

★ Do you have the desire to deepen and enhance your spiritual life?

Are you interested in more opportunities for service? ★

★ Is your heart searching for a community to share your faith journey?

Would an opportunity to explore your faith with others be intriguing? ★

★ Are you interested in designing a commitment that fits you and your life style?

**REACHING OUT!**



## HOLY CROSS ASSOCIATES

offers Christian women, men, and families the opportunity to explore and deepen their commitment to living a spiritual life with creativity in study, service, prayer, and community.

- “My interaction with the sisters and associates has touched my heart.”  
*Dahlia Pezzi*
- “The greatest gift is the personal relationships that have come from our associates. Each associate is a unique gift to us. They share their talents with us, and we share ours with them. As we enrich each others’ lives, we support each other accomplishing good in our world.”
- *S. Mary Anne Rose*



*Meeting the Needs of the time!*

**Our invitation to you...**

**come and see !**

Journey with us  
in prayer and service.

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# HOLY CROSS ASSOCIATES



**USA Province**

## Associates?

Since Vatican Council II in the early 1960s, there has been a world wide movement by laity in response to the call of God's Spirit in their lives. Associates are women, men, and sometimes families who desire to live out the charism of a particular religious order while remaining in their own lifestyle.

### SHARING



### PRAYER



### FUN



## Who are Holy Cross associates?

Holy Cross Associates proclaim their call from God to live the spirit, charism, and mission of the Holy Cross Sisters. They commit to a formally recognized mutual relationship and commitment within their own lifestyle. The associates, along with the sisters, carry the spirit of St Francis of Assisi and founders, Fr. Theodosius and Mother Mary Theresa, by **meeting the needs of the time and transforming the challenge of today into hope.**

## Why become an associate?

A unique relationship develops for those who answer the call of God to live a deeper spiritual life along with the Holy Cross Sisters as an associate. From the call in your heart, through the discernment process, and finally to your entrance into the community of associates, there is a journey in freedom and liberation for both the associate and sisters.

### HEART AND HAND



### SERVICE

## How does one become an associate?

The process begins with your response to an inner call to deepen your spirituality, sensing that you resonate with the spirit of St Francis. You are invited to do this in relationship with the Holy Cross Sisters, sharing their spirit and mission.



## Sisters and associates compliment one another!

- As an associate, "my whole life has been enriched. My husband is also an associate and we share a richness of spiritual life that we might not have done otherwise."  
*Carol Mancl, associate and co-director*
- "The associates have been a tremendous force in helping me to carry on our ministry at St. Luke Parish by becoming liturgical ministers and sitting on parish and finance councils, by being present to do many odd jobs in the parish and by living and praying our charism in their daily lives. They are also an inspiration to me as they reach out and work for peace and justice issues." *S. Celine Goessl*
- My life is enriched "knowing that I'm a part of a concerned group striving to make life better through prayer and action." *Monica Talbot*
- The associate community has provided me with steady grounding in my life. As I continue to explore and seek answers along my journey, I know there is always a hand to help me when I stumble, comfort me when I need it, and lend me a sense of humor to get me back on the right path." *Russ Mancl*
- The associate community sustains me by "the gift - and by *gift* I mean the awareness of another window to God's presence in my life is now open to me through the Franciscan spirit and service opportunities." *Cecil Bartelt*