

RULES FOR THE APPLICATION
OF THE APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTION
“*EX CORDE ECCLESIAE*”
AT PROVIDENCE UNIVERSITY

Recognized by the Board of Trustees, July 13, 2018

Article 1. Nature of the Rules

These Rules pertain to the observance of Providence University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”) in accordance with the Apostolic Constitution “*Ex Corde Ecclesiae*” and the Norms for the Application of “*Ex Corde Ecclesiae*” in R.O.C. (Taiwan).

Article 2. The Mission of Providence University

1. The University is a Catholic Higher Education Institution.
2. The University pursues holistic education for students under the University Motto, *Virtus Cum Scientia, virtue with knowledge*.
3. The University Aims to develop the spirit of the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, by educating with a loving heart¹.
4. The University abides by the laws of the Catholic Church and is devoted to spreading the Gospel by sharing Christian faith and following Catholic ideals and principles.
5. Under the principle of academic freedom, the University educates, conducts research and provides service guided by an honest search for the truth and a quest for interdisciplinary unity.
6. The University respects all of God’s creation, the dignity of human life from its conception, and values peace, justice, family life, nature, and a more equal sharing of the world's resources.

Article 3. The Establishment of Providence University

1. The University was founded by Mother Marie Gratia Luking, a Sister of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, U.S.A. Therefore, in the spirit of the Congregation, total reliance on God, works of love, mercy and justice, and universal vision are essential elements of its Christian educational mission.
2. In accordance with laws pertaining to private schools in Taiwan, the Board of Trustees serves as the highest authority.
3. In collaboration with the Bishop of Taichung Diocese, the Board of Trustees safeguards the

¹ “Love the children first, and then teach them.” Letters and Journals of St. Theodore Guerin

University's Catholic identity and mission.

Article 4. The Community of Providence University

1. As a Catholic university committed to the pursuit of truth and knowledge, Providence utilizes a holistic educational approach, as it nurtures students to become professionally competent, compassionate, altruistic, globally minded and responsible citizens.
2. Members of the Governing Board of the University shall be committed to the Church and should demonstrate the spirit and values of a Catholic Education by their deeds. In addition they are expected to develop effective means to communicate and cooperate with the local Church. The President, the Vice-President, and the Chaplain of the University must guard and practice Catholic spirit and values.
3. Beyond their administrative and academic roles, the Board of Trustees, the President, the Chaplain, and all the administrators of the University have the responsibility to maintain and strengthen its Catholic identity and mission, and inform the newly recruited faculty and staff of the spirit and values of a Catholic Education.
4. The University shall provide procedures for appeals and resolutions of disputes in accordance with local civil laws and ecclesiastical laws.

Article 5. Providence University within the Church

1. The Campus Ministry and Chaplaincy Offices shall be in charge of the evangelization of the University and shall provide religious activities so as to strengthen the spiritual life of all its members, including students of diverse religious backgrounds. They also cooperate with the Catholic groups formed by students, faculty, and staff of the University to share and practice the Christian faith.
2. The Love and Character Education Commission of the University designs courses for moral and character development, promoting learning through service as a way to contribute to the common good of the society.
3. In the context of Catholic tradition, the Board of Trustees develops practical ways to collaborate with Diocesan Bishops and other Religious Institutes to maintain and share the ideals, principles, and norms proposed by the Apostolic Constitution "*Ex Corde Ecclesiae*". The Chairperson convenes board meetings on a regular basis to monitor school affairs and to preserve and strengthen the Catholic character of the University.
4. The Board of Trustees conducts a periodic review of the efforts of the University to maintain its Catholic mission and identity. It also compiles an annual report and submits it to the

Chinese Regional Bishops' Conference.

Article 6. Pastoral Ministry

1. The Bishop of Taichung Diocese takes on a major responsibility of providing pastoral ministry to students, faculty, and staff of the University. He supervises the pastoral work and evangelistic endeavors carried out by the Chaplain and Campus Ministry. Furthermore, he also convenes board meetings and attends important gatherings and celebrations therein.
2. The Chaplaincy and Campus Ministry Offices, following the liturgical calendar, organize the celebration of the Eucharist, and provide religious and spiritual activities. They also hold individual and group educational classes based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church in order to provide a channel for all members to familiarize themselves with the Catholic faith.
3. Overseen by the Board of Trustees, the President recruits a Chaplain in accordance with the University's Organizational Charter.

Article 7. Cooperative Relations

1. The University regularly participates in the coalitions of Catholic, Christian, and partner schools both domestically and abroad. These coalitions are dedicated to spreading the Christian faith and promoting the practice of the spirit and values of a Catholic Education.
2. The University, being committed to social innovation and creativity, actively promotes interdisciplinary cooperation with other schools, religious groups, enterprises, professional communities, and organizations, nurturing talents through social practices to serve and contribute to the society and to the global community as a whole.

Article 8. Supplementary

These Rules come into immediate effect after having been approved by the School Administration Council, recognized by the Board of Trustees, and subsequently promulgated by the Chinese Regional Bishops' Conference.