

Starting Afresh from A Place of Light

*2010 Crosier
General Chapter*



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2010 CROSIER GENERAL CHAPTER**
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A PROCLAMATION

In this Jubilee Year of 2010,
let those living and those who shall come after,
now join with us, the Brethren of the Holy Cross,
to offer praise and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ
who upon the Cross secured the victory of life over death.

We brothers now assembled in General Chapter
joyfully lift up our voices in thanksgiving
for the gracious blessings bestowed upon us
through eight centuries of religious life
and in the renewal of this decade past.

We pledge to continue this pilgrimage of faith,
sparked by our founding fathers,
constituted in our rule of life,
and refreshed time and again
by a revival of our charismatic gifts.

In this time and place,
strengthened by our faith in the Lord Jesus,
empowered by the Spirit,
and sent as on a pilgrimage to the one Father,
this committed fraternity of love,
with glad hearts and renewed spirits,
persists still in service and witness to the kingdom.

In our life and ministry
we have known the joy of proclaiming the gospel
and of being a living sacrament of God's love.
In bearing and lifting up the exalted Cross,
we have also come to know our sinfulness,
and the graciousness of God's mercy.

In obedience to God's love,
we gather at the table of Word and Sacrament,
on this most holy day of the Exalted One,
and we are once again reconciled
with the limits of our human frailty,
yet humbled by the vastness of God's compassion.

So blessed with the charism of this fraternal life,
let the love of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus,
sustain us and all brothers of the Cross
scattered throughout God's world.

Let the young who are touched by the Word of the Cross,
let the old who are sustained by the Power of the Cross,
let us, brothers one, who are Servants of the Cross,
rejoice on this new and joy-filled day of our brotherhood.
The Spirit of the Order flourishes
for God, in Christ Jesus our Lord
has caused us to start afresh
In the light of his Love.

URGENCY IN STARTING AFRESH

The General Chapter hears the urgency communicated to us
in the State of the Order Report.

- Declining membership presents challenges to provide leadership and quality religious life formation for the future.
- We know that the only path to growth in Crosier religious life is through the rejuvenation of members. That "fresh start" is signaled concretely in the faith profession of vows, pronounced at the end of the novitiate. The Crosier Order needs to place a higher priority on initial formation and an unashamed bold acceptance of new members into the Order.

The General Chapter urges the Order to address by 2015 the issues of religious life formation and leadership in light of the directives of the 2009 General Chapter.

APPROVAL OF DECISIONS

The master general and his council acting collegially approved the decisions of the chapter.

CANONICAL ACTS

Third Approval of the Constitutions

Our Constitutions form our common rule of life. Through them, we incorporate our lives and persons into the community of the brethren of the Holy Cross, itself a part of the great community of the Church. Accordingly, to accept the Constitutions is to commit oneself to a life in this community dedicated to God and spent among the people. (cf. Cons. 0.1)

The Constitutions should be seen within the history of the Order as a new stage in its constant and ongoing development. In accordance with the desire of Vatican II, they attempt to reflect our history and our contemporary life. They try to set forth in a new way the traditions, which have always defined our community, and to carry this evolution towards ever-newer eras in the history of humanity and the Church. They certainly do not intend a break with the past. On the contrary, they consider continuity with the past of great value as they direct our eyes to the future and serve as a fruitful guide for our lives as “Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross” in our own times. (cf. Cons. 0.4)

Therefore, the General Chapter approves the Constitutions of the Order. This action constitutes the third approval as required by the privilege granted to our Order, the Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross, in *Religiosam vitam eligentibus*, the 1248 Papal Bull of Innocent IV to our Order.

With the third approval, the approved texts become the permanent Constitutions of the Order.

A Call to Share the Fruits of Transformation

The General Chapter expresses to the confreres throughout the world our appreciation and celebration of the evident fruits for Crosier life that the Decade of Transformation has brought us. We stand in solidarity with people everywhere today who face crises of life and faith. We praise and thank

God for the participation in the Glorious Cross of Christ that the experience of transformation has been for us.

With renewed conviction, we recommit ourselves to the same task of transformation in the next decade and beyond.

As the General Chapter, we wish to acknowledge that “Starting Afresh from *A Place of Light*” calls us, as well, to share the fruits of transformation with our brothers and sisters in the Church and world. Therefore, we will continue to offer

- our fraternal life as a parable to inspire others to live in communion and reconciliation;
- our liturgical prayer as a rhythmic, public witness and summons to praise and thank God for God’s love and saving presence in our world;
- our ministerial service as sharing, in the spirit of the Cross, the human and religious burdens of our brothers and sisters in ways appropriate to our Crosier way of life.

This three-fold “Crosier Apostolic Presence” is our way of helping build the Kingdom of God and keeping the Gospel alive and proclaimed. Through this Apostolic Presence, we will

- make ourselves available as Crosiers to the Church and world,
- be enriched by other people as well as offer them formation in Gospel values inspired by our Crosier charism,
- and attract new members to our Order.

♦ F. de Paula Mammouth, O.S.C., transportation coordination and hosting assistance

♦ Steven Henrich, O.S.C., general economer

The translation assistance provided by James Remmerswaal, O.S.C., and Martine Krichel, SCJM

The liturgical assistance provided by James Hentges, O.S.C., Thomas Enneking, O.S.C., Stephan Bauer, O.S.C., and Elione Correa, O.S.C.

The Rev. Dr. Jan Michael Joncas who composed Evening Prayer I, Morning Praise and Evening Prayer II for the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross by commission of the Rome Crosier Community on the occasion of the 800th Jubilee of the Foundation of the Brethren of the Holy Cross. We are most grateful for these compositions, some of which will be prayed at a later date, for they represent a gracious gift from Father Joncas to the Crosier Order as we praise and glorify the Lord under the sign of the most holy and exalted Cross.

The presiders, deacons and others who served in liturgical roles at the liturgies.

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James Hentges, O.S.C. and Pierre-Paul Walraet, O.S.C., co-chairmen of the planning committee.

The attentive assistance of staff at the chapter:

- ♦ Purwo Suranto, O.S.C., general secretary
- ♦ David Donnay, O.S.C., secretary to the chapter

LIST OF CAPITULARS, PERITI AND CHAPTER STAFF Elected Capitulars

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3. Steven Henrich (*Province Saint Odilia*)
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6. Hendra Kimawan (*Province Sang Kristus*)
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27. Anton Subianto Bunyamin (*prior provincial - councilor*)
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5. Elione Correa (*assistance*)

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4. Elione Correa

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