

2. VISION AND MISSION

VISION:

The vision of Jesuit education at St. Xavier's College affirms the radical goodness of the world 'charged with the grandeur' of God and it regards every element of creation as worthy of study and contemplation, capable of endless exploration.

MISSION:

St. Xavier's College Burdwan believes in a mission rooted in a new world community of justice, love and peace. It forms persons of competence, conscience and compassion. The college also makes every student to be at the service of society keeping in mind the spirit of the college

Motto: Truth and Justice

TRUTH

This not only includes the speaking the truth, but also the living of lives in consistence and fleeting values, to dishonesty in any of its subtle forms. It means our with our speech, and the philosophy we propound. Truth is opposed to lies, to false trustworthiness, our loyalty, our faithfulness. Truth is never something we master, we are at its service; it is always greater than what we are (or) any of us (or) humans.

JUSTICE

Justice makes our eyes turn, not only towards ourselves, but also towards others. We acknowledge that others also have rights, longings and legitimate desires. We acknowledge the rights of the poor and the destitute to a decent standard of living. Justice makes us aware that the "others" are not just 'outside there', but they are in reality our brothers and sisters, that we have the obligations to share our material, intellectual and spiritual wealth with them. Justice avoids exploitation of a human Justice makes us aware that we must be the voice of the destitute, the oppressed; of those crying out for liberation.

THE CROSS (AND NAILS)

The acceptance of the Cross will be necessary if we wish to be truthful in our speech and in our lives; if we are not to compromise our principles and Integrity. We will experience hostility and opposition, if beyond the mere expressions of pious words and feelings, we actually work towards a just order in society, where the rich are required to share their wealth with the poor, and the mighty are taken when they trample on the aspirations of the weak. But this Cross will be a glorious Cross. We will find meaning in our lives that comes as a gift from God; we will experience peace that is ineffable; Peace that comes from the depth of union with God and our fellow men; peace that results from personal integrity and harmony within ourselves.

The cross is a symbol of our fight against Injustice even at the expense of personal pain. It is a symbol of love transformed by the radiance of truth and justice. IHS are the first three letters, in Greek, of the name of JESUS. I H S are Greek capital



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In Jesus we find eminently exemplified Truth and Justice who concerns for those who are in dire need under the tyranny of sin and oppression. In Jesus, we find the dignity of man, and true value, and a love that embraces death. In Jesus, we find an explanation for suffering. In his victory and glory, we find our confidence in God. Jesus is not dead. He is Alive.

THE FIELDS, THE WATER, THE RICE PLANTS

These symbolize Burdwan in its richness of soil and its plentifulness of rice. The plants bending under the weight of grain, symbolize abundance and growth.