PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

The University was founded through the collaborative efforts of the Sisters of Providence, the Ursuline Sisters, the Catholic Bishop of Great Falls and the civic community all of whom recognized societal need for higher education. Its educational mission, sponsored by Providence Ministries, continues to be the shared endeavor of dedicated people.

The University cooperates with both private and public institutions to attain goals consistent with its educational purpose and values.

The University continually and responsibly evaluates its operation and programs. It develops professional and career programs and continuing education courses designed in view of society's present and future needs. It also offers traditional academic degrees.

The University offers students a foundation for actively implementing Gospel values and the teaching of Jesus within the Catholic tradition; it serves students of all beliefs who wish to take advantage of its programs.

The faculty and staff of the University join with students in a cooperative and enthusiastic search for truth, so that students may develop:

- **Character** to have a positive impact on the world and to the communities in which they live and work, particularly by recognizing and accepting personal accountability to themselves, to society, and to God;
- **Competence** to further their ability to live full and rewarding lives by becoming competent working members of society who know the basics of their professional field and have access to future learning;
- **Commitment** to find meaning in life which enables them to participate effectively in society while transcending its limitations, by living according to their own moral and religious convictions, as well as by respecting the dignity and beliefs of other people.