



## What it means to live a life of fidelity in community today as young sisters.

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As Holy Cross sisters we are called to live a life of fidelity bound by our three evangelical counsels of; evangelical poverty, consecrated chastity, and obedience in the community. Through our experiences in different communities, we have learnt that community is valuable as it has shaped and moulded us to live authentically the Charism and Spirituality of our Congregation.

As stated in our constitution article 92 ***“In a community where all are concerned for the mutual good, each sister will feel herself accepted.”*** As young sisters, we are so fortunate because we receive support and fraternal correction from our senior sisters that helps us to become aware of our weaknesses and be ready to correct them so that we grow as Holy Cross Sisters.

The ministry entrusted to us by our communities have opened our eyes and hearts to know and accept ourselves, knowing our potentials. We are open to use our talents for the common good and to build our communities. The community makes us feel confident about ourselves as we believe that we have value in other people’s lives. We feel strong enough and courageous to face challenges rising in our communities. Living in our respective communities gives us a sense of belonging and helps us see the world in new ways and with different perspectives.

It is through prayer that we can live and embrace life in the community, as the message of General Chapter says ***“Rooted in Christ, to become a transforming presence.”*** Without Christ, one cannot live with the other. Christ is the one who unites us in the community.

It is in the community where we have become aware of our gifts, talents and limitations and discern each day what we are called to do in the communities in whose life we share. It is true that living in the community is a blessing as we enrich each other with our giftedness.

We experience love and feel trusted in our communities and this gives us hope that as we freely chose to embrace and live the Holy Cross charism, we will always be content with all that the community does for us. Community is established by Christ himself and it is alive in the New Testament, ***“the Apostles shared everything in common. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possession was their own, but they shared everything they had”*** Acts 4:32-35.

Therefore; as the Baptized, we are called to follow in the footsteps of Christ and the Apostles.

