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Preston High School's Mission

Founded in 1947 by the Sisters of Divine Compassion, located in the Throggs Neck Neighborhood of the Bronx, Preston High School is an single-sex private Catholic college preparatory school rooted in the virtues of dignity, honor, respect, and compassion.

Through a broad and challenging curriculum, a diverse, faith-centered community and a commitment to Christian service, Preston High School empowers young women by providing them with the skills needed to become compassionate leaders for change in their world.

VISION

To change the world around us through compassion.

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Preston High School's Beliefs

“To see the needs and wants of others, and to fulfill those needs” is the definition of compassion that the school inherits from its patron, Monsignor Preston. Applied to the program of intellectual and personal development, and based upon our Mission, we believe

1. Our education program develops our students' intellectual curiosity and confidence. Young women expand their minds and enrich their spirits while discovering themselves, their relationship to God and to others and their place in the global community.
2. Our environment cultivates Christ-centered ideals in order to promote a community where all members are valued. Students respect cultural diversity and work toward the peaceful resolution of conflict.
3. Our community teaches students through our academics, co-curricular and service activities that they have an obligation to be compassionate to all people and to reach out to others in need.
4. Our charism seeks to nurture young women of dignity, honor and respect to be compassionate, ethical leaders in the global community, to be independent, and to pursue challenging careers in all fields.
5. We envision a community that welcomes, sees, hears, and values everyone. We commit ourselves to cultivating a safe environment where everyone's voice is respected and heard without judgment by integrating Preston's charism of compassion, diversity, and inclusion into the school's curriculum, programs, and culture.

Our school's motto, “Virtus mille scuta” (Virtue is a thousand shields), exemplifies Preston's often counter-cultural belief that excellence in character is essential in an ever-changing and increasingly complex world.

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Profile of Graduates

The Preston graduate, having completed a rigorous and well-rounded academic program, will be a life-long learner able to think critically and communicate effectively in order to actively participate in a democratic society and take on a leadership role in her profession.

The Preston High School Graduate will be

A Student of Faith and Compassion: The Preston graduate will incorporate the values of compassion, service, and Christian love in her own life, based on her strong faith in God and grounded in her own religious tradition.

A Student of Service: The Preston graduate will see herself as a catalyst for positive change, able to take on a leadership role and contribute with compassion to the well-being of both her local and the global community. She will be sensitive to the needs of others and will work to do all she can to help others.

A Student of Respect and Integrity: The Preston graduate is open-minded, self-aware, and respectful of differences among people. She appreciates the richness to be found in different cultures and is able to discern common values among different religious traditions. She sees in nature the imprint of the Creator of the Universe and dedicates herself to respecting it and helping others to do likewise.

A Student of Digital Literacy: The Preston graduate has the ability to use information and communication technologies to find, evaluate, create, and communicate information, requiring both cognitive and technical skills.

