



Title: 1804 Society

Who are the 1804 society?

The 1804 Society is an organisation we are setting up to develop mission and leadership in students. The society, named in honour of the founding year of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur by St. Julie Billiart, will continue the tradition of mission at Notre Dame through a deeper understanding of the Sisters of Notre Dame and the college's history. In turn, the students, led by a 6th Form Leadership Team, will act as ambassadors for the college at annual traditions and celebrations. The six values of the 1804 Society are Community, Education, Goodness, Leadership, Service and Tradition.

Community

As members of the Notre Dame family, one of the values of the 1804 Society will be creating a welcoming community. We will value relationships and want to make sure that every member of our Notre Dame community feels like they are a valued part of something bigger than themselves.

Education

St. Julie Billiart said that education is the greatest work on earth. Education is so incredibly empowering and provides people with the tools to build a better world for themselves and others. As an organisation, we will value our Notre Dame education and know we can use our education to transform our own communities and the lives of others.

Goodness

St Julie Billiart said 'How Good the Good God is, why can't we proclaim it to the whole world?' In the 1804 Society, we will try to look for the good and go about doing good. Seeking goodness in other people makes us proud to be members of the Notre Dame college community.

Leadership

In the 1804 Society, we will learn about the Sisters of Notre Dame and their humble acts of servant leadership. We will develop our own skills so we can be leading contributors to our local and global society.

Service

The Sisters of Notre Dame serve on 5 different continents. Service is deeply embedded in the history of the Sisters of Notre Dame. We will continue the culture of service at Notre Dame through creating partnerships with local organisations and participating in community service.

Tradition

Through the 1804 Society, we will continue the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame by living out their mission. Built upon a strong foundation established in 1804, we will continue age-old traditions in College and beyond.

Prayer to St Julie Billiart

Saint Julie, through your great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, you were miraculously cured and favoured by many graces.

By your powerful intercession, obtain for us above all, a great trust in God in all the difficulties of life, the strength to accomplish in all things the adorable will of God, and the special grace we now ardently ask of you.

"We must have courage in the times we live in. Great souls are needed, souls having the interest of God at heart"



Prayers

Pray for:

- Our global family, that one day everyone will have enough to eat.
- A successful Cafod fast day.

Prayer in action this week:

- All those who are new to our community, that they will soon feel settled and happy here.
- Comfort and consolation for those who have suffered loss or sadness
- Those who are unwell and unable to return to college at this time

Prayer for Cafod fast day- 2nd October 2015

We ask you Lord to challenge us, especially when we become too set in our ways. Inspire us to review our priorities and values, so that our attitude may always be to give generously without counting the cost. Open our eyes and hearts to all people, and particularly to those who are vulnerable or marginalised or who can do nothing for us in return. Lead us to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen



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Amen.

O God, our Life and our Love, look upon us with kindness as we celebrate the life of Your servant,

Saint Julie. Give us generous loving hearts, and renew within us the desire to proclaim your

Goodness to all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

All I ask of the good God is that you may love Him with your whole heart. You see, when we love the good God very much we do everything well, very well.

Saint Julie Billiart

Let us take time today to remember and honour the life of St Julie.

May the seeds she planted continue to bear the fruit of love, justice, integrity and hope.

May we keep in our prayers this day, all those who labour to bring greater dignity and justice to the poor of this planet even in the face of grave danger and the possibility of death.

Amen

1804 society today in Notre Dame

The 1804 is a diverse group of students, each with a range of talents and a passion to make Notre Dame a better place. Every student in the society has a role to play within the four focuses of the society: leadership, service, mentoring and communication.

The leadership team involves being part of the student council, connection with other year groups to find out what students want out of their Notre Dame experience. This team will help make decisions to improve the school, all of which will be influenced by you and your student council representatives. This group is led by Sophie Smyth, while Heidi Arnold, Megan Jones and Olivia Dunning also members.

The roles of the service group include creating events and activities to help support charities and local organisations and organising acts of worship, a key message of St Julie's. Led by Faye Griffiths the group also includes Kendal Shields, Steph Murphy and Georgia Kennedy.

The mentoring programme provides younger students with an older student to help them, whether that be with a personal issue or with a particular subject. This involves working closely with students to ensure they are able to get the best out of their school experience. This group is full of approachable members including Shadia Jones, Aimee Warbuton, Chloe Allen and led by Alex Pasco.

Communication is crucial. We want the 1804 to be connected with the students and staff within Notre Dame, which is why we have a team led by Libby Molloy to ensure you all know what is happening around and outside of school through things like the school newsletter. Other members are Olivia Powe, Mia McGuinness and Taylor Wright.

The Society is overseen by Head Girl, Abbie-Lee Rendell, and Deputy Head Girl, Sam Sillitoe. They will ensure that everybody plays a role in the 1804 Society while providing support for anybody who needs it. Head Girl chairs the Student Council with help from the Deputy Head Girl.