

# SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS DIRECTION STATEMENT

We, Sisters of the Holy Cross, celebrate our call to be witnesses of God's transforming love for the life of the world.

With Mary, our compassionate mother, we stand at the foot of the cross in this time and place. Today we walk with and in the midst of those suffering from violence and injustices of every kind. Systemic and social sins fed by greed, individualism and abuse of power threaten to destroy the human family and the planet that sustains us. These signs of the times cry out for healing and wholeness. We stand together with peoples and companions whose generosity and faith inspire and humble us in our common call to holiness.

In the midst of these various realities, we seek new ways to build and deepen our relationships with one another and the world as we embrace diversities. We desire to be prophetic witnesses with all members of the human family who share our values and our hope for reconciliation and peace.

As women with passion for mission who embrace the cross as our only hope, we commit to:

- Reflect on and live together the call to holiness, community and intercultural living in today's world by identifying and using communal practices that deepen the following of this call. Practices such as contemplative listening, communal prayer, mutual discernment and intercultural skill building will assist us in living and ministering as consecrated women for whom the teachings and counsels of the Gospel are rule of life.
- Evolve methods to plan, minister and exercise leadership that will connect local, Area and Congregation-wide efforts to engage our global presence. These methods will enhance lived promotion of the common good.
- Explore, discern together, practice and promote new ways and models of community and governance emerging for us today.

Guided and sent by the Holy Spirit, we choose and commit ourselves anew to witness to God's desire for the transformation of human hearts, human relationships and all creation. Let us "hurry then, and take up this work of resurrection!"\*



*\*Excerpted from "Christian Education," by Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau*