

Where there is charity or wisdom there is neither fear nor ignorance"- St. Francis

Franciscan Values and Life at Siena: The **DORS** Initiative

Our Vision:

Our Franciscan values of **D**iversity, **O**ptimism, **R**espect and **S**ervice (**DORS**) can be articulated, and are embodied, by every member of the Siena community. **DORS** guides our decisions and behaviors as we put faith into action for the betterment of the world around us.

Our Mission:

DORS, a Franciscan values initiative of the Division of Student Affairs, integrates the values and teachings of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi into the everyday lives of Siena College students. Franciscan values serve as a lens through which to view our world and our way of being in relationship with each other. Through discussion, modeling, and application of **DORS**, our community is enriched and made vibrant. **DORS** ensures that our students identify with and take on a sense of responsibility for the College and each other.

Our Values:

The essence of Franciscan living is a way of relating to people that is grounded in faith and values. **Diversity**, **Optimism**, **Respect** and **Service** provide a framework for the Siena College community to discuss and learn about the Franciscan tradition and its approach to fostering positive interpersonal relationships.



Diversity

In our Franciscan community, **diversity** is an invitation to celebrate the God-given uniqueness of each individual, as well as the cultural differences that enrich us all. So,

- Be unique
- Be welcoming
- Be open to the world

Optimism

In our Franciscan community, **optimism** is a faith-filled affirmation of the basic goodness of life and of all men and women because, in the words of St. Francis, God our Creator is "good, all good, supremely good." So,

- Be positive
- Be hopeful
- Be open to the future

Respect

In our Franciscan community, **respect** is a profound reverence for God's real presence in ourselves, in others, and in our world. So,

- Be respectful of yourself
- Be affirming of the dignity of others
- Be caring of the environment around you

