young persons, leading them from darkness to light and striving towards creating enlightened minds.

The focus of education is also to train our students to become persons of conscience, competence, compassion and commitment. Along with academic excellence, students are trained to understand and analyze the challenges they face in life with critical and creative thinking skills. Emphasis is to be laid on fostering human excellence in our students so that they grow in empathy, social responsibility and learn to discern between the good and the bad and grow as persons of great moral and spiritual character.

The fundamental goal of education under UFES is an all-round development of a child. It is not measured only in the area of intellectual capabilities, but all aspects of human person – social, psychological, emotional, physical and cultural. In this regard, school has primary duty in exploration of great potentials of children, identifying what each student can achieve. This builds strong sense of self-confidence, self-esteem and courage to fight against all odds of life. The strength may be academic, artistic, vocational or interpersonal. Student’s passion or natural aptitude in certain area may lead to different opportunities to contribute to the world with his/her creative power.

The charism of our Congregation blossomed in keeping with the signs of the time. We, therefore, need to respond adequately to the signs of the time in the world of today, particularly in India where most our schools have been established. The problems of the world are problems of our country too and problems of our country are problems of the society we live in, problems that we face in our institutions whether big and small.



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True to the spirit of St. Angela Merici, our patrons, the pioneering members, began the Ursuline ideal of Education at its very birth with an option for the poor, care for the weak and the underprivileged at their priority. Our total focus is on our Vision “I have come in order that you might have life in all its fullness (John 10:10)”. Education teaches us to be morally integrated with a true conscience, right values and appropriate principles. It also makes us socially service minded, spiritually inspired and personally mature.

What should be our priority as the members of the Ursuline Franciscan Educational Society? One of the Ultimate aims of Education is that, the coming generation should know “having wisdom and understanding is better than having silver and gold (Pro 16:16) Our institutions should enable students to think in terms of equality, Justice and more importantly facilitating the various facts of diversities different from those themselves rather than just tolerating them. By being the role models, teachers have to learn to be comfortable by walking with the students along their educational journey. “You cannot educate without walking together with the people you are educating” says Pope Francis. So let us walk with the students and explore their abilities that everyone possess, as Swami Vivekananda says “Education is the manifestation of Perfection already existing in Man” Let us walk along the motto of U.F.E.S. “All for the Love of God”.

Every Institution under UFES focus on the mission of Christ.

It enables every student to be emotionally balanced, intellectually alert, morally sound, spiritually oriented, socially committed and culturally enriched.

It provides a vibrant forum for quality education with scientific temper, adapting to the changing needs of the society.

It ensures all-round development of the students and expose them to a wider spectrum of co-cultural learning which is essential to make the students confident and courageous to face the world of today.

It Promotes faith formation to achieve personal relationship with God and integrate faith with life.

It Enhances human dignity by educating the poorer sections of the society, the marginalized, underprivileged and girl children.

It Fosters love for nature through appreciation, conservation, development of natural resources to counteract the adverse effects of globalization

It Fosters patriotism by creating civic consciousness in order to be responsible citizens of our Nation.

It Transmits Ursuline Franciscan identity through simplicity of life, sincerity, dignity of services that enhance labor and sharing in solidarity.

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