

Planned Giving Opportunities For Friends Of The Congregation Of Holy Cross





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You To Become
A Member of the
Associates of Our Lady,
The Planned Giving
Program Which
Sustains Our
Ministries.



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Associates of Our Lady

Through planned gifts *Associates of Our Lady* recognizes and celebrates past, present, and future support of Holy Cross. This title, fitting to Holy Cross through its patroness, also honors donors whose fiat, or yes, creates transformational resources supporting Holy Cross ministries.

Donors who create or have created a planned gift legacy with Holy Cross will be members of the *Associates of Our Lady*, the benefits of which are many, and include the opportunity to participate in an annual gathering with other *Associates of Our Lady* members, receipt of special publications and news from Holy Cross, invitations to key Holy Cross celebrations, and confidence in knowing Holy Cross will steward their gift in accord with their desire to build the Kingdom of God.

To become a member of the *Associates of Our Lady*, simply inform Holy Cross that you have included the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, in your estate plans. We do ask that you provide Holy Cross with some documentation of your gift so that we can most appropriately record and acknowledge your generosity and commitment.



Our Past: Our Legacy to the Church

In the mid-1830's Blessed Basil Moreau organized a group of auxiliary priests to assist clergy in the region around LeMans, France. Shortly thereafter, he accepted responsibility for the Brothers of St. Joseph, founded fifteen years earlier by Fr. James Dujarie. Moreau's decision, in 1837, to unite priests and brothers within a single association was an unusual venture in Church history. The Congregation was named after the Sainte-Croix neighborhood in LeMans.

Despite many demands for personnel in France, Moreau was convinced that Holy Cross was destined to spread throughout the world. In 1842 he sent Fr. Edward Sorin, C.S.C. and a group of Brothers to the United States to establish the University of Notre Dame. It was Moreau's willingness to accept the difficult mission of Eastern Bengal (now Bangladesh and North East India) at the personal request of Pope Pius IX that secured official recognition for Holy Cross in 1857.

In 1907, all religious orders in France were suppressed, and North America became the focus of Holy Cross' subsequent expansion. Numerous educational institutions and parishes were founded in the U.S. and Canada. In the 1940's, Holy Cross moved into Brazil, Chile and Haiti and in 1957-1958 established its first missions in Ghana and Uganda. Over the next several decades, Holy Cross expanded to Peru, Mexico, Kenya, and, in 2000, to Tanzania.



R. B. MOREAU

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Our Present: Continuing Fr. Moreau's Vision

Members of the Congregation of Holy Cross continue the vision and passion of Fr. Moreau. Today, literally hundreds of thousands of lives are affected each day by our ministries in parishes, educational institutions, and our specialized ministries in the United States and around the world.

Consoling a grieving spouse, offering clothing and food to a homeless adult, teaching an East African villager to plant and cultivate a field, celebrating the Eucharist and offering the sacraments to the faithful, educating a young adult on the virtues of a life in Christ...all these things we do everyday to proclaim the Kingdom of God. We serve not for personal gain but as men of hope, men of faith, men focused on "the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:15).

This is the prize we wish to share with all God's children.

We are called to share in God's work in our world, to live and proclaim the Gospel of Christ. Our response to that call bears its best fruit when done in companionship with those whose personal convictions mirror those of our Congregation. We cannot act alone; we cannot serve alone. We combine the spirit and resources of all our members and collaborators to promote God's reign of love, justice, and peace in our world.







OUR MINISTRIES
THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD

United States

Arizona
California
Colorado
Florida
Indiana
Massachusetts
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Texas
Vermont

International

Mexico
Peru
Chile
Uganda
Tanzania
Kenya



Our Future: Insuring Our Service to the World

Our future entails a careful assessment of our present while being mindful of our *history* and looking forward in faith to the needs of God's children. In service to the world, our future efforts must concentrate on multiple opportunities each bound by our focus on the Cross.

Consider our vibrant and consistent Vocation presence which continues to produce for Holy Cross an increasing number of young men discerning religious life, with consistently more than 40 men in formation over the past five years in the United States. We must insure for them the best formation and education possible.

And, present in our international missions is the opportunity to diversify and grow our service to the Church, particularly in East Africa, Mexico and Peru. Building strong Vocation and Formation programs, expanding ministries in parishes and in higher education, are among the brightest and most foundational prospects before us.

Serving the needs of the world does have a cost. Members of the Congregation of Holy Cross flourish in faith but have restricted sources of revenue which is why we must look to those who have been touched by Holy Cross to help us meet the needs of this world through their outright and planned gifts.

Time, place and circumstances differ, but the mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross remains urgently the same: to proclaim the Kingdom of God.



Serving the World Through Our Ministries

We live our motto, *Spes Unica, Our Only Hope*, the emblem of a legacy of innovation, faithful service, and a constant focus on the Cross.

Higher Education: King's College, University of Notre Dame, University of Portland, Stonehill College

Parish Commitments: Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas and Vermont

Diocesan Parish Assistance: Throughout the United States

Specialized Ministries: AIDS Ministry, Andre House Hospitality Center, Clinical Psychology, Counseling, Hispanic Outreach, Holy Cross Retreat House, Prison Ministry

Ministry of the Press: Ave Maria Press

Campus Ministries: King's College, University of Notre Dame, University of Portland, Stonehill College, assistance in colleges, universities, and high schools throughout the United States

Chaplaincy: In hospitals, nursing homes, military, retirement communities, and for Sisters' and Brothers' Congregations worldwide.

International Missions: Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, France, Ghana, Haiti, India, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, Tanzania, Phillipines, Uganda.



Special Giving Opportunities To the Priests of Holy Cross

The following special giving opportunities, including gifts through Life Insurance, Retirement Plans, Wills and Income-Producing arrangements, are designed to fulfill your charitable interests while offering possible tax savings and, in some cases, generating income for you.

At the same time these special gifts create a lasting legacy to yourself or a loved one. Many friends of the Congregation of Holy Cross have used these special gift opportunities as an affirmation of their commitment to Holy Cross and the Church.

Giving Through Your Will

- A Will is a simple legal document that sets forth the distribution of your property according to your wishes while providing protection for your loved ones. You can give through your Will by:
 - ☐ Designating a percentage of your estate,
 - ☐ Designating a specific amount of money or property (real estate or stocks),
 - ☐ Gifting part or all of the estate that remains (residue or remainder) after other specific bequests have been satisfied,
 - ☐ Combining a percentage or specific amount from the estate with the residue.

Making a gift through a Will to the Priests of Holy Cross can be most efficiently completed using our legal name and location: **Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, Inc., Notre Dame, Indiana.**

Giving Through Annuities and Trusts

- There are a number of giving plans which will provide income to you for life. These include Charitable Gift Annuities* and Charitable Remainder Trusts funded by cash and/or securities.

* Charitable Gift Annuities are not offered in all states.
Please contact the Office of Development for details.

Often these plans provide a higher interest yield than Certificates of Deposit or other common savings programs, while possibly offering many tax benefits.

Giving Through Retirement Plans

- Many retirement plans are funded with pre-tax dollars and substantial income and estate taxes can be levied when these funds are left to family members or others. **A gift to the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, through your retirement account can avoid these taxes.**

Giving Through Life Insurance

- If you own a life insurance policy that no longer meets your needs, name the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, as a beneficiary, or,
- Purchase a new life insurance policy naming the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, as beneficiary, or,
- Allow the Congregation of Holy Cross to own a policy on your life. You can make an annual contribution to underwrite the insurance premium.

To learn how your estate plan can support Holy Cross while providing you and your loved ones with life income and significant tax benefits, complete and return the Special Giving Request form, call the Office of Development at 575-631-6731, or visit us on-line at www.holycross-plannedgiving.com.

In all matters regarding estate planning, we recommend you consult with your professional financial/tax advisor.

Our Invitation And Your Opportunity to Help

We are determined ambassadors of Christ's message. We commit ourselves, every day, to God's mission as lived in the Church and in Holy Cross, serving others with the love of Christ. We invite those who believe in Christ and in our mission to share, as good stewards, their time, talents and treasure with us, so that our service to God's people may continue and God's reign in our world may increase.

Special Giving Request Form

- ☐ I would like more information about a special gift to the Congregation of Holy Cross. Specifically, I would like additional information on:
 - ☐ Giving through my Will
 - ☐ Gifts which provide life income (gift annuity and charitable remainder trusts)
 - ☐ Giving through retirement plans
 - ☐ Giving life insurance
- ☐ Please send more information on the Congregation of Holy Cross.
- ☐ I have already included the Congregation of Holy Cross in my estate plans.
- ☐ Please call me at _____ to discuss special giving opportunities to the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Name _____

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