

Vision - Mission - Values

SSND Schools in Austria

For us, education means enabling persons to reach the fullness of their potential as individuals created in God's image and assisting them to direct their gifts toward building the earth. (YAS, 22)

SSND schools* are private Catholic schools that make a particular contribution toward positive change in society and thereby in our world. *(The term *schools* includes all educational institutions of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.)

Those persons who work at SSND schools are motivated by Christian principles and consciously take on the responsibility of educational ministry in the spirit of the gospel. This ministry is based on the deep hope and conviction that, through it, a part of God's reign can grow - a world of justice, love, and peace. Respect, appreciation, and honesty, renunciation of the use of force and willingness to reconcile differences, are some of our basic virtues, as well as our efforts toward the integrity of creation. We exclude no one from our concern. We are especially sensitive to the needs of the disadvantaged and give preference to persons who are poor.

SSND schools are characterized by a spirit of openness and tolerance. Variety and diversity are allowed to develop. SSND schools creatively endeavor to further develop proven traditions as well as to research the new and unknown and to allow innovations. Pedagogical concepts that foster holistic education are especially promoted. In order to foster learning and growth, we strive to create an atmosphere that is secure and free from anxiety.

SSND schools are places where we live and learn together. Persons work here who place what is held in common ahead of what divides and separates, make efforts toward collaboration, and willingly share their knowledge, skills, and success. We stand by each other in failure and see mistakes as an opportunity to learn. Our living together requires rules that hold for everyone and that are kept by everyone. Adults are conscious of their responsibility and endeavor to set an example of values that are held in common.

We are educators in all that we are and do. (YAS, 23)

