

# Founder of the Passionists

**St. Paul of the Cross**  
(1694 - 1775)

St. Paul of the Cross was born Paul Francis Daneo in Ovada, Italy. From an early age, he learned how to see his own sufferings in the light of a God who suffered so greatly out of love for us.



It was this unequalled love of Jesus that captivated St. Paul and led him to ardently consecrate his life to God in the service of others. The Passion of Jesus set his heart on fire!

His zeal was contagious and through divine inspiration he gathered companions to live together committed to the Memory of the Passion and bringing this message of salvation to the world.

His spiritual sons and daughters are spread today through more than 60 countries worldwide.



**For details about  
becoming a Passionist,**

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**May the Passion  
of Jesus Christ  
be always in our hearts!**



**The Passionists**  
*of Holy Cross Province*

***A Vital Presence for our Times***



*The message of the cross is  
foolishness to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved  
it is the power of God.*

-1 Cor 1:18 (NABRE)

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## Who are we?

A group of men consecrated to God as religious priests and brothers who:

- Share life in community.
- Center their lives in the mystery of the Passion of Christ.
- Express the Passion of Christ in their prayer life.
- Compassionately reach out to others, especially those who are suffering.
- See the Passion of Christ lived in the Crucified of today.

## What are our ministries?

- Our core ministries are preaching parish missions and retreats, especially those aimed at re-evangelization.
- Other ministries include teaching, parish staffing, chaplaincies, foreign missions and other outreach to those in need.



## Where do we live?

Throughout the world! Here in the United States, we have been serving the people of God for over 150 years.



## Who else shares the Passionist charism?

- Nuns and sisters consecrated to God.
- Lay people who partner with the Passionists in their ministries.
- Young adults who share the spirituality and are in the ministry outreach of the Passionists, including Passionist Volunteers International.

***Let's get the word out!***

## Am I being called to be a Passionist?

If you are single, between the ages of 18 and 40 and actively involved in the Church:

- Ask Jesus if this might be your vocation.
- Ask yourself if you have been resisting a call.
- Consider talking it over with a priest or a religious brother or sister.
- Get more information. Contact Fr. Chris Gibson, C.P.
- Above all, please pray for vocations and promote them.



## How can I help the Passionists?

- Consider praying for an increase of vocations to the Passionist way of living.
- Be on the lookout for young people who seem qualified for the priesthood and/or consecrated life. Ask them whether they have ever considered a religious vocation. Provide them with our contact information as one possible option in their search.