



COLLEGE OF
Saint Benedict  **Saint John's**
UNIVERSITY

Benedictine Values

We are a Benedictine college embracing these values from the “Rule of Benedict”

Awareness of God

To look for God not in the abstract but in the ordinary events of every day.
“We believe the Divine Presence is everywhere.” R.B. 19

Community Living

To become who we are by our relationships with others.
“Let all thing be common to all.” R.B. 33

Dignity of Work

To appreciate the dignity of work in God’s creation.
“...they live by the labor of their hands.” R.B. 48

Hospitality

To offer warmth, acceptance, and joy in welcoming others.
“Let all,, be received as Christ.” R.B. 53

Justice

To work toward a just order in our immediate environment and in the larger society.
“...that in all things God may be glorified.” R.B. 57

Listening

To hear keenly and sensitively the voices of persons and all created beings.
“Listen...with the ear of your heart.” R.B. Prologue

Moderation

To be content with living simply and finding balance in work, prayer, and leisure.
“All things are to be done with moderation.” R.B. 48

Peace

To strive for peace on all levels: with self, others, and God. R.B. Prologue

Respect for Persons

To respect each person regardless of class, background, or professional skill.
“No one is to pursue what is judged best for oneself, but instead, what is better for someone else.” R.B. 72

Stability

To cultivate rootedness and a shared sense of mission
“To Stand firm in one’s promises.”

Stewardship

To appreciate and to care lovingly for all the goods of this place.
“Regard all utensils as if they were the sacred vessels of the altar.” R.B. 31

Prayer

“Every time you begin a good work, you must pray...” R.B. Prologue