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As 2016 comes to a close, many students, faculty and staff are making their way home to share the holidays with family, friends and loved ones. Some will travel across the city or to a nearby suburb, while others will travel great distances, across the country and beyond. A physical dwelling that seems to welcome our return conjures a common image of home. Equally important to our well-being is the feeling of home.

Understanding what home means to each of us is a growing area of study. Research into the meaning of home from faculty members in the College of Science and Health has the potential to help caregivers and humanitarian workers assist those struggling to adapt to new living arrangements and cultures, including the elderly and refugees. The School of Hospitality Leadership is educating students to plan and provide high-quality, comfortable homes away from home for travelers whose expectations of their temporary dwellings have changed. Even at a university, DePaul has created new “homes” from former retail and factory spaces for classrooms, labs and libraries for our ever-expanding educational offerings.

Along with physical changes and pedagogical progress, the Vincentian spirit that energizes our work remains a constant, ensuring that when alumni return to DePaul they will always feel at home.

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