

Holy Family University Reflection on Mission

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1. Holy Family University Mission
 - Ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth
 - Education in liberal arts and professions
 - Affiliated with Catholic University
 - Affirms the Judeo-Christian values
 - Witnesses to the dignity of each person and the oneness of the human family
 - Educates for life-long responsibility to God, society, and self

2. Core Values
 - Family
 - Respect
 - Integrity
 - Learning
 - Vision
 - Service
 - Responsibility

3. Enduring Legacy of Randy Pausch – “The Last Lecture”
 - Lessons
 - Reflect on your childhood dreams – which ones came true
 - Live life to the fullest each day
 - Give a message that leaves a legacy

4. Your “First Lecture”
 - Integrate an aspect of the mission or core values into your “first lecture”

- Consider a new Holy Family Tradition for all your classes
 - What could your “first lecture” be each semester?
 - Share “why” you [the teacher] chose Holy Family University
5. Challenges of the Holy Family University Mission
- How will you demonstrate openness to multiple points of view?
 - How will you promote and encourage multicultural experiences?
 - How will you expect integrity from your students and demonstrate it as well?
 - What are the ways that you will connect to human needs and the oneness of the human family?
 - In what ways can you promote ethical, logical, and creative thinking?
 - Strive to deepen global, social, and historical awareness
 - Address contemporary issues with a strong Christian perspective
 - Always strive to build a better future!
6. End of Semester
- Reconnect to your “first lecture”
 - What evidence will you have that you furthered the mission?
 - Give students a message that they will hold on to for their lives. You can do it!
 - Students need your vision

See “HOW FAR YOU CAN GO” with this mission!