Mission Moment



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At Calumet College of St. Joseph, I try to live our mission by helping students recognize that they are valued and that they belong. As Campus Minister and an Adjunct Professor of Theology, I see opportunities to do this through conversation, teaching, prayer, and simply being available. I want students to know that their questions, experiences, and hopes matter. My own Catholic education, particularly the influence of women religious, taught me how much it means to have someone recognize your potential and encourage you to grow. That experience continues to shape how I approach students and the responsibility of accompanying them.

Our mission's emphasis on social justice and service also invites me to help students connect what they believe with how they live. In the classroom and in ministry, I encourage reflection on whose voices we hear, whose experiences we overlook, and how we can respond to the needs around us. The Precious Blood tradition's call to reconciliation challenges me to listen carefully and help build relationships across differences. This November, I am grateful for the opportunity to share in that work with colleagues and students. My hope is that, through our everyday encounters, we help one another experience what CCSJ's vision promises: a community where we can be known, be successful, and belong.