

Constitution 3

Prayer

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. What paragraphs or statements in this constitution struck or moved you in particular? Why?
2. The constitution speaks of prayer in a variety of ways. Which of these describe or reflect your own experience of prayer? What descriptions--other than those cited-- would you use to characterize your own prayer?
3. Paragraph 25 notes that prayer is a struggle for us as an apostolic community; in particular, it points out that "our ministry can offer itself as a convincing excuse to be neglectful, since our exertions for the kingdom tempt us to imagine that our work may supply for our prayer." How do you avoid that "temptation" of giving priority to ministry in such a way that personal, family, parish and community prayer is neglected or minimalized?
4. How would you describe the relationship between prayer and ministry in your own life and experience?
5. As we live in different local communities, in different situations, and hold diverse spiritualities, no doubt our experience of personal and common prayer are different. How would you characterize your experience of communal prayer (with the brothers, parish, other)? What do you experience as the relationship between communal prayer and individual prayer?
6. What is your prayer relationship with the Congregation of Holy Cross (vowed and promised members)? How can you (and the associates and brothers) improve on that relationship?