

Constitution 7

Authority and Responsibility

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. What paragraphs or statements in this constitution struck or moved you in particular? Why?
2. In which ways do you accept individual responsibility "for the conformity of our lives to the gospel ... [and] for harmony of our ministries with the mission of Christ?"
3. How have you experienced the fact that "the Spirit of the Lord may choose any of us to speak the truths we all need to hear?"
4. In which ways have you experienced those in authority providing "a ministry among us and to us" as individuals? As a community?
5. How do you articulate and act upon the call for "each of us to take appropriate responsibility for the common good" in you local community/chapter.
6. Though it is the obligation of leaders "to preach and to witness the gospel," each of us must respond, in sincerity of heart, to the Lord and fulfillment of our duties to our sisters and brothers. How do you assist those in leadership in fulfilling their obligation to minister for the best of the community? How have you experienced your current leadership (or your leadership)?
7. Though it is the obligation of leaders to pastor, each of us is responsible for the development of our local chapters, as well as the growth and sanctification of our association with Holy Cross. How can you assist your leadership in this endeavor?
8. How has your participation in local chapter meetings been an experience of discerning and deciding upon "the largest issues of the common good?" How can your communal efforts in discernment be enhanced?
9. In what ways can you foster a deeper appreciation and understanding of what it means to be an Associate of Holy Cross of the Midwest Province?