Mission and Vision

Mission

St Rita's College follows the mission of Jesus as lived by the founder of the Presentation Sisters, Venerable Nano Nagle. Our community seeks to inspire engaging, inquisitive and passionate learning, leading to action for a just world.

Vision

As a dynamic Catholic faith community, our vision is to:

- Embody and promote leadership as service, growing from critical reflection and leading to action for justice.
- Challenge and support each member of our community in an environment of collaboration and respect.
- Nurture and educate, in partnership with families, young, articulate women of integrity who are increasingly independent, discerning, creative and resilient.

Pillars of Nano Nagle

Hospitality

Hospitality is the genuine and friendly reception and treatment of guests or strangers, coupled with the quality of generosity that there is no expectation to return the favour. Nano displayed this throughout her life; devoting herself to the poor and investing her significant fortune in establishing schools that both welcomed and actively supported those in need.

Compassion

Compassion is a feeling of distress and pity for the suffering or misfortune of another, often including the desire to alleviate it. Nano displayed this in her life's work providing education to those denied this due to the penal laws. She was inspired by her devotion to Jesus Christ whose life embodied the definition of compassion. He has compassion for people who are lost, for people who repent and have a true desire to turn away from their brokenness, for people who have faith in God. God's compassion is not just talk and feelings, but is a compassion full of action.

Simplicity

Simplicity is the absence of luxury or showiness and the absence of affectation or pretence. Through Nano's schools she demonstrated the fulfilling nature of simplicity: living a life of compassion and hospitality, following Christ's example and finding enrichment through expression of His values; devotion and absolute faith that God will protect and support you in all you genuinely need. Simplicity also encompasses the essential need we have to work proactively to nurture and protect our world and all its inhabitants and resources.

Pillars of St Rita

Courage

Courage is the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, suffering and pain without fear. It has the heart as its source of strength. Courage can allow integrity to be maintained and right to succeed. St Rita demonstrated tremendous fortitude and courage throughout her life, in the face of many confrontations and obstructions.

Justice

Justice is the quality of being just and fair in all dealings. Its action is founded on the principles of moral rightness and equity. St Rita lived a life that confronted her with great injustice and left her with the pain and suffering which injustice brings. Rather than defeating her, this experience invited greater determination by St Rita to seek justice and tolerance, and thus bring about peace. St Rita looked to Christ's example as inspiration.

Hope

Hope as a theological virtue defined as the desire and search for a future good, difficult but not impossible to attain with God's help. St Rita's devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout her life, with all its difficulties and suffering, is an example that hope in God can sustain us through the most difficult of times and seemingly impossible of cases.