

Constitution 5

Consecration and Community

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. What paragraphs or statements in this constitution struck or moved you in particular? Why?
2. The vows professed by members of Holy Cross are to assist them in living a life of "single-hearted intimacy with God, trusting dependence upon God, and willing surrender to God." Such a life is the call to all baptized Christians. In what ways has your association with Holy Cross fostered your journey in these goals?
3. This constitution declares, "We want our vows, faithfully lived, to be witness and call to (other Christians)." How have the brothers' "commitments, faithfully lived, (been a) witness and call to you? How have you, and your sister and brother associates, reflected that same witness to which you are called?
4. This constitution states that the vows mark the life of the Congregation of Holy Cross. In particular, Holy Cross religious must be:
 - "open and generous and hospitable"
 - "committed to the use of few belongings and to simple living"
 - "at the service of the universal church. "

How do you as an associate reflect these same Christian values as Jesus declares them in the gospels? In what ways can, and should, Associates of Holy Cross of the Midwest Province live out these values articulated in the Way of our Lord and brother, Jesus, the Christ?

5. In this vision of lifestyle, how do you as an Associate of Holy Cross lead a life that is communal, apostolic and prophetic? How can Associates world-wide articulate this fundamental call?